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Editor: Lee Denlinger

OUR MISSION...

is to promote Rotary fellowship by encouraging clubs to sing, to organize musical activities for performance at all levels of Rotary functions, and to support community music organizations and school music programs.

MUSIC MENDS MINDS

A CALL TO ACTION TO START YOUR OWN BAND!

Many of us have been touched by a loved one who has dementia, whether it is a family member, neighbor or friend. At a breakout session at the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, the spotlight was on **Music Mends Minds (MMM)**, a group that brings the power of music to persons who have neurological impairments.

Instrumentalists and vocalists with dementia and related illnesses have found expression through music.

IFRM members **Carol Rosenstein** and **Amy Huggins**, both members of the RC of Vashon, D-5030, explained how MMM can be implemented by Rotary clubs everywhere to benefit seniors with neurogenic decline. "We discovered that playing an instrument or singing in a choir engaged the musicians; they were able to remember tunes and their dementia did not stop them from participating."

Carol Rosenstein, a former mind-body medicine holistic practitioner, and her husband Irwin, 81, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2006 and related dementia three years later, founded MMM in 2014. "When Irwin, a pianist, sat down at the piano, he played pieces perfectly. We found that other instrumentalists were also able to perform, so we

started a band," said Carol. Called *The Fifth Dementia*, the band received wide acclaim when they played to a packed house in Los Angeles in May, 2017. Another recent event was the *Band of Heroes*, comprised of veterans suffering from PTSD at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Campus. "They enjoy participating in the band because it enhances their quality of life," states Rosenstein.

There are now 16 bands in the U.S., and two in progress internationally (Philippines and Canada). Rotary clubs can get a kit on *How to Start a Band* online at www.musicmendsminds.org.



Amy Huggins started their sing-along group, *Island Rockers*, in 2015 as a Community Service Project in their club. "It is low cost, has high Rotarian involvement, and is sustainable," she explained.

Throughout history, music has played a role in healing and spirituality. Music is the perfect vehicle for people with a neurodegenerative illness to connect.

Keeping the Beat...



Ada P. Kahn (RC of Evanston, IL)

Up Close and Personal with *Music Mends Minds*

The story of Irwin Rosenstein, 81, is like other members of **MusicMendsMinds** (MMM) bands. He had a dementia episode before a spring concert. Then, seated at the keyboard, the music captivated him and he played at a 100% level of engagement throughout the entire concert. "He was like a wilted flower getting a drink of water," said his wife, Carol Rosenstein. After the concert, he was able to enjoy refreshments and mingle with the crowd. Fortunately, the "music acted as medicine for the mind" whereas if he had been somewhere else, he would have been medicated.

Three years ago, four musicians, Irwin Rosenstein, Gene Sterling, Paul Livadary and the late Sam Mayo, got together to play music at Windward High School in Los Angeles. It was then that Carol and Irwin Rosenstein decided to found MMM as a therapeutic non-profit 501c3 organization which could raise funds to start and support bands and choirs with the motto *Restoring the Rhythm of Life*.



For the past three years, Irwin, a retired Los Angeles attorney, has practiced and performed on piano regularly with the 5th Dementia Band, a group started by Carol. She was inspired by her husband's piano playing on days when he hadn't yet taken his full dose of medication. "I noticed that he functioned at the piano as though he had taken it," Carol related.

"When I asked Dr. Bronstein, our neurologist, about it, he explained, 'It's the music changing brain chemistry, pushing natural dopamine in Irwin's brain as if he'd taken a dose of medication.'" As Irwin sits in front of the keyboard there is no sign that he has had dementia for four years and Parkinson's disease for eleven. "The opportunity for seniors with cognitive decline to play music and feel whole again is a gift," says Carol, who grew up playing the piano in South Africa.

Twice a week, 5th Dementia band members practice and learn new songs with volunteer music students from Los Angeles' Windward High School. 15-year-old Spencer Lemann, the group's student advisor, exclaimed, "Music is something that brings people together. It's meant to be shared. It's been mind-blowing to watch those musicians grow back pieces of themselves when they play music. Through music we communicate with them on a deeper level than talking with them could ever achieve. The more we play, the more their old selves return." Gene Sterling, drummer, says that most band members can't read notes so they play by ear. "There are no wrong notes," he says. He has Parkinson's disease but rarely shows a sign of his usual tremor when he gets going with a beat.

