

# GRAND RAPIDS SYMPHONY WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

## KEYNOTES

FALL 2014

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 85th season of the Grand Rapids Symphony. We have reasons to celebrate--not only because 85 years of musical history in Grand Rapids is quite a legacy, but because women in GR have played such a part in establishing the orchestra and ensuring its continued existence.

Our work isn't done. I was listening to a scholar recently who asked "What is the defining cultural expression of our era?" He had been talking about how Shakespeare's work is emblematic of the Elizabethan era, etc., and then he said, "I think for us it may be the situation comedy. Seinfeld, for example." Hey, I think Seinfeld was entertaining, but if there's to be a cultural expression that defines us,

let's work for something beautiful, something that speaks to our hearts. We live in a noisy culture and I wish there was a way to make people realize what we'd be missing if we lost the experience of hearing those first four notes of Beethoven's Fifth or the beginning of Barber's Adagio for Strings played by live musicians. Ideas, anyone?

Many of you have heard that we were able to donate \$42,000 to the GRS at the end of their fiscal year. We raised money from our "A Well-Orchestrated Kitchen" auction, from Encore cookbook sales, and from our Picnic Pops luxury raffle. It was lots of work, but very satisfying. This year we'll

be doing the Fairy Walk (details coming soon!) as well as our Luxury Raffle but we need to be thinking into the future. If you have a fundraising idea for future consideration, please contact me or one of your board members.

Suellen Bandyk is always on the lookout for meeting venues that will acquaint us with new terrain around our changing city. If you know of businesses or organizations that we should learn about, please let Suellen know.

See you at DeVos Hall!

Julie Connors

### NOVEMBER MEMBER'S MEETING

Thursday, November 13  
5:30 pm Social  
6:00 pm Meeting, Refreshments and Tour

Women's City Club  
245 E. Fulton

RSVP by Monday, November 10  
Suellen Bandyk  
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## HIGHLIGHTING....



Joan Garety

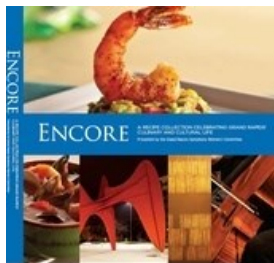
Joan is currently Chair of the Symphony Endowment Trustees. This group, separate from the Symphony Society Board, oversees the endowment fund including the selection of investment managers and overall asset allocation. As we know, the GRS endowment fund's purpose is to provide financial support to the Symphony. Joan joined the Endowment Trustees in 2004 and became chair in 2013.

Currently retired, Joan was formerly the Vice President of Finance and Treasurer for Meijer, Inc. Her responsibilities for Meijer's pension funds and other investments have helped prepare her for this important role with the Symphony. As an endowment fund trustee, Joan is able to utilize her skills while supporting the GRS and giving back to the Grand Rapids community.

Joan believes the Women's Committee is a wonderful asset to the GRS. She is impressed with our support, financially and with volunteering, and believes our committed membership provides a vital function within the GRS family.

A member of the Grand Rapids community since 1979, Joan has spent many hours on the golf course in addition to pursuing her career. She is a member of both the Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame and the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame.

If you see Joan around DeVos Hall, the Symphony corridors, or on the golf course, say hello and thank her for her contributions to our Grand Rapids Symphony.



## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE SPECIAL COOKBOOK PRICING

- One cookbook for **\$20**
- Two cookbooks for **\$30**
- Three cookbooks for **\$40**
- Four cookbooks for **\$50**

Each purchaser will receive a **FREE** apron...while supplies last!!!

Contact Kim Roy at 616-818-9348 or [kpbmroy@comcast.net](mailto:kpbmroy@comcast.net)

## FAIRY WALK 2015

Dream big! Imagine a magical, musical fairy walkway in a woodland setting accented by miniature fairy homes and structures, lit by twinkle lights! Children of all ages will delight in an enchanted evening to benefit the Grand Rapids Symphony. This imaginative event is to be held in June 2015. We need you to be a part of it! It is not too early to imagine and plan. Call Karin Waterbury at 475-3063 or email me at [cheezcak35@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cheezcak35@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer or to submit your ideas to make Fairy Walk 2015 a success!



Driftwood  
Fairy House

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## OLIVE'S FUNDRAISER—NOVEMBER 19

Join John Varineau as guest bartender at Olive's from 6-10 PM. 20% of food and drink receipts will benefit the Grand Rapids Symphony!

2162 Wealthy Street, SE  
East Grand Rapids



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## UPCOMING CONCERTS

November 14-16—*Singin' in the Rain* (full movie with orchestral accompaniment)

November 21-22—*The Firebird*

December 4-7—Holiday Pops

December 16-18—Cirque de Noel

December 23—Sandi Patty with the GRS

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IMPORTANT DATES:

November 13—General Membership Meeting, Women's City Club,  
5:30PM social & 6:00PM meeting

November 19—John Varineau at Olive's, 6-10PM

January 17—Women's Night Out, Dinner at Bistro Bella Vita with GRS  
performance at the Peter Martin Wege Theatre (GR Ballet). Program fea-  
tures Native American performers

January 29—General Membership meeting, Van Andel Research Institute,  
12:30 social, 1:00 meeting

March 26—General Membership meeting, Rockford Construction,  
5:00PM social & 5:30PM meeting

April 24—Live Arts Event at Van Andel Arena produced by the Grand  
Rapids Symphony

May 7—Spring Luncheon at Noto's, 11:30 social & 12:00 lunch

