



Message of Gratitude from the [GPFS Board](#)

This message is one of gratitude for the many hands, hearts and souls that worked to make the 2022-23 GPFS program year a vibrant and engaging one.

90+ individuals volunteered for GPFS this past year alone, representing countless hours of time and talent. 88 individuals represent almost half our membership.

We are so grateful to all these volunteers who have performed tasks both big and small, who have given their time and effort to help GPFS continue with its mission of providing music and musical education to our members and community. Thank you one and all.

We do want to take a moment to acknowledge the extraordinary Phyllis Avidan Louke and Donna Schmidt, both of whom are retiring from the GPFS board in 2023. A heartfelt thanks to Phyllis and Donna – you will be missed!

Since 1991, Phyllis Avidan Louke, has served the Greater Portland Flute Society in many officer and committee appointment roles, including several of those years as President or Vice-President. Enough cannot be said about the positive and enduring influence she has had on GPFS. In addition to her contributions to the early and ongoing development of GPFS, for forty plus years and counting, she has been a professional flutist, music educator, composer.

It is with deep and enduring gratitude that we honor Phyllis Avidan Louke's contribution to the Greater Portland Flute Society by gifting her the "no work attached to it" title of President Emeritus along with a free Lifetime Membership to GPFS.

Donna Schmidt has been active in GPFS for 18 years. She most recently served on the Board as publicity and social media officer but has devoted many hours over the years towards helping to produce events such as Flute Fair and guiding GPFS policy development. She is a longtime member of Rose City Flute Choir, a pickleball fanatic, Zumba enthusiast, and loves volunteering at her granddaughter's elementary school.

She promises to stay involved here and there, but it is time for her to simply enjoy GPFS and her own music, family, and pickle ball life.

The following is in no particular order. And, if we have forgotten anyone, please know that is purely oversight. You too are thanked today and always.

- ❖ **A small but mighty group of donors** who made us more financially viable this past year - a huge “pew” - Lise Jaffe, Chris and Alicia Rasmussen (Hear No Evil, Inc.), Tony and Cheryl Thompson-Merrill, and David Griffith.
- ❖ **Flute Academy** guest artist Zach Galatis and pianist collaborator Debra Huddleston, presenter Molly Duggan, and Canter Flute Repair.
- ❖ **Our world-class 2023 Flute Fair performers and workshop hosts**, who always seem to go above and beyond for the event and afterwards: fair guest artist Zart Dombourian-Eby, Flute Alliance’s Friday Nite Flutes, Natalie Van Slyke, John Savage, Rose City Flute Choir, VoxaNova Trio, Cassie Maloney, special guest Jill Felber, Gabriela Gimenes, Cláudia Nascimento and Choro da Alegria. Their connection and ongoing support is invaluable.
- ❖ **Flute Fair Sponsors** – Clackamas Community College Music Department and Keefe Piccolo Company.
- ❖ **Our Young Artist Competition participants and adjudicators** Adam Eccleston and Gail Gillespie. Learn more about the young artists here: [YAC 2023 Participants and Winners](#).
- ❖ **The 2023 Flute Fair guest artist masterclass participants** Caewithe Miller, Molly Duggan, Elaine Martir, Natalie Van Slyke.
- ❖ **Our 2023 Flute Fair volunteers**, without whom Flute Fair could not proceed: Alicia Rasmussen, Beckie Hocker, Donna Maebori, Hanna Rowe, Jamal Baghdadi, Janet Garland, Kacey Jones, Karen Koehler, Katherine Livick, Kathy Collins, Kelsey Harty, Linda Eddy, Meg Tapley, Megan Holmes, Olive Zhang, Ragan Love, Sandy Ulam, Sanne Cai, Susie Seyer, Sydney Carlson, Teagan DeWeese, Tina Buikat, Zach Martin.
- ❖ **Our First Tuesday speakers and performers**, who go beyond the bounds of technology to bring music, wellness tips and insight to GPFS members: Rose Bishop, Lisa Neher, Adrian Dee, Donna Maebori, Judy Fischbach, Gabriella Minnes Brandes, Alexis Evers, Robert Wakeley, Dr. Sydney Carlson, Deena Grossman, Zach Galatis, Gabriela Gimenes, Camilia Oliveira.
- ❖ **Our Commercial Members and Sponsors** who also go above and beyond, staying connected, keeping a watchful eye on all we can be, and sharing their resources. To call out one or more deserving of special thanks would be difficult, we would end up choosing all of them for very good reasons. To that end, we are listing them here: Brannen Brothers Flutemakers, Inc.; Canter Flute Repair; Carolyn Nussbaum Music Company; Flute Center of New York; Flute Works Seattle; Ted Brown Music; Burkart; Flute World, Wm. S. Haynes Co.; Miyazawa Flutes; Pro Flutes/Sherry Lee Flutes; Sankyo Flutes; and, Windsmith Music.

Cheers to all these volunteers and new volunteers, who we know are out there somewhere.

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