Maddy LeMel is an MMM board member and wife of a band participant, Gary LeMel. Gary, the former President of Warner Bros Music Division and an internationally renowned singer, is now stricken with Parkinson's and is rehabbing his voice with the 5th Dementia. Maddy sees a wonderful lift in her husband Gary's mood each time he comes from a rehearsal. "It's exciting to see Gary transformed again by music. The band gives him a chance to light the fire of creativity and have the warmth and approval of his bandmates and the audiences," says LeMel.

Carol Rosenstein is thrilled that the MMM movement has taken off and has become international through the help of Rotary clubs. "There is nothing else in their worlds that they can still do. They have been robbed of who they are and what they were. But in the midst of music-making as a group, they are whole again and dignified. The music has always been there, in their minds. How wonderful that they can summon it again!"

They continue *Keeping the Beat...*

IFRM Foundation



Peter Sotheran
CEO, IFRM Foundation

Henry County Middle School Grant

Located about 30 minutes from downtown Atlanta, the Henry County Middle School Band Director purchased percussion instruments with an IFRM Foundation grant this past year. “We are in need of a drum set, pair of cymbals, set of temple blocks and a concert bass drum,” Dr. Burgess wrote.



Linking with a broader grant from Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation, IFRM was able to gift these percussion instruments.

“On behalf of the Henry County Middle School band program, I would like to take this time to officially thank the International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians for the generous donation to our school. This donation will allow the gift of music for years to come. It warms my heart to know that students who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate in a performing group, will now have the opportunity to do so with your generous donation. The students and I will be forever grateful. Thanks for your continued support of music

in schools,” wrote Dr. Pamela Burgess, Band Director.

Kilifi Harmonies, Kenya

Last year, the IFRM Foundation awarded a grant to a group of teenagers in Kilifi, Kenya. This group, like most youngsters their age, enjoyed singing and dancing. They had few instruments, but made do. Enter John Malala, the local church choir director. He saw potential in harnessing their musical abilities to develop their character, to provide them with a meaningful activity and to serve the community at the same time. He wrote me and asked if we could possibly purchase some instruments for this group. The IFRM Foundation did and the *Kilifi Harmonies* was founded.

Now John writes, “We have managed to train so many people in Kilifi town including kids who have grown to like music. Many have joined the choir which I train and others are in the youth program which we mentor. Under our mentorship, one of our members at *Kilifi Harmonies* has been able to start a new group.

We have also been able to move to various schools to train students and to organize concerts. As a result, there has been an increased demand for music lessons.

Last year we had to send some students away because our room and the available instruments could not accommodate so many people. We tried having them come in sessions, but it was also a challenge. I am asking if the IFRM Foundation will be able to fund us again to get some more guitars and also acquire some violins which are in demand here.”

In June 2017, the IFRM Foundation Directors approved a supplemental grant to purchase these needed instruments so that this successful music program could be expanded.

Your Support Is Needed

It is very uplifting to be able to make such a huge difference in the lives of youngsters with such a small investment. However, like every foundation, the money that we grant seems to “go out” faster than it “comes in.” Won’t you please consider making a donation so that we can continue to respond to these requests that make a significant impact on the lives of the recipients?

Linkages



Lee Denlinger
IFRM Global Chair

As our music Fellowship expands and grows stronger each year, we respond by expanding our Board of Directors to provide more direct representation of our members, by creating country chairs to facilitate closer connections with IFRMers in their primary language, and by publishing an e-bulletin, *Staccato*, in order to provide members more current information on a monthly basis.

Most recently, the Board of Directors has named **Madhumita Bishnu** as Social Media Director. IFRMers can now share information, ideas, interests and events, photos, opinions, and questions on social media—Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Yahoo Mail Lists, and other virtual communities and networks.

Leadership is fluid, so from time to time, our Fellowship is fortunate to have Rotarians who are willing to “step up” and take on the responsibilities of a new role. At the same time, those who have led us in the development of our Fellowship assume other areas of interest and/or support their successors. Our longtime Vice-Chair/Australia, **Darrell Gaukroger**, is now succeeded by **Toni McLean**. Darrell remains on the Board of Directors as the Director of Booth Entertainment. He has been a mainstay at the IFRM booth in the Hall of Friendship at the RI Conventions. His incredible talent to play any tune in any key is amazing. “I’d like to see more instrumentalists in the booth,” he stated. “Years ago we had violin, guitar, harmonica players to accompany the Rotarians who would stop by the booth to sing. We even wore special IFRM vests and strolled around the HoF ‘making music.’”

When the call went out for a Vice-Chair/Africa, **James Galabuzi Mukasa** (“Gala”) responded. During his tenure as Vice-Chair/Africa, he helped to

organize fellow Rotarians interested in music. Gala was one of the first Vice-Chairs to request funds from the IFRM Foundation to support his need for instruments for a community group in Uganda. Just recently, he recommended two Rotarians that he had just met for IFRM membership. Thank you, Gala, for all that you have done to establish IFRM in Africa! **Gregory Bakunzi** of Rwanda assumes this position.

