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TWELVE VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO SMFA'S MISSION OF PROMOTING MUSIC

The theme for the October 27 & 28, 2017 Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA) Conference & AGM was "In Musical Style", as representatives from 23 of the 47 affiliated District music festivals gathered at the Manitou Springs & Resort, Manitou Beach, to receive information, network, and share experiences. Presentations, Annual General Meeting, and roundtable discussions were the focus with a special fashion show presented by a local clothing retailer, Inksters of Watrous. Special guest speakers and presenters for the weekend included Wendy Thienes (Governance), Tammy Villeneuve (Diversity), Nancy Toppings and Carol Donhauser (Festival Reporting), Darren Schwartz (Online Entries) and Karen MacCallum (National Music Festival).

The Volunteer Award Luncheon is always a highlight of Conference, and this year Jim Coulter (Watrous) was the keynote who addressed the delegates about the importance and the benefits of volunteering. Jim's affable sense of humour inspired a room filled with laughter. Karen Unger, SMFA President presented volunteer awards to: **Doreen Gaudet and Joanne Meszaros (Biggar), Kari Mitchell (Carnduff), Sheila Applin and Leanne Livingstone (Kindersley), Lorna Gibson (Prince Albert), Theresa Keyowski (Quill Plains), Wendy Thienes (Shaunavon), Deana Mainil (Weyburn), Marilyn Whitehead (Saskatoon) and Tracey Loucks and Tonia Vermette (Yorkton)**. Maggie Chartier (Allied Printers owner and operator) was awarded a Distinguished Service Award (posthumously) for her long-time dedication and contribution to the association as the main service provider for SMFA's print and promotion material.

Carson Froehlich, a young promising classical guitarist, and St. Peter's Chorus, a mixed choir with a long proud history, entertained delegates.

Two new directors, **Dianne Gryba, of Battlefords Music Festival and Jeri Ryba of Moose Jaw Music Festival**, were elected for a three-year term and two-year term respectively, at the Annual General Meeting. Dianne and Jeri both bring many years of experience in festival volunteering, teaching, and adjudicating to the Provincial board. Retiring Director, Kelly Stein (Watrous) was thanked for her service on the Board.

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