



L.I.F.E. Style

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Let Us Entertain You!

For the third time in six months, a large group of **Ozark Organ-izers for L.I.F.E. in Springfield, MO** returned to Ravenwood, an assisted living facility, to entertain the residents, reports **Mary Alexander**, Chapter Reporter.



Wendell Jeffery treats the crowd at Ravenswood.

“For some new members, this was their first time to play at an activity. One of our husband and wife teams, **Wendell and Janet Jeffery**, who have been taking classes for about a year played for their first time. You would have thought they were a professional team! The residents loved the music and want us to return again real soon.”

Alexander says, “Our chapter is growing with 48 members now, and we expect to have 50 plus within the month. Everyone is working hard recruiting new members. We love it!”

Mary has also been working the ‘press circuit’ and had recently generated several articles for her group as well as spots on many local TV and Radio stations in and around Springfield. She wrote her own article, complete with quotes from class members and circulated it to her local press - and presto! Her words and photos have appeared on TV, Radio and print. Outstanding effort, Mary! Congratulations!

Win A Lowrey Artist In Your Home

Hey folks! Many of you will get this newsletter just as you’re heading off to HOH. Don’t forget this is going to be an action-packed, fun filled getaway with dazzling entertainment. And now, you can have one of those very same entertainers in your home for a FREE concert. You can hold the concert at your dealer’s store (cause you know you have a lot of friends!) or anywhere else of your choosing. Either way, a Lowrey artist could be on their way to your home shortly.

All you have to do is show up for HOH and we’ll take it from there. There will be a grand prize drawing held that will entitle the winner to choose any Lowrey artist to come to their home (of place of your choosing) for a FREE concert. Can’t wait to meet the lucky winner!

Also, don’t miss our new artists, **Jim Vogelmann** - a longstanding favorite, or **Seth Rye**, a world-renowned musician who will delight you with his artistry and comedy! See you there.

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2009 HOH June 22nd-25th

We want to remind everyone that this year Lowrey’s HOME ORGAN HOLIDAY festivities will be held on **June 22-25** at our favorite location:



The Rosemont Crowne Plaza Hotel in Rosemont, IL.

Lowrey is now taking reservations, so book your room early before we sell out (we always do!). Reservations can be made at 1-800-451-5940.

There will be a special LIFE Members only concert held on the 1st full day of the event (back by special demand, of course). We’re going ‘country’ this year, with a celebration of all things Nashville. Everyone is invited to dress for the event (we know you have some cowboy boots and skirts in the back of your closet that are just waiting to make an appearance!). There will be prizes, special guests and more, but remember, only LIFE Members can attend.

‘Sparks’ A Mission

Sparks of LIFE sponsored by **Trombino Music Center in Greensburg, PA** let us know that they recently had a ‘Chapter Talent Show’ in which six Members volunteered to play a ‘concert’ - for fellow students. 50 people attended, which by any standards is huge turnout! The group also got to work putting together a Chapter Mission statement, which we thought said it all. Feel free to create your own or borrow from Sparks of LIFE!

Chapter Leaders Don Rose and Cherie Bishoff relayed this MISSION STATEMENT TO US:

OUR MISSION IS TO HAVE FUN. Knowing that in order to live a creatively fulfilled life we must embrace challenges and eliminate the fear of failure. By so doing, we strive to enthusiastically inspire those with who we are in contact as well as those for whom we play.

We are additionally dedicated to sharing the proven medical knowledge that learning to play the Lowrey organ is therapeutic and enhances health and well being.

Well said!!

Tribute to Patsy Cline

Michiana Music For LIFE sponsored by **Shirk's Piano and Organ in Mishawaka, IN** recently held a fun-filled concert to benefit the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. The concert, performed by **Wayne Shick** of Shirk’s featured songs from the 40s and 50s and included a Tribute to Patsy Cline. By the way if you’re ever looking for a great music move, check out ‘Coal Miner’s Daughter’ that features Patsy Cline. It’s a keeper!

Michiana picked up coverage of their event by all the local TV and radio stations as well as made the papers. We’re sure they brought in some new students as well as raised several hundred dollars for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. A fantastic effort, Michiana Music!!

The Points Corner

JUNE 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. **Normal Points are 1000. Double Points are 2000.**

RULES and RESTRICTIONS:

All Members in the Chapter receive 2000 points each, for each published article, TV and/or Radio appearance. Please only send in one article per Chapter, not per Member. Thanks!

JUNE DOUBLE POINTS:

Volunteer Activity

Typical volunteer activities can range from donating time, food, toys and materials, to organizational help, as well as helping raise funds. You can claim points for Volunteer efforts all year long for any local or national charity your Chapter chooses to volunteer for. **Normal Points are 500. Double Points are 1000.**

RULES and RESTRICTIONS:

Only Members who participate in the event or volunteer receive 1000 points for each event.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

A Volunteer Activity is NOT CONSIDERED ‘MAKING MUSIC IN YOUR COMMUNITY’. A Volunteer Activity is when you help others in your community that doesn’t involve playing at a senior center, nursing home, etc. Those activities are considered ‘Making Music In Your Community’. Only if you hold a fundraiser concert will playing for others be considered a Volunteer Activity.