As our Fellowship seeks to fulfill our mission to provide music in schools and in the community, we incorporated a Foundation for gift-giving. Since 2007, our IFRM Foundation has funded 11 projects in seven countries, totaling more than \$20,000 in grants. Additionally, we’ve given gifts of second-hand instruments to supplement our cash grants. In addition to the incorporation of our tax-exempt 501c3 IFRM Foundation, we were the first RI Fellowship to invest in the **Rotary Donor Advised Fund**. Through our investment in this Fund, we have been able to use the interest generated from our investment to grant monies to projects in the United States.

One of our most important steps in being able to respond to requests for instruments was to link with **Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation**. While limited to grants to under-served schools in the United States, MHO Foundation has worked with us so that we could provide partial support to targeted schools. To date, the IFRM Foundation has funded three bands with MHO Foundation.

Our latest “venture” to be bring music to our communities is our connection with **MusicMendsMinds** (see front-page feature article in this issue of *Music Notes*). People with neurodegenerative diseases sing and play together in small bands. IFRM encourages its members to get involved by starting a band in your community. You can download *How to Start a Band* by going to www.musicmendsminds.org. What a powerful way to provide *service through music*! We thank fellow IFRMers **Carol Rosenstein** and **Amy Huggins** for their leadership and for including IFRM as a cooperating partner.

Lastly, **Ada Kahn** has served on the Board’s Executive Committee as IFRM Secretary these past 7 years and has now “stepped up” to be Director of Publications. She is our IFRM researcher, interviewer, and professional writer and has written *Keeping the Beat* in this newsletter. **Susan Fivelstad** becomes our new IFRM Secretary.



Toni McLean
Vice-Chair Australia

*News from Down
Under*

G'Day from the land they call "Downunder" to all IFRM members worldwide, especially those we had the pleasure of meeting in June at our IFRM booth in Atlanta. Didn't we have a ball?!! Also, I would like to say a special G'Day to my new flock here in the Merry Old Land of Oz. Do get in touch and let me know what wonderful musical things you're up to.

When I left Atlanta, I travelled to the MacLean Gathering on Isle of Mull in Scotland where multitudes of bagpipes filled the air with traditional Scottish aires and other songs from around the world. However, contrary to popular belief, the bagpipes were not invented in Scotland or Ireland. It is widely believed that the pipes were originally created in the Middle East with supporting evidence in Egypt and eventually Greece and Rome.

One of the oldest instruments known to man is right here in Australia – the Didgeridoo, which is a wind instrument thought to have originated in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory, Australia. Researchers have suggested it may be the world's oldest musical instrument, over 40,000 years old. It is made mainly from a branch of the Eucalyptus tree and is hollowed out by termites. A genuine termite hollowed didgeridoo can be made from many different eucalyptus varieties as well as from some other tree species. Eucalyptus is the preferred timber to make a didgeridoo because it is very hard wood giving good resonance and timbre.

It never ceases to amaze me how music has such a profound impact on our lives and has done right down through the ages. It incites memories of special moments, brings comfort to the sick and has been medically proven to be a stimulant for the elderly especially those suffering dementia or Alzheimer's.

So, let us all embrace music globally and encourage others to join our happy band of IFRMers.

**Jean-Louis
Nguyen Qui**

**Vice-Chair/
Europe and Asia**



At the most recent RI Convention in Atlanta, Georgia USA this past June, many Rotarians "discovered" that there was a music Fellowship! Our IFRM Booth in the Hall of Friendship was home to Rotarians who came to sing or play the piano...often drawing huge crowds of onlookers who, in turn, joined in!



In the IFRM-sponsored *Showcase of Talent* on the Main Stage in the HoF, Asia and Europe were well represented. **Sanjay Koppikar** and **DG Dr. Vinaykumar Pai Raikar** (India) entertained the audience with a distinctive medley of *Songs of India*. Countertenor **DGE David Pope (England)** opened the program with a number of pieces he selected. Lastly, yours truly, shared some Sinatra tunes.

In other news:

- ROTUSAM (Rotary Turkish Classic Music Fellowship of D-2420) has requested formal recognition as a Turkey Chapter of IFRM.
- **Danilo Carandang**, President, RC of Manila, Philippines (D3810), plans to spearhead the formation of *MusicMendsMinds* bands throughout SE Asia. (Contact Danilo at djcarandang@yahoo.com or +63 927 687 6199.

