

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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2020 ANNUAL DINNER

via ZOOM - June 30, 2020

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Lynn Ahlden, President KVSO Board of Directors

Barbara Schwark, Co-Chair, KVYSO

ENTERTAINMENT

Music by Rachel Jacklin, KVSO Concert Master

2020 DR. JANET V. LEONARD

"CON SPIRITO" AWARD - Yvonne Chalfant

Honoring Peter and Christine Crego and George Kwain

HIGHLIGHTS FROM KVSO FAMILY

Financial Update - Dale Gerretse, Treasurer

Introduction of New Officers

Introduction of Board

PREVIEW OF COMING SEASON

"Music Brings Us Together"

Dr. Allan Dennis

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT OF KVSO!!



2019-2020 SEASON REPORT OF THE

Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra

Composing an Annual Report for the past concert season reminds me of looking into a rear view mirror. We see where we have been; we are reminded of how wonderful it was, and it propels us and gives us confidence in going forward. Let's see where we have been...

The concert year began with a significant challenge at the traditional Fourth of July event in the summer of 2019. The grounds of Kankakee Community College were filled with local citizens celebrating the holiday; the Kankakee Municipal Band and the Kankakee Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra both performed amazing music, and then the rains came! For only the second time in the history of this event, the performance of the KVSO was cancelled due to the weather. Eventually the rain departed, but the people stayed, and watched a laser light show display and enjoyed the company of their neighbors. One of the best quotes in subsequent articles about the event was from the Daily Journal: "What was important wasn't the fireworks, it was that we were together this evening, together in this place, looking up into the sky at the same time."

The KVSO season, "The Symphony Plays Classics", opened last Fall. The four concerts which followed featured music from a variety of genres, all

performed by our outstanding Orchestra and conducted by our world-class conductor.

And then, our country and the world was in the midst of COVID-19. Life changed significantly for everyone. Concerts, including the remainder of the KVSO season, and many other events and celebrations were cancelled. We now practice "social distancing" and attend meetings and events by ZOOM.

But on this night, we remember the beautiful and uplifting music of the KVSO. We do have confidence in going forward because of our wonderful patrons, concert sponsors and program advertisers. We are stronger because of our Board of Directors, the Women's Guild, the Foundation and the KVYSO. We extend our gratitude to each of them.

Please know that WE WILL BE BACK! The theme for the 2020-2021 season is "Music Brings Us Together", which was selected well before the health crisis. We look forward to seeing all of you in person! Please check our website, kvso.org for updates.

Respectfully submitted,

LYNN AHLDEN

President

Board of Directors



2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

KVSO GUILD

The Guild once again successfully met its mission goal this year. The purpose of the Guild is to provide financial and organizational support for the KVSOA and to work with the Orchestra in offering cultural and educational activities to the community.

Our fundraising season began last summer, as Vicky McBurnie chaired the Stars for Music letter campaign, earning for the Symphony over \$4,000.00 for the second year running.

The September Donor Appreciation Party held annually at the home of Dr. Dennis was supplied with tasty treats, wine and punch by the Guild. This year, in addition to being hosts, Dr. Allan and Karen Dennis purchased this party through their successful Symphony of Sweets Auction bid for an hor d'oeuvre party.

The November Kiwanis Youth Concert was steered by Betty Peters-Lambert and aided by the Guild with delivery of the concert program packets to schools. In the interest of full disclosure, Betty did 99% of all the work involved.

The Symphony of Sweets Dinner and Auction in December was a huge success thanks to our very generous patrons and the excellent leadership of chairs Karen Korup Duchene and Carol Vallone, raising over \$14,000.

February 2020 and the Coronavirus halted the two spring fundraisers thus cancelling the April Prom and the May Style Show. We are hoping that these two cancelled events will be held at some near future date.

The Guild conducted its first historic Zoom Meeting online on May 18. Many newly tech savvy ladies joined in to elect new officers. Our Guild Chairs for 2020-21 are Vicky McBurnie, Chairman, Carol Vallone and Therese Schultz, Secretaries, and Betty-Peters Lambert, Bookkeeper.

