

## Kansas Music Makers

**LIFE In Kansas Music Makers** Member **Barbara Packard** dropped us a line the other week to let us know not only have they been knee-deep in snow, but in LIFE activities as well. The group, sponsored by has been working hard at getting established and have been highly active in their promotions to build the chapter and add to the growth of the music making hobby in Kansas City.

They report they have a good core group and a excellent support person with their local Lowry dealer.

They also have seven new members: **Bobbi Bruce, Judy Mohring, Karen Gilbert, Sue Maurer, Tom Miller, Vesta Campbell and Lilla King.** And established a new office, Activities Director - **Millie Tallman** was elected to this position. She is their front 'man' - she organizes and arranges their different out-reach programs, and more.

Their most recent 'play out' activity was for Residents of the Kansas Masonic Home of Independent Living who enjoyed Christmas songs by LIFE In Kansas Music Makers at their monthly birthday breakfast, on Dec. 12.



*Pictured above playing at the Kansas Masonic Home of Independent Living ( l-t-r) are: LIFE Member Tom Miller, resident Clifton Schoonover and LIFE Member Vesta Campbell at the organ.*

## The Points Corner

**February Double Points: Enroll A New Member In LIFE:** With all the new class members coming in from Win A Trip To HOH, why not get additional points by having them join LIFE? Normal Points are 1000. Double Points this month are 2000.

**RULES and RESTRICTIONS:**

Members can only claim points for Enrolling a New LIFE Member when that new member's application and fees have been received by LIFE.

**March Double Points: Press Mention**

If your Chapter has been mentioned in the local papers, we want everyone to know about it – send us the article and we'll reward everyone in the Chapter. Use your monthly Press Release and Press Release Kit to inspire your local news organization to write about your Chapter. Normal Points are 1000. Double Points this month are 2,000.

**RULES and RESTRICTIONS:**

All Members in the Chapter receive 2000 points each, for each published article, TV and/or Radio appearance.

## Kansas City Music Makers For LIFE

Hi all - My name is **Ted Brannin** and I am the chapter reporter/vice-president of the **Kansas City Music Makers for L.I.F.E.**, sponsored by **Schmitt Music Co.** This is the first report that we have submitted from the chapter.

Our main effort has been to get established and active in our promotions to build the chapter and add to the growth of the music making hobby in Kansas City. We have a good core group and a excellent support person with our local Lowry dealer. In the month of November alone, we played out almost a dozen times at our local retirement homes and helped promote donations to the Harvestors Food Kitchen for Thanksgiving dinners through three different outreaches. All in all, we're off to a great start!



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## LIFE In Utah Helps Christmas Box House

The **LIFE in Utah Chapter of Riverdale, Utah**, sponsored by **Piano Gallery in Riverdale** collected almost \$2,000 in toys, games, hats, gloves, dolls, even hair curling irons for the 1200 needy children cared for by The Christmas Box House of Ogden, Utah.

Christmas Box House, a program that offers shelter and advocacy services to abused and neglected children. Founded by best-selling author **Richard Paul Evans**, the facilities provide a nonthreatening environment for children who have been removed from their own homes.

The Christmas Box House not only provides 30 beds for children, but also house offices of the state Division of Child and Family Services, the Utah Foster Care Foundation and the Family Support Center of Ogden. Altogether they care for many hundreds of foster children in the area.

# L.I.F.E. Style

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## Michiana Music for LIFE Supports Our Troops

On November 18th, **Michiana Music for L.I.F.E.** sponsored by **Shirk's Piano and Organ** in Mishawaka, IN got together with the South Bend Elks #235 and held an all day fundraiser to help raise money for our Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who have returned from active duty with injuries and are in need.

There were dozens of activities going on all throughout day. Lowrey Artist **Lori Graves** came in to present several concerts and the store's dynamic duo -**Wayne** and **Laurie** also presented musical programs.

There was a silent auction, a bake sale and a spaghetti lunch and dinner was served. The joint event was a resounding success with the day's fundraising efforts topping out at \$2845.00. Funds well earned for our military veterans.

A few weeks later, on December 16th the two groups got the opportunity to present the money raised. Michiana Music for L.I.F.E. chapter president **Jerry Lupa** presented a check for \$1422.50 to **Specialist Dwayne Harrison**. Specialist Harrison is a veteran of the Navy who served during Desert Storm in Iraq and suffered a back injury during his deployment. **Luci Jordon**, Grand Exalted Ruler of the South Bend Elks #235 presented a check of the same amount to **Kristine Klotz** who represented her fiancé **Specialist John Courchene** who served in Afghanistan and is currently stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.



*L-t-r: Jerry Lupa, chapter president, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Harrison with son Joseph, Kristine Klotz with daughter and Luci Jordon, Grand Exalted Ruler of Sound Bend Elks #235.*

In addition to the money Michiana Music for LIFE chapter members also brought food donations to give to the veterans. What a wonderful holiday gift to give these two highly deserving veterans. We applaud the joint effort and hope fellow Members will also look to their local Elks, Moose, Shriners, VFW and other groups to partner up on fundraising events.