Richard Green
Vice-Chair/
United Kingdom

News from the UK



Our members continue in their great work of using music in support of Rotary causes. Members DG **Carol Reilly** and **Robyn Davies** are organising a concert to aid *End Polio Now* and to mark the launch of Polio Eradication Month. The concert is to be held at 7 PM on Friday September 29, 2017 at Walsall Central Methodist Church, Ablewell Street, Walsall, WS1 2EQ, in the West Midlands. Featured will be the Hadley Orpheus Male Voice Choir, the Sandbach Lions Youth Brass Band and the very talented RIBI Young Musician Competition Finalist, percussionist Tom Hall. Tickets, priced £10, can be obtained by contacting Robyn Davies at:

robynthrebleclef@blueyonder.co.uk.

IFRM Global Membership Chair **Ron Carey** recently organised and performed at a concert with the Lancaster University Big Band. It was held at the Platform venue in Morecambe and was in aid of Northwest Blood Bikes – a voluntary organisation which transports urgently needed blood, and organs



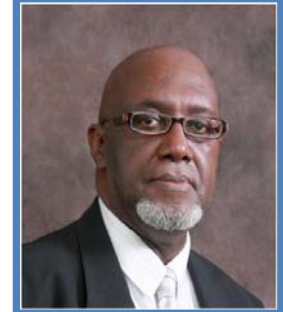
across the UK from various medical centres and hospitals. The photograph shows Ron in full swing with the Anthony Newley's hit song *Feeling Good*.

IFRM continues to provide active support for the RIBI (Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland) *Young Musicians Competition*. If any member wishes to discuss how IFRM support can be brought to your District competition, please contact Richard.

Richard Green is working with Peter Kleyn from the Rotary Retro Automobile Fellowship. They'd like to have booths in the HoFs at conferences to raise the profile of Fellowships in general and to recruit new members.

Malcolm Charles

Vice-Chair/
Caribbean



We welcome our new IFRM members, **Selma St. Prix** (Saint Lucia) and **Frances-Ann Satney** (Saint Kitts and Nevis), to IFRM D-7030. With **Samuel Wyke** (Dominica) and myself, **Malcolm Charles** (Saint Lucia), we are steadily extending our music Fellowship throughout the Caribbean. I am very encouraged to see our Rotarians getting engaged!

In June, a contingent of the Rotary *Calabashers* based on Saint Lucia in the Eastern Caribbean took to the House of Friendship stage at the 2017 Atlanta Convention with a heartwarming Bob Marley medley. The foot-stomping, hand-clapping audience joined in with some of the better-known lyrics.

In his opening remarks, *Calabashers* founder Malcolm Charles spoke of the parallels between Bob Marley's 'lyrics of unification' of people of all races, cultures, classes or political persuasions and the Rotary Foundation's goal of unification by 'doing good in the world' over the past 100 years.



Rotarians **Malcolm Charles**, **Selma St. Prix**, **Ketura Donai** and **Soraya Warner-Gustave** entertain on the HoF Main Stage at the RI Convention in Atlanta

The *Calabashers* function as part of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia and are currently preparing for their 2017 Benefit Concert to construct a Human Resource Enrichment Center to help feed the city's homeless on the island. This group, which also includes IFRM members, is committed to *Service Above Self through Music!*

Nagesh Sidhanti

*Vice-Chair/
India and
Sri Lanka*



India, as we know, is a melting pot of myriad cultures and languages. With the addition of two more districts, D 3141 and D 3142, IFRM India's goal of reasserting 'unity in diversity through music' has just begun to materialize. For a country as big and diverse as India, the potential is enormous: by the end of the 2017-18 Rotary year, IFRM India has a membership goal of 350, a 22% increase over the existing base of 274.

This past Rotary year saw the commencement of two new IFRM chapters: **D-3141** and **D-3142** from the Mumbai region of India. The inclusion of these Chapters resulted in the addition of 75 new members to IFRM India. Congratulations to Rotarian **Pallavi Sule**, Chair of IFRM D-3142 and to Rotarian **Vandana Dodhia**, Chair of IFRM D-3141.

On April 29, 2017, IFRM D-3190 and IFRM D-3142 held a joint musical entitled *Sada Bahaar*



Nagme. Singers from both chapters participated in great numbers. IFRM D-3142 Chapter Chair Pallavi Sule also reports that India's Independence

Day was celebrated on August 18, 2017 with a gala musical called *Patriotic and Rain Songs* that had DGE Dr. **Ashes Ganguly** getting inducted into IFRM and a local celebrity singer, Neeta Fernandese, rendering soulful melodies.