Praire State LIFE Show And Tell



The **Praire State LIFE Chapter** located in Huntley, Illinois and sponsored by Music Education Centers

held a "Variety/Show and Tell" type of meeting on April 19. All members were invited to bring their hobbies and/or talent to share with their chapter mates. Chapter President, Sue Koldan says, "We learned that we are a very diverse group!"

Linda Tischler, storeowner, awarded prizes to all who participated. And of course, then there's the food... everyone brought a snack or dessert!

Members who participated were (L to R): **Don Glaze** – sailing, **Susan Koldan** – quilting, **Dorothy Silagi** – poetry, **Karen Kugelman** – organ playing, **Liz Vaughn** – calligraphy, **Dan Silagi** – organ playing, **Judy Sorenson** – origami, and **Dick Vaughn** – watercolor painting.

Praire State also welcomed 3 new Lowrey students who just completed their Quick Start Class. **Jo Pfaff**, **Ray Seiler**, and **Judy Jonas** successfully played for their graduation concert and plan to continue with their Lowrey classes. Jo, Ray and Judy we hope you enjoy a lifetime of fulfillment making music.



Sitting: Jo Pfaff, Ray Seiler, Judy Jonas pose with Class Leader, Sue Glaze behind them.

Class Reunion

We reported last month that **LIFE IN Kansas Music Makers in Wichita, KS.** sponsored by **Garten's Music**, were going to hold a 'Class Reunion'. They just sent us a lovely picture of their group.

Joyce and Dennis Kaplan, our erstwhile National Chapter Leaders even made it to the event and brought CDs for doorprizes.

Six L.I.F.E. members gave a mini concert and Bill Kraske of Garten's Music told of the evolution of the Lowrey organ.

Barbara Packard, Chapter Reporter tells us also, "We did acquire 4 new members to LIFE during the month of April so we are pretty proud of that." Way to go LIFE In Kansas Music Makers!



Harmony For LIFE

Harmony For LIFE sponsored by Critchett's Music in Des Moines, IA have been busy playing out in their community, they were welcomed recently by the Manor Care Health Services, Crestview Acres and the Millpond Retirement Center. They're also getting ready to come to HOH in June. The whole group is taking a bus over from Iowa to join in the festivities. Looking forward to seeing you "Harmon-izers".

Bil's Corner "Howdy Pardner"

The musical theme for this year's LIFE party AT HOH is "Country/Western". So, here's a nice song to help get you in that cowboy mood. Use the Rhythm Preset (o) for the styles "On the Trail" or "Whistling Cowboy" to play this song.



O BURY ME NOT ON THE LONE PRAIRIE

Oh, bu - ry me not on the lone prai -
not on the lone prai -

rie, These words came low and mourn ful -
rie, Where the wild coy - otes will howl o'er

ly From the pal - lid lips of a youth who
me, In a nar - row grave, just six by

lay On his dy - ing bed at the close of
three, Oh, bury me not on the lone Pra -

1. day. Oh bu - ry me 2. rie."

Show Me the Good LIFE!

The gang at **MO Show Me LIFE** sponsored by sent us a new group shot. What a beautiful bunch of music makers!

Back Row **Marla Fett (Treasurer)**, **Ruth Michalski**, **Harman Heninrich**, **Don Floyd (V.Pres.)** **Bob Ortmann**, **Stanley Tillman**.



(Front Row) **Dorothy Milster**, **Silvia Messner**, **Luana Larson**, **Betty Floyd**, **Nancy Cote**, **Doris Browne (Sect.)**, **Eveline Plymale**, **Marilyn Cooper**. (Center) **Jim Plymale (Pres.)**

Show Me the Good LIFE!



Talk about a meeting of the minds! Three Chapters recently got together for an outing in Michigan - Music Is LIFE, Circle of Friends and Friends For LIFE! Wish were were there!

Music Is LIFE, sponsored by **Evola Music in Shelby Twp, MI** has been highly active in the last few months. One of their highlights was a Valentine's Day event that had Evola Music arranging a storewide two day trip to Frankenmuth, MI.

Eva Tedsen, Chapter Reporter says, "Frankenmuth, if you haven't been there, is a charming Bavarian town founded by Bavarian immigrants. With its hospitality, and famous food the town become a magnet for tourists of all ages. Members from our Chapter enjoyed two days of Lowrey concerts and superb workshops by Dennis Awe and of course, warm fellowship and fun amidst a setting of Bavarian 'Gemuetlichkeit'. Members of our Chapter demonstrated their 'sweet Adeline voices' and sang to the tune of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", accompanied by **Mary Anne David** on the Lowrey."

Music Is LIFE also recently spent an outing at the Masonic Temple in Detroit, MI. **Sara Bailey**, Chapter Secretary reports they joined 2 other Michigan Chapters, Friends For LIFE (Bloomfield) and Circle of Friends (Canton) for a concert at the Masonic Temple by artist Lance Luce. Tedsen reports that the Temple "is a well-known and appreciated landmark in Detroit's architectural landscape. With it's three majestic organs, it' show to a large auditorium and stage on which countless productions have taken place, from Philharmonic orchestras, the MET's annual week long opera presentations to countless Broadway productions and music groups". Eva says, "It was a priceless experience to become acquainted with some of the hidden treasures of this building." After the tour, the group enjoyed lunch and socializing nearby in the famous Hockey Town Cafe.