

# DAYTON PHILHARMONIC VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION



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## Quarter Notes

### Meet the President!

Meet Carol Warner, the new president of the Dayton Philharmonic Volunteer Association. Carol has been an active supporter of the arts in Dayton. She has been a member of the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance board since the merger, having recently rotated off as a voting trustee. Carol is looking forward to what DPVA can do to work collaboratively with DPAA and is anxious to do her part to “harness the power of this fabulous group of volunteers.”



Welcome aboard, Carol!

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## What does a DPVA volunteer do?

Fall is a busy time for the DPVA, especially for the many volunteers who bring programs to life for the children of the Miami Valley. Planning, scheduling, ushering, in-school presentations, crafting, and assisting with other hands-on activities are all made possible by a legion of willing volunteers.

On September 11 and 18, two volunteer workshops were presented to give those willing helpers the opportunity to become familiar with the needs for this year, as well as learn from Patrick Reynolds about the October Young People's Concert titled "Musical Postcards from America". As always, the workshops were a time to catch up with friends, meet new volunteers and commit time and talent whenever possible.

In-school presenters went to work almost as soon as schools opened their doors for the school year. Scripted presentations for the Young People's Concert as well as the Orchestra and You program kept dozens of volunteers busy visiting schools in all corners of the Dayton area.

The first Young People's Concert was performed for over 4300 students in grades 4 through 7 from 55 schools and homeschools across the Miami Valley in 2 morning concerts on Wednesday, October 30. The concerts were conducted by Patrick Reynolds and took the listeners on a musical tour of America by highlighting the natural beauty, innovators and immigrants of American culture.



The popular "PhilharMonster Halloween Concert" called on many DPVA volunteers to assist in a variety of ways. Children were introduced to instruments through the "petting zoo" and were also guided through crafting, coloring, and exploring the Winter Garden on a scavenger hunt. A highlight of the afternoon was admiring costumes worn by families in attendance as well as by the performers on stage.



## Welcome, Class of 2019-2020 New Members

We enthusiastically say "hello and welcome" to our most recent additions to the member ranks of DPVA. These willing volunteers come from many corners of the Dayton area and are ready and willing to give of their skills and time. Many have already been seen at the Schuster Center as they assisted with crafts and activities as well as shepherding the costumed visitors at the PhilharMonster concert. And their help was greatly appreciated as students were ushered into the Schuster for the first Young Peoples Concert.

Some have even mustered up the courage to help present the in-school programs and concert previews! With the addition of these new members we know the long tradition of giving time and talent through the DPVA is alive and well.



Our new members are:

Diane and Wolfgang Ege	Billie Ferguson	Craig Gilbert
Karen Greenwood	Rebecca Hufziger	Janet Owen
Jeanne Philbrick	Karen Poe	Rita Rogers
Rod Stites	Susan Thomas	Karen and Marshall Wareham
Karen and Keith Wright		

As is customary, new members were welcomed by past presidents and current board members with a luncheon in their honor. It was a lovely time to get acquainted, share volunteer experiences, and gently twist a few arms! We were lucky to also use that gathering to recognize the work of the following past presidents:

Judy McCormick	Susan Sauer	Carol Erwine	Karen Marshall
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## “Q the Music” is Underway at Ruskin Elementary

Tuesday, October 22, the 57 students in Q the Music presented their first concert of the school year. This is always one of the most exciting performances of the year as it's the first time our new students, the Bach Orchestra, get to play their instruments for their parents. There is a buzz of nervousness and excitement in the air as these students, who have only been playing their instruments for 5 short weeks, get to show off their new skills.



The concert began with the Tchaikovsky Orchestra performing an arrangement of “Evening Prayer” from Englebert Humperdink’s opera Hansel and Gretel. That piece was full of warm harmonies, which they followed with a fun mix of Irish melodies in a piece called “Celtic Roots.” Students in the Tchaikovsky group have been a part of Q the Music for 3 or 4 years, so they were able to showcase their ensemble playing skills and elicit a wide range of emotions through their playing.

Next on the program was the Brahms Orchestra, which played four pieces that are standards at Q the Music. By the time they graduate from Q, every student has played these four works. They began with “Russian Melody,” an arrangement from Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 4, followed by Beethoven’s famous tune “Ode to Joy.” They rounded out their program with a selection from Mussorgsky’s “Great Gate of Kiev” and the Finale of Dvorak’s New World Symphony. For the Brahms Orchestra, who have been playing their instruments for 2-3 years, these four pieces are a great introduction to some important classical standards. The concert finished with the youngest orchestra members, the Bach group. These 3rd and 4th graders are in their first year of Q the Music, and by the time of the concert had only been playing their instruments for 24 days! They began their section of the concert by playing “The Ant Song,” which teaches students the names of the strings on their instruments. Then, they showed their new skills playing both pizzicato (plucked) and arco (bowed) by performing four exercises that teach them about playing as a group, reading music, and watching the conductor.

We are grateful to the DPVA volunteers who hosted a wonderful fall-themed reception after the performance... complete with cookies and apple cider! The next concert is Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 12:00 noon at Ruskin Elementary, and it will feature a side-by-side performance with Q the Music and the Dayton Philharmonic Youth Strings. We hope to see you there!



## AND THE AWARD GOES TO.....

This year the DPVA nominated and chose Dayton Society of Interior Designers (DSID) to receive the Music Friend of the Year award. The award was formally presented at DPVA's Annual Meeting. Julie Cochran, President of DSID accepted the award on behalf of DSID members. Also in attendance was DSID's Past President Marlene Orendorf.

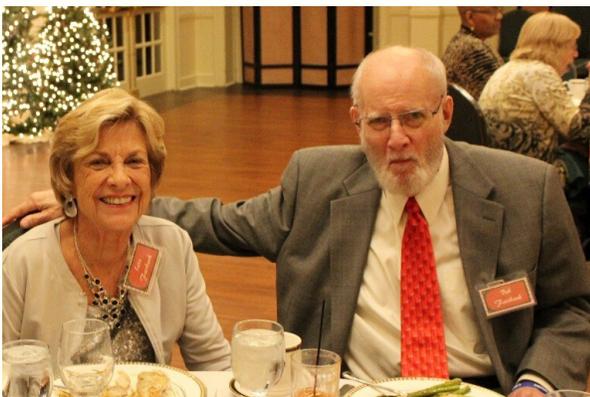


For decades, many of the Dayton area Interior Designers have been associated with DPVA through DPVA's Designer Showhouse. As a result of this professional relationship, DSID was established in 1992 with founding members Bob Bishop, David Higham, Joanne Jump, Randy Luken, John See, and David Stegman.



## Losses in the DPVA Family

The Dayton performing arts community was saddened by the recent loss of 2 of its longtime supporters.



Bob Fairbank passed away on July 16, 2019 at Hospice of Dayton. He was the husband of past president and active member of the DPVA, Leta Fairbank.

Earl B. (Scotty) Holton passed away after a brief illness on September 13. He was the husband of DPVA member Betty Holton.



**Our thoughts and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of both of these men.**