IFRM Chapter D-3141 under Vandana Dodhia has had an in-house Karaoke night and are spreading the word about IFRM in their district. On August 1, 2017, the IFRM Chapter had an elaborate opening called *Baarish Ke Mausam Ki Shaam, IFRM Ke Naam* meaning 'A Rainy Musical Evening with



Salutations to IFRM'. Chapter Chair Vandana Dodhia and her team put together a line-up of wonderful singers and musicians. Playback singers Shoma Banerjee and Ravindra Shinde graced the occasion as guest singers.

Two more IFRM Chapters, **D-3170**, Goa, and **D-3060**, Surat, were initiated in July 2017 and are currently recruiting IFRM members for their respective chapters.

IFRM Chapter **D-3190**, Bangalore, is now a 'regular fixture' at district/club events, thanks to the efforts of Immediate Past IFRM District Chair, **Prakash Kamath** and his team. On August 20, 2017, a musical called *Aap Ki Farmaish* was conducted in a popular radio request show style and was very well received by the audience. D-3190 also organized *Antakshari* (meaning end letter game) which is a unique Indian music game where one is supposed to sing a song starting from the same alphabet letter of the previous song's ending.

Two IFRM India members, IPDG **Vinay Pai Raikar** and **Sanjay Koppikar**, participated in the *IFRM Talent Showcase* in the House of Friendship at



the RI Convention in Atlanta in June. They both shared wonderful memories and experiences of meeting fellow IFRMers.

From l to r: Prab Bothireddy, Jay Bothireddy, IFRM Global Chair Lee Denlinger and Sanjay Koppikar at the IFRM Booth

Gregory Bakunzi

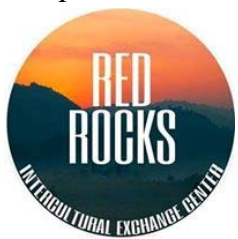
Vice-Chair/Africa



Greg Bakunzi, newly approved IFRM Vice-Chair/Africa, is the owner and founder of Red Rocks Rwanda and managing director of Amohoro Tours in Musanze, Rwanda. He is passionate about sustainable, responsible tourism in Rwanda and is always striving to build on his vision. What started as a modest straw hut built by Greg himself, Red Rocks and Amohoro tours have become hugely successful.

Born in a refugee camp in northwestern Uganda, Greg studied for seven years before dropping out of school. Introspection about the path his life was taking led him to return to his studies in high school.

Greg first ventured into the tourism industry as a tour guide in 1999. He had scarce knowledge about the rubrics of the industry, but little by little he gained tremendous experience and later founded his flagship tour company, Amahoro Tours. Today, his company is regarded as one of the leading tour companies in Rwanda.



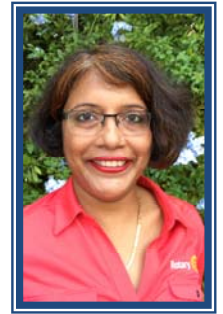
He has now founded four companies, and is also a leading voice and activist in environmental conservation together with community sustainable development. Greg bought a dry patch of stony land

in Nyakimana Village and developed it into an attractive intercultural exchange center. Red Rocks Rwanda is uplifting the socio-economic lives of the local community around Nyakimana through ever-widening programs like basketry, weaving, pottery, traditional music and dancing.

A widower since 2005, Greg has three children: one boy and two girls. "Life is always worth living," says Greg. "It takes you down a circuitous path of twists and turns, of highs and lows, but you can always learn from each experience and push forward."

Madhumita Bishnu

Director, Social Media



Madhumita Bishnu (Madu), now the IFRM Director of Social Media, resides in Calcutta, W. Bengal, India. She majored in history at Reni Birla College and then earned her Master of Arts Degree in Islamic History at Calcutta University in 1994. Madu started her career at Price Waterhouse as an analyst programmer. At the moment, she is working at Ambuja Cement Foundation as Project Officer.

She joined the Rotary Club of Calcutta Uptown (D-3291) in 1999. Madu was Club President in 2012-2013 and is currently her club's International Service Chair. She was a Rotaractor (1992-1999) and maintained her interest in Youth Service by serving as her District's RYLA Chair (2005-2006; 2008-2009) and Rotaract Chair (2011-2012). Madu is currently Chair of the Fellowship, Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI).

Madu has been studying Indian classical music since she was six years old. She is proficient in playing both the harmonium and tanpura. A soprano, Madu sings in the Rotary World Choir every year at the RI Conventions.