Despite our setbacks, the fundraisers we did have were record breaking ones.

This year the Guild is happily donating \$21,000 to the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Veers
Guild Chair



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Kankakee Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra

Here are some highlights of the 2019-2020 season.

- July 4 – performed at Kankakee Community College: sold concessions in conjunction with Jimmy Jo's BBQ, Oberweis, and Sweet Street
- September 7 – auditions for 2019-2020 season
- September 8 – participated in Fall Arts Stroll
- Rehearsals – most Sundays (2:00-4:00PM) September through April at ONU
- September 29 – Pizza and bowling outing at Brookmont Bowling
- October 6 – Parent meeting
- November 20 – Fall tour to Watseka High School & Junior High, Kankakee High School
- November 24 – performed Fall concert at Kankakee High School
- Sold Christmas ornaments commemorating KVSO and

KVYSO at concerts

- December 8 – performed with KVSO at Holiday concert
- December 14 – performed at Winter Market at Kankakee Library
- January 12 – Bring a Friend to Rehearsal Day; Mancino's Pizza outing
- January 19 & 26 – auditions for second half of season
- March 15 – Sounds of Season event at Majestic Theater – cancelled because of Covid-19
- April 26 – Spring concert and raffle cancelled because of Covid-19
- June – Strawberry Festival cancelled because of Covid-19

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Schwark & Junell Hoekstra
KVYSO Co-Chair



2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

I was very proud of this year's musical achievements and concerts! Congratulations to the KVSOMusic and the KVSOMusic on a wonderful 52nd season! Even though we ended our year prematurely, I believe we provided the greater River Valley area with a wonderful, uplifting, fun, and well performed variety of music. From this season's first work of Holst's Planets in September to February's exciting performance of Beethoven's Choral Fantasy and encore of the popular You Raise Me Up, the quality of the music performances was consistently excellent. I believe we offered a fun, pleasant concert experience that was value driven and included a variety of programs that every audience enjoyed. I will especially remember with great pride and fondness the following:

- The excitement from the audience from September's Holst Planets using the organ to play the choral parts!
- The amazingly well met challenge and standing ovation for Stravinsky's fabulous Rite of Spring in November.
- Both the amazing Beethoven Symphony 1 and fun magical, musical KVSOMusic Holiday show on December's Holiday concert!
- The interesting programming and wonderful singing of the KVSOMusic Chorus in February with Young Whun Kim as soloist in Beethoven's inspirational Choral Fantasy in February.

I am proud to have been a part of this season!

So thank you to all who are involved in the keeping the KVSOMusic organization going Lynn and the KVSOMusic BOD, the Women's Guild, the Foundation Board and the KVSOMusic Youth Orchestra as well as all their staffs.

A thank you to Ann Brezinski and the people at Bradley Bourbonnais High School for their help in arranging for the December concert.

Thank you to Kavin for all he does for the KVSOMusic!

Thank you to Rachael Jacklin for serving as KVSOMusic Concert Master, again, this year.

Thank you to the wonderful musicians who bring their talents to the KVSOMusic to make such beautiful music.

Thank everyone who attended a KVSOMusic concert this year. May you multiply and bring many with you next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Allan Dennis

KVSOMusic Music Director



2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation held a reorganizational meeting on June 13, 2019. Four Foundation members were able to attend. It is anticipated that a video meeting will be held this June.

The Foundation fund balance as of April 30, 2020 was \$524,945.00.

The annual transfer of funds from the Foundation investments to KVSOA's operating fund took place in December of 2019. The amount transferred was \$15,671.00. This sum was four percent (4%) of the average fund balance on March 31 for the prior three years. This was the only transfer of funds to KVSOA from investments and no other funds were requested.

