



Come to the Holiday Cabaret

The date is new and the theme is new, but this year's Harvest Gala will feature four singers who are well remembered by Charity Guild audiences. Bethany Conway (who won the Voices of Champions competition two years ago), Nancy Gustafson, Lia Macrina and Alan Thomas will sing Broadway and holiday music at the Charity Guild Holiday Cabaret.

The show, on Friday evening, Nov. 21, combines the gala with the Guild's holiday concert. Special guest stars will be Matt Cunningham, Stephanie Miele and Father Joe Raeke, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Brockton. The Echoes, an a cappella group, will entertain with music of the 60's and 70's.

Guests can enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dinner and live and silent auctions. Items include a Cancun escape, Patriots tickets, 100 gallons of heating oil, a family holiday trip to Boston and dinners for six prepared in your home, one by Rosa Galeno and one by the Thorny Lea chef, Jim Langille. Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Shaw's Center in Brockton. Tickets are \$75, and all proceeds benefit the Guild's food pantry.

To reserve tickets, call the Guild at 508-583-5280 or print an order form and mail it in. You can find it at www.thecharityguild.org/events/holidaycabaret.php. – MICHAEL MOLYNEUX



Bethany Conway

Bethany began singing just under 20 years ago and is currently teaching music and directing liturgical and concert choirs at Trinity Catholic Academy in Brockton. She is also involved in many community choir ensembles including the Chorus of East Providence and the RI Sounding Voices.



Nancy Gustafson

Nancy has been singing since she was 5, thanks to her parents' inspiration. She is well known in the area for her performances in concerts, benefits and churches. Besides her musical career, Nancy, a retired assistant principal, is involved with many community organizations. The Charity Guild Holiday Cabaret is the fifth production she has produced and directed.



Lia Macrina

Lia has been performing for Charity Guild events for about 5 years. She currently works in the health care industry by day, singing freelance by night, and is an active member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Festival Chorus. She serves on the board of directors and the marketing and development committee and is chairperson of their Scholarship Committee.



Alan Thomas

Alan, who sang in The Guild's 2012 holiday concert, is a longtime performer, choreographer and director with South Shore and Greater Boston theaters. His credits include "Grease," "Hello, Dolly!," "Company," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Guys and Dolls," Massasoit Community Theatre's "Urinetown" and, most recently, "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Feeding Our Clients and Teaching Them Too

The adage that if you want something done, ask a busy person certainly applies to Mary Ann Dorgan.

An early example of this dedication occurred when still in high school she taught Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, religious education for children in the Catholic Church. About 15 years ago, she began to volunteer at the suggestion of her friend Geraldine Creedon, a longtime Charity Guild board member. Mary Ann has found this endeavor very rewarding, not only from the satisfaction resulting from serving the needy, but also from working with fellow volunteers including students, other Guild members and staff. She has come to admire these colleagues whom she has found inspiring, especially when they share memories, experiences and values.



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Mary Ann Dorgan

At various places in the city Mary Ann has also for 19 years been teaching English as a second language to immigrants: for the past six as part of HarborOne Bank's English for Speakers of Other Languages. She has also taught at St. Patrick's Church and tutored at the Brockton Public Library. As an experienced ESL teacher, she takes advantage of times when the pantry is not particularly busy to help clients increase their English vocabulary. On rare occasions

she has served her former pupils at the pantry. She was well prepared for this task with a degree in education from Bridgewater State University and 35 years teaching in Brockton area schools.

Her dedication to the greater Brockton Community is not limited to teaching and the pantry. She is involved in charity work with the Sons of Italy. As a member of the ways and means committee of the Brockton Garden Club, she has participated in ongoing efforts to beautify the city and keep it clean. And as an active member of the D. W. Field Park Associates she strives to maintain the park and helps at the annual Tower Fest celebration. Mary Ann's husband, John, and daughter, Julie, are proud of all that she does and for which so many are indebted. — *JIM KENNEALLY*

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Name: Mary Ann Dorgan
Hometown: Brockton
Time With the Guild: 15 years
Volunteer Days: Tuesday and Wednesday



They Stopped to Help

One of the largest food drives for The Guild this year was conducted by the spiritual care department of Good Samaritan Medical Center. Chaplains Gerry Paciello, Erin McCarthy and Kathy Donohue posed with the donations, which were valued at \$1,300.

Katherine McNamara Feodoroff was installed as president and chairperson of The Charity Guild at the annual meeting and luncheon on Sept. 11.

Kate started a two-year term, succeeding Diane Nadeau, who remains on the board. Arlene Giannaros will succeed Kate as recording secretary. Continuing in their positions are Nancy Gustafson, vice chairperson; Marijo Martin, treasurer, and Barbara Janelli, assistant treasurer.

Kate is an attorney for the City of Brockton and in her own practice. She has been a board member of The Charity Guild since 2010. She is a daughter of Dr. John McNamara and Florence McNamara, a longtime Guild board member and former chairwoman. Kate is a graduate of Fontbonne Academy in Milton, Boston College and Seton Hall University School of Law. She lives in Brockton, in the house where she grew up, with her husband, Bruce Feodoroff, and their children, Oscar, Peter and Olivia.