Madu recently traveled to the San Francisco Bay Area and met with IFRM

Global Chair Lee Denlinger in San Jose, CA.

Over lattes, they laid foundational plans for an IFRM media approach. "I am so excited to get our members connected through the various platforms that are now available on the internet," said Madu. "We have active Yahoo Mail Lists and many members use Facebook. I'd like to see us promote information about what IFRMers are doing by also utilizing Twitter and LinkedIn."



RI Convention, Atlanta, Georgia USA June 2017

Others may disagree, but the highlight of this Rotary convention was the **Rotary World Choir** (RWC). To celebrate the Rotary Foundation's Centennial, the RWC recruited a total of 123 vocalists, evenly distributed by voice: soprano, alto, tenor and bass.

This year, RI entitled the Interfaith Service "*Peace, Virtue, and Faith: A Celebration through Word and Song*". Additionally, the RWC shared the stage at the Georgia World Congress Center with the Atlanta Gospel Choir.

Under the direction of **PDG Judith Walker**, the Choir performed *You Raise Me Up*, a song made popular by Josh Groban. The next selection was *You'll Never Walk Alone* with *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*,



two beautiful songs in one arrangement. The show-stopper was the performance of *Hallelujah* (from the Disney Motion Picture *Shrek*). Joining with the Atlanta Gospel soloist, the Choir gave a

dynamic performance of this Leonard Cohen song.

Additionally, the RWC performed later in the day on the main stage of the House of Friendship. The singers repeated the songs from their morning performance and then added *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing* (better known as the Coca Cola song), *This Is My Song*, and *Let There Be Peace on Earth*. Choir Director Walker was ecstatic with the overwhelming approbation received from the audiences.

After the performances, Rotarians flocked to the IFRM booth to register to sing in the Rotary World Choir at the RI Convention in Toronto, Canada next year. As of this writing, 39 vocalists have already registered. If you are interested in singing, please

register at www.IFRM.org, RWC/Toronto. The deadline to register is December 31, 2017.

At the Annual General Membership Meeting at the RI Convention, members approved a new 17-member **IFRM Board of Directors** for 2017-2018:

Global Chair: Lee Denlinger
 Secretary: Susan Fivelstad
 Treasurer: Rod Fivelstad
 Membership: Ron Carey
 Vice-Chair/India: Nagesh Sidhanti
 Vice-Chair/UK: Richard Green
 Vice-Chair: Australia: Toni McLean
 Vice-Chair: Europe/Asia: Jean Louis Nguyen Qui
 Vice-Chair/Africa: Gregory Bakunzi
 Vice-Chair/Caribbean: Malcolm Charles
 Director of Booth Entertainment: Darrell Gaukroger
 Director of Publications: Ada Kahn
 Director of Projects: Curtis Reinhardt
 Director of Social Media: Madhumita Bishnu
 Director, Rotary World Choir: Judith Walker
 Music Director/Past Chair: Susan DuPree
 Webmaster: Francois Daoust

In her annual report to the IFRM members, IFRM Global Chair Lee Denlinger reported that IFRM continues to have a current membership of around 500 active members. This number remains fairly static as members fail to renew their membership dues in a timely manner. Lee sent out an individual dues reminder electronically with little response. Secretary Susan Fivelstad said that she will remind each member by sending out an invoice to each member.

"The Vice-Chairs, assisted by their Country Chairs," commented Chair Lee, "are to monitor the dues' date of each member. In this way, we are hopeful that more personal and timely reminders will result in more renewals."

Plans for the 2018 RI Convention in Toronto, Canada are already underway. Members were urged to assist at the IFRM booth next year by scheduling at time to talk to Rotarians about the benefits of joining IFRM, assisting in the sign-up process for new members, and participating in the sing-alongs at the booth. "It's too much for just one of two people," reminded Chair Lee. A "Call to Action" will be published in one of the Spring issues of our e-bulletin, *Staccato*."

Look Who's New in IFRM Since July 2016
228 New Members!
Bold Face Indicates Lifetime Member

