



Kansas City Music Makers For LIFE Raise \$5K For Alzheimer's Association

Ted Brannin, Chapter Reporter for Kansas City Music Makers for LIFE sponsored by **Schmitt Music in Overland Park, Kansas** has much to report this month. His Chapter recently partnered with the **Greater Kansas City Organ Club** and the **Kansas City Theatre Pipe Organ Group** to help raise \$5K for the Alzheimer's Association. As you can imagine, an effort of this size, with three large groups coming together, took some monumental feats of 'organ'izing. The groups started putting details to paper back in late winter and they kicked off the festivities in April with a concert for Members of all three groups. They used the get together to sell Memorial flags and Forget-Me-Not flower badges to start their fund-raising.

In May, the groups held a Silent Auction at Schmitt and really set their drive in motion by raising over \$3,000 in that one event. This topped all previous efforts. They then followed up a few weeks later with a huge concert at Greater Kansas City Organ Club, with Schmitt's own Wanda Heatwole, performing - this concert alone took in over \$850.00. By this time, it was clear their combined efforts were paying off.

But the groups had one more event to help them reach their goal amount - they invited Lowrey's Dennis Awe and our newest artist, Seth Rye to perform. Over 150 guests attended the event and they raised even more money for the Alzheimer's Association.

The result of all this incredible effort and work? In June they presented their local Alzheimer's Chapter (above) with a check for \$5K. Amazing work!

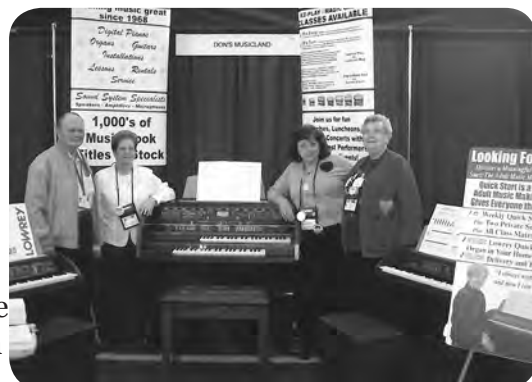
L.I.F.E. Style

A Year Of Friendship

August 2009

LIFE Plays in Peoria Plays Peoria

The gang at **LIFE Plays in Peoria**, sponsored by **Don's Music Land in Peoria, IL** recently set up shop at the Pekin Dragon Land Dome for the annual Mature Life Style Expo. Not only was it fun, but they introduced Lowrey to dozens of new people, many of whom joined classes as a result of the Chapter's efforts. And with those good looking Lowreys front and center, who could resist!



Happy Anniversary Harmony For LIFE



Here are the wonderful Members of **Harmony For LIFE** sponsored by **Critchett's Lowrey Organ Center** in Des Moines, Iowa. They just celebrated their one-year anniversary as a Chapter! Their first year has been really busy, and they're gearing up for another jam-packed 12 months of fun-filled activities. Here's to many more years!



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LOVE POTION #9

Back once again at HOH this year was the incredibly gifted Tom Horton from the UK. This year, however, the esteemed Mr. Horton had a few more tricks up his sleeve than normal. If you've been to one of Tom's concerts you'll certainly attest to the fact that not only is he an incredible showman, but he's not bad to look at to boot!

It seems our own Jennifer Gonzalez agrees. The two have 'secretly' been dating for some-time, trading flights back and forth across the Atlantic. But when it came to the first night of HOH, Tom let the cat out of the bag by serenading a very embarrassed (she's shy), but thrilled Jennifer. After his lovely song, Jennifer was 'urged' to the stage for a kiss! Talk about a magic moment to kick off the evenings celebration!



But that's not all. Tom had one more surprise for Jennifer - that Friday evening, after HOH was all packed up and put away for next year, Tom took Jennifer out for a beautiful dinner downtown and a stroll by Buckingham Fountain.... and.... he asked for her hand in marriage!!

Jennifer never hesitated - said yes - and now we have our very own Lowrey Love Connection! We're thrilled for Tom and Jennifer! They're a wonderful match and we know you'll join us in congratulating the newly engaged couple!

Music Bonds Between Sisters

We met sisters **Hilda Hickman** and **Mary Ruth Childress** of **LIFE on Rocky Top** sponsored by **Knox Music in Knoxville, TN** - at HOH this year and what a dynamic duo these two are. They tell us that music has really strengthened their bond over the last few years. They live 40 miles away from each other and although they are on the phone regularly, they now have a common passion between them. They really enjoy exploring new sounds and techniques together. The team also heads up their LIFE group and look forward each month to bringing new activities to their Members. Keep up the great work Hilda and Mary Ruth!

The Points Corner

AUGUST DOUBLE POINTS:

Bring A Friend To Class

When you bring a friend to your classes, you're introducing your friend to a great hobby and you should be rewarded for it. Normal Points are 3000. Double Points are 6000.

RULES and RESTRICTIONS:

One new friend, per class. Members cannot claim points for bringing the same friend to class each week, or on different months. Qualifying friends may not have ever been enrolled in Lowrey classes before and may not have ever been a member of LIFE. **To receive points, Members must write in the name of the friend they brought to class on the Activity Award Authorization Form.**

SEPTEMBER DOUBLE POINTS:

Take a Help Session

Taking a Help Session improves your playing and will add to the fun of making music! Normal Points are 1,000. Double Points are 2000.

RULES and RESTRICTIONS:

Upon completion of a Help Session, Members may claim 2,000 Double Points in September. Members can **only** claim Help Session Points twice in a 10 or 12 week class session.



Meet Hilda Hickman (front) and Mary Ruth Childress playing Hilda's Lowrey Fiesta

Scenes From HOH 2009... great music, wonderful friends, exciting workshops...



Master of Ceremonies, Dennis Awe welcomes everyone to HOH 2009!



Checking In



Dennis Awe and new Lowrey artist Seth Rye prove that all that glitters really is gold!



The amazing Jim Vogelman is back!

Sharing the Love!



Sharing the Fun!



Lowrey VP Sejiro Imamura opens the event

Opening Night Reception



Ladies Man



Welcome to the party.



Bruce Mihelek or Jimmy Buffett?

Little Maddie made quite a splash at our event. The 'brainchild' of Keri and Mack Bayne of Hannah Piano in Columbia, SC, she took HOH by storm, and as you can see she was quite the show-woman, waving to the crowd when dad Mack, held her up.

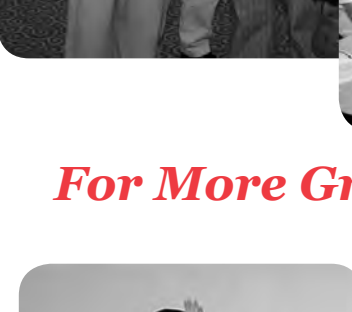
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Make sure you capitalize 'LOWREY' and use an 'underscore' between Home, Organ and Holiday. Enjoy!



All the Members of Southern LIFEtime Players have adopted Maddie - here's Member Charles Risinger proudly showing her off.



Learning to Line Dance at the special LIFE Members Only concert!