A Letter from the President

October 3, 2011

Dear Fellow WMC Members,

We have gotten off to a great start in the 2010-11 Season. Our first program on September 17 was wonderful. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, but from all accounts received concerning the program, the Tempest Trio was stunning. A separate email was sent out about our next program on October 22. The program is at Westminster at Lake Ridge Retirement Center so there is no need to bring any food for the reception. Westminster takes care of the receptions for programs at their center.

Members received their yearbooks after the first concert. We have many yearbooks left for members who were unable to attend. I have put them in a basket on my front porch for you to pick up at your convenience. They will also be available to you again at the program on the 22nd. You can view a copy of the yearbook on our website (minus the member directory). Go to <u>www.WoodbridgeMusicClub.org</u> and click on <u>News</u>. Scroll down and click on the link to the 2011-12 Yearbook.

Here is a timeline of our upcoming events:

- Saturday Evening Concert NAOMI KUDO, pianist October 22, 7:00 pm Westminster at Lake Ridge Retirement Center 12191 Clipper Drive, Woodbridge
- Student Recital Sunday, November 6 2:00 & 3:30 pm St. Paul UMC

Entries are due no later than October 31 to Soo Cho at jinnie888@gmail.com. Be sure to include first and last names of composer, title, name of performer, age, grade, and level of study. Entrance fee is \$7.00 per student (1 check per studio made out to Woodbridge Music Club. Mail to Soo Cho, 11754 Gailemont Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192).

Saturday Evening Concert <u>WMC Members' Concert</u> November 19, 7:00 pm St. Paul United Methodist Church

1400 G Street, Woodbridge

This concert has been very successful over the last few years. This year will be no exception. Good luck to those performing this year. For those not performing, mark you calendars now.

 Holiday House Concert & Pot Luck Saturday, December 10, 5:00 pm Home of Dr. Elaine Brady 6842 Lochmere Drive, Manassas

All members and spouses are invited. Members are encouraged to perform or simply attend and enjoy the music. Please bring a dish to share for the pot luck dinner. Contact: Katie Largent at <u>katieKT@verizon.net</u>.

More information for the Woodbridge Music Club:

- Each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Woodbridge Music Club sponsors a series of concerts on Saturday afternoons from 2:00-400 outside of Quinn's Jewelers in Occoquan. The "Christmas in Occoquan" concerts are free and open to the community. I have attached a flyer for these concert offerings. Many thanks to Terry Quinn who funds the program.
- If you volunteer your time, in any way, to musical or music-related services for disabled or confined in the community, please keep track of your hours and submit them by January 16 to Shannon Catabui for the NFMC Music Outreach Program. This is another way that we contribute to the community. I personally know more than a few musicians who regularly perform or have their students perform in retirement homes, nursing home, senior centers, etc. Many thanks to all who enrich the lives of others in this way.
- If you intend to take students to the NFMC Festival in February, you must federate your class. Forms for those who have sent students in the past have already been mailed out and are due on November 30. If you are a new member and would like to participate this year, please contact Nathalie Steinbach at <u>ymsfred@earthlink.net</u> as soon as possible so you have time to receive the form and return it before the deadline. Festival meetings have been scheduled for those entering students in this event. Contact Mary Beran at <u>Mary@BeranMusic.com</u> for specifics.
- Remember to check the WMC web site frequently for information. This newsletter will appear on the web site for your easy access. The address is: www.WoodbridgeMusicClub.org.

Our club continues to grow and our membership is more diversified than ever with vocalists, pianists and organists, instrumentalists of all kinds, conductors and choir directors, composers and poets, and music lovers. Our vision of the future is a community alive with music and abundant with opportunities for student and professional musicians to grow through performance and interaction. We want to continue offering free concerts to the community that feature local and visiting artists, and we want to continue sponsoring scholarship competitions for our talented youth. We need your help in doing that. Please spread the word and encourage others, musicians and non-musicians alike, to join us. Invite them to our programs and tell them what our club is all about. Remember to refer to the web site for additional information.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and the October holiday – Halloween! Hope to see you on October 22.

Musically, Elaine Brady, D.M.A. President Woodbridge Music Club