First Name	Last Name	Country	District	Rotary Club
John	Ackenhusen	United States	6380	Ann Arbor
Wunmi	Adebola Bello	Nigeria	9125	Ibadan West
Shailesh	Agarwal	India	3190	Bangalore Junction
Vidhi	Agrawal	India	3142	Thane Premium
Sharath	Ail	India	3142	Thane Hills
Anuj	Ajmera	India	3141	Bombay Kandivili
Kristoff	Alexander	United Kingdom	1180	Wrexham Glyndwr
Henrique	Almeida	Portugal	1960	Cascais-Estoril
Paul	Anderson	United States	2610	Alexandria
Erin	Anderson	United States	7530	Bluefield West
Sally	Andrews	United States	5910	Vidor, Texas
Syed	Azimuddin	India	3142	Satellite City
Gregory	Bakunzi	Rwanda	9150	Musantze Murera
Bharat	Balachandran	India	3143	Thane Hills
Wendy	Barmore	United States	6950	Dunedin
Liam	Barnard	United Kingdom	1120	Northfleet
Joan	Barrett	Canada	7070	Scarborough
Brian	Barstead	United States	6460	Springfield Sunrise
Kapil	Barve	India	3142	Thane Hills
Jim	Bauer	United States	5080	Richmond
Narendra	Bendre	India	3142	Thane Suburban
Zig	Berzins	United States	5450	Highlands Ranch
T S	Bhardwaj	India	3141	Borivali
Gyan	Bhatnagar	India	3190	Diamond District
Sachin	Bhole	India	3142	Thane Premium
Cathy	Bisaillon	United States	5020	Silverdalee
Paul	Blessin	Canada	5050	Chilliwack
Judith	Booth	United Kingdom	1190	Grange-over-Sands
Ray	Booth	United Kingdom	1190	Grange-over-Sands
Jim	Boston	United States	7730	Shallotte, NC
Larry	Brack	United States		
Karin Susan	Breitlauch	United States	7410	West End (Monroe County)
Cathie	Brumfield	United States	6900	Du.
Michael	Butterworth	United Kingdom	1190	Grange-over-Sands
Durgesh	Buxy	India	3142	Thane Premium
Mohan	Chandavarkar	India	3142	Thane North
Nipul	Chandiwala	India	3141	Borivali
Lynn	Cheaney	United States	5030	Shorline, WA

Jill	Cohen	United States	6980	Seminole South
Susan	Comeaux	United States	6200	Crowley
Doug	Coutts	United States	5050	Whidbey Westside
Angela	Cowden	United States	6890	Sebring
Thomas	Crean	Canada	5040	Vancouver
Judith	Crowe	France	1700	Olonzac en Minervois
Ameeta	Damie	India	3142	Thane
Vidya	Dandekar	India	3142	Thane
Shrirang	Date	India	3142	Thane Hills
Cyd	de la Calzada	Philippines	3870	Valencia City, Bukidnon
Mary Jane	Dean	United States	6690	Circleville Sunrise
Keyur	Desai	India	3142	Satellite City Navi Mumbai
Chetan	Desai	India	3141	Borivali
Janhvi	Deshmukh	India	3142	Thane Hills
Suresh	Deshpande	India	3142	Thane West
Sid	Disher	United States	6900	Roswell GA
Vandana	Dodhia	India	3141	Borivali
Vandana	Dodhia	India	3141	Western Elite
Christina	Dougherty	United States	6540	N/A
Suzanne	Edwards	United States	6670	Franklin
Vanessa	Ervine	United States	7730	Jacksonville NC
Wendy	Fichter	United States	6400	Dearborn Heights
Alan	Fisher	United States	6390	Suntree
Richard	Fox	United States	7850	Charlotte-Shelburne-Hinesburg
Ann	Fuge	United States	6220	Clintonville
Ashwin	Gala	India	3141	Borivali
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Brie	Gallagher	United States	7680	Charlotte-Evening
Sameer	Gambhir	India	3141	Mumbai Western
Samir	Gambhir	India	3141	Mumbai Western
Murali	Ganapathy	India	3142	Thane Uptown
Ashes	Ganguly	India	3142	Hills
Riya	Gaonkar	India	3141	Borivali
James	Gilpin	United States	6110	Iola
Karen	Gilpin	United States	6110	Iola
Kathryn	Ginn	United States	5030	Issaquah
Kunal	Girap	India	3142	Thane Central
Donna	Gray	United States	6900	Dougherty County
Valerie	Greco	United States	7980	East Hampton CT
Jim	Grier	United States	6910	Gainsville
Victoria	Griswold	United States	7510	Plainfield-North Plainfield
Avinash	Gujrathi	India	3141	Borivali
John	Gundring	United States	6780	Oak Ridge TN
Payal Atul	Gupta	India	3142	Thane Hills