# Central Music Ends Year With A Bang

“We’re happy to report,” says **Darlene Cross** of **Derby City LIFE** sponsored by **Central Music in Louisville, KY**, “that our ‘little’ L.I.F.E. Group here at Central Music spent many joyous hours celebrating the Most Beautiful Time of Year this Christmas Season. We EXCEEDED the 172 scheduled performance hours requested, playing and demonstrating the Lowrey Organ at three different locations; our Super Kroger's at Westport Road; McCalister's Deli on Bardstown Road and one of our Super Wal Mart locations in Fern Creek.”

“Our L.I.F.E. Christmas Party was held on December 13 with sixty (60) members in attendance. Our Activities and Projects Committee did a beautiful job decorating and planning this highly anticipated event. We even had our own ‘Santa’, **Ed Yocum**. He was quite the trooper as everyone sat on his knee and made their holiday ‘wishes.’”



Meet **Paula and Jerry Giacinto** of Central Music. **Darlene Cross**, reporter says, “They were first introduced to our program at the Kentucky State Fair in August of this year - very new students. We invited them to come join us and see for themselves how much fun our LIFE Group has playing and demonstrating the Lowrey!! At first they turned down the invitation; then WHO should appear the first weekend at the Kroger location, but Paula and Gerry Giacinto!”

“They both have a passion for music and the Lowrey. They enjoyed playing (and, they are both very talented) and are not at all hesitant to talk with visitors who came by while we were playing the Super Wal Mart this holiday. They came out every evening we were there. Our whole group is very proud of them!!!!”



*Joyce & Jim Robey*



*Ed 'Santa' Yocum*



*Lilia Malapote & Sharon Smith at Super Wal Mart*



*Alton and Pat Bevins*



*Joanne & Ronnie Maynard*

# Bil's Corner A Valentine Tango



This Valentine's Day play a steamy hot Tango for your love called "La Cumparsita." Use the Tango or Latin 1 Basic style (tempo 94 +/-). At the end, go back to the sign (D.S. al Fine). So stick a rose in you teeth and let's have at it!! Happy Valentine's Day!

## La Cumparsita

Use Tango or Latin (1) Basic - Tempo 94

Gerardo Matos Rodriguez

The musical score for "La Cumparsita" is written in 4/4 time and consists of ten staves of music. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the tempo is 94. The score begins with an **Intro** marked with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The first staff contains the **Intro** with chords Am and E7. The second staff continues the melody with a Dm chord. The third staff has Am and E7 chords. The fourth staff concludes with Am, E7, and Am chords, ending with a **Fine** marking. A note below the fourth staff reads "(2nd time press Ending)". The fifth staff starts with an Am chord. The sixth staff has an E7 chord. The seventh staff has Am and Am chords. The eighth staff has Dm and Am chords. The ninth staff has an E7 chord and an Am chord, ending with a **D.S. al Fine** marking.

## Mid-Ohio LIFE Elects New Officers

The Mid-Ohio LIFE Chapter had their 3rd annual meeting a few months back and elected new officers. The new officers are: **Barbara Teague, President; Dorothy Moore, Secretary; and Marcella Moore, Reporter.** Kudos go to **Jeanne Otcasek** was their hard-working president for the last 5 years. During the meeting, the group stopped for lunch and added 3 new LIFE Members: **Morris and Roda Verhaughe** and **Marilyn Badurina.**

The new officers want to give a big thank you to Jean Otcasek for providing an excellent help session during the fall and a huge thank you to **Durthaler's Piano and Organ**, the group's sponsor who allows them to hold meetings at the store.

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## Dallas Metro Donates To Toys For Tots

This holiday season all our Chapters were active in giving of themselves to those in need. **Dallas Metro**, sponsored by **Romeo Music** in Dallas, TX proved no exception as they helped collect toys for the annual Toys For Tots campaign. **Dennis & Joyce Kaplan, Charles Aubin, Bobbie Clark, Renee Tarczon & Shery Buentipo** with Babies R Us associates filled the container to overflowing with exciting toys that children of many ages will surely enjoy.



*Barbara Teague, President; Dorothy Moore, Secretary; and Marcella Moore, Reporter*

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## Dale Durthaler Celebrates 60 Years In The Music Business



*Dale & Beverly Durthaler  
and their 11 children*

At nearly 80 years old, Dale Durthaler can still be found minding the shop at Durthaler Organ & Piano of Columbus, Ohio. Founded by Dale's father, Henry Durthaler, in 1927, Durthaler Organ & Piano has outlasted many other businesses.

“There are few owner's in our industry who have seen the changes and shifts that my father has,” says Dale's son Greg Durthaler, “and even fewer who have seen the joy and success it provides at such a personal level.”

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