The Foundation was enriched in February of this year by the addition of \$144,576 as a bequest from the late Dr. Janet V. Leonard. Janet's many contributions to the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Association will continue to benefit KVSOA long after her passing.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Brezinski
Committee Chair



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2019-2020 LEADERSHIP

KVSO BOARD

Lynn Ahlden <i>President</i>	Nina Epstein	Jake Lee
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Chris Bohlen	Dale Gerretse <i>Treasurer</i>	Carl Maronich
Yvonne Chalfant <i>Immediate Past President</i>	Junell Hoekstra KVYSO	Tim Milner <i>Vice President</i>
Katherine Cloonen	David Jaffe	Barbara Schwark KVYSO
Peter Crego	Amy LaFine <i>Secretary</i>	Jane Veers <i>Guild</i>

GUILD

Jane Veers <i>Chair</i>	Val Schuller and Jane Veers <i>Oktoberfest</i>	Sharon Ouwenga <i>Historian</i>
Vicky McBurnie <i>Co-Chair</i>	Karen Korup Duchene and Carol Vallone <i>Symphony of Sweets</i>	Jane Veers and Colleen Ford <i>Membership</i>
Colleen Ford <i>Executive Secretary</i>	Karen Korup Duchene <i>Prom Committee Chairman</i>	Betty Peters-Lambert <i>Nominating</i>
Maryanne Thacker <i>Recording Secretary</i>	Dee Pinski and Donna Karlock <i>Symphony of Fashion</i>	Vicky McBurnie and Connie Angelo <i>Publicity</i>
Betty Peters-Lambert and Julie Penrod <i>Bookkeepers</i>	Jane Veers <i>Annual Meeting</i>	
Betty Peters-Lambert <i>Kiwanis Youth Concert</i>	Donna Karlock <i>Cookie of the Month</i>	
Vicky McBurnie and Colleen Ford <i>Stars for music</i>		

KVYSO

Barbara Schwark and Junell Hoekstra <i>Co-Chairs</i>	Rich Schiltz <i>Treasurer</i>	Dana Jacobucci <i>Administrator</i>
	Dawn Thomas <i>Secretary</i>	Katrina Cessna <i>Conductor</i>



CASH RECEIPTS

	2019-2020	2018-2019
Subscriptions	12,110	14,710
Ticket Sales	7,565	12,187
Concert/Season Sponsorships	6,300	27,000
Kiwanis Children's Concert	3,950	3,950
Fourth of July Sponsor	8,500	5,500
Program Ads	9,950	6,300
Donations	37,198	7,599
Transfer from Women's Board	15,000	16,000
Transfer from Foundation funds	15,671	15,367
Charlton Family Fdn Support	7,000	6,645
Grant Revenues	3,500	17,600
Fourth of July Admission Fees	1,649	6,508
Other	3,540	3,075
Total Income	131,933	142,441



CASH DISBURSEMENTS

	2019-2020	2018-2019
Staff	35,308	31,872
Musician Costs for Concerts	34,343	44,870
Kiwanis Youth Concert	4,319	2,330
Musicians for Fourth of July	5,723	4,903
Other Fourth of July Expenses	4,303	3,986
Music and Licensing	1,431	1,295
Insurance	2,609	3,487
Venue Expense	6,442	10,183
Professional Fees	7,250	10,250
Advertising	1,822	1,270
Printing and Postage	2,616	3,162
Graphic Design	3,166	4,698
Web Site Maintenance		342
Other Expenses	5,842	5,428
Transfer to Youth Symphony	2,100	
Total Expense	117,274	128,076
Net Income	14,659	14,365
Cash at beginning of year	35,806	21,439
Payment on Foundation Payable	(28,953)	0
Current cash balance	21,512	35,804

KVSO 2020-2021 Season

"Music Brings Us Together"

September 26, 2020

October 31, 2020

November 3, 2020 (Kiwanis/KVSO Concert)

December 6, 2020

February 27, 2021

April 10, 2021

July 4, 2021

KVYSO 2020-2021 Season

21 Years!

Sounds of Celebration event - October 2020

Fall Concert | November 15, 2020

Holiday Concert with KVSO | December 6, 2020

Spring Concert | April 18, 2021

July 4, 2021



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