Mankali	Guruprasad	India	3190	Bangalore Cubbon Park
Deborah	Halsey-Huter	United States	7550	Bluefield West VA
Doug	Hambley	United States	9980	e-Club of WASH
Odd	Hanssen	Ecuador	4400	Quinto Valle Interoceanico
David	Hare	United States	7680	Charlotte Top of the Week
Suresh	Hari S	India	3190	Bangalore Indiranagar
Ramesh	Hariharan	United States	5170	Silicon Valley Passport
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Bill	Harvey	United States	5650	Omaha Downtown
Yvonne	Hassett	United States	7490	Mid-Bergen County (NJ)
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Louisa	Horne	Canada	7820	Halifax Harbourside
Donald	Horton	United States	6900	Roswell
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Ravi	Iyer	India	3142	Thane Hills
Capt V.P.	IYER	India	3190	Bangalore Southwest
Lalit	Jadav	India	3141	Borivali
Hemant	Jagtap	India	3142	Thane Premium
Sudhakar	Jayaraj	India	3000	Kodalkanal
Kallash	Jethani	India	3142	Thane East
German	Jimenez	Colombia	4281	Bogota Teusaquillo
Musten	Jiruwala	India	3190	Bangalore
David	Johnson	United States	5910	Bryan
Herbert	Johnson	United States	5960	Roseville
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Alma	Jones	United States	6450	Naperville
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Vinayak	Joshi	India	3141	Borivali
Shailesh	Joshi	India	3141	Borivali
Sudhir	Kalkar	India	3142	Thane Hills
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Divya	Kalra	India		
Kunal	Kaushal	India	3141	Chandivali
John	Kaye	United Kingdom	1190	Grange-over-Sands
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Shashank	Kekre	India	3190	Bangalore Indiranagar
Madhavi	Kharote	India	3142	Uptown
Govind	Khetan	India	3142	Thane Hills
Goran	Klevas	Sweden	2400	Kristianstad-Nova
Tom	Klingler	United States	6290	New RiverElk Rapids
Alfred	Krombach	United States	6970	Crescent City
Abhay	Kulkami	India	3142	Thane Hills
Anil	Kumar	India	3142	Thane Hills

CA Mudrak	Lalaji	India	3141	Borivali
Rick	Leffel	United States	6910	Classic City of Athens
Nilesh	Likhite	India	3142	Thane Hills
Samir	Limaye	India	3142	Thane Hills
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Thelma-Jeanette	Lundy	United States	5500	Yuma Crossing
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Shailesh	Mulye	India	3142	Thane Hills
Vivekanand	Mundhe	India	3142	Thane
Aruna	Muralidhar	India	3190	Rotary E-Club
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In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened to report that two of our most stalwart IFRM members have passed away this year. Their lives exemplified *Service to Others Through Music* and we deeply miss them.



Patty Wolfe passed away peacefully in her home in San Rafael, California on May 17, 2017. Patty earned a bachelor's degree from Stanford University and a Master's from Santa Clara University. An accomplished professional singer, Patty sang on cruise ships, in clubs, in musical theater, and with the Marin Symphony Chorus. Patty courageously produced her last CD, *Infinite Blessings*, celebrating her Jewish heritage, during her final months. An active member of the Marin Evening Rotary Club, Patty was a major donor to The Rotary Foundation and to the Jewish Federation. She was a Lifetime member of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians, actively participating in sing-alongs at the IFRM booth and in the Rotary World Choir at the RI

Conventions. "Her beautiful voice and her passionate spirit will be long remembered," wrote longtime friend Roberta Pickett.

Mike Beecher of Wickford, Essex, United Kingdom was a music consultant, Masonic organist, pianist and keyboard specialist. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Music, University of London, he was a dedicated promoter of IFRM. Mike is the Past President of the Rotary Club of Rayleigh Mill (2015-16), IT Advisor for the International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians, keyboard consultant for Korg UK, Round Table Lodge of Essex, Essex Hinge of Friendship Chapter. His latest music video is at: http://youtu.be/rMPtCnn_sW8. Mike was a frequent contributor to *Staccato*, IFRM's monthly e-bulletin, where he authored articles on the technology of music. He was an inveterate performer, promoting young musicians every chance he had. Richard Greene, Vice-Chair/UK, stated, "Mike's passing is a great loss to us all. He will be sorely missed."



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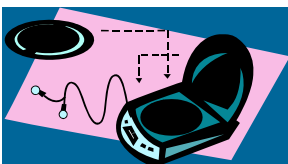
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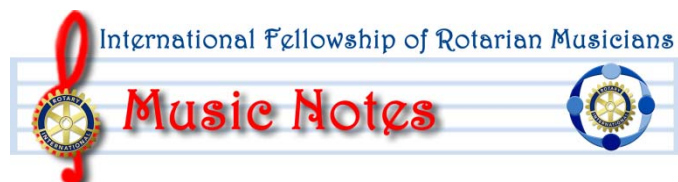
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