

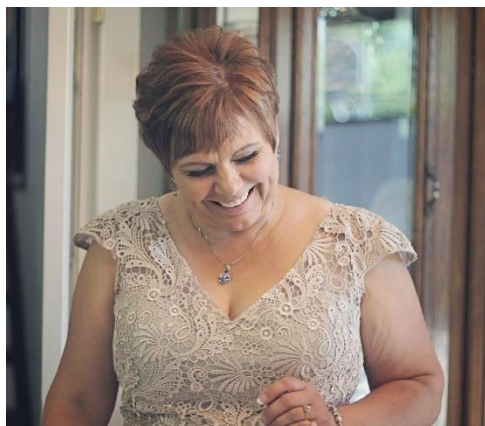
District Festival Volunteer Awards

*"You give but little when you give of your possessions.
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."*

*Kahlil Gibran
Lebanese Poet and Novelist*



Angela Gent – Borderland & District Music Festival



Angela Gent was born in 1967 in Scotland and immigrated to Saskatchewan in 1975 when she was 8 years old. She married Kelly, a coal miner and farmer in Coronach, and together they raised 6 children. She has worked outside of the home as well as running a home-based cake decorating business for many years. She is now the proud grandmother of 4 grandchildren.

Angela has always been community minded. She did not hesitate to volunteer her time to all her children's activities and joined every committee and board that

needed her. As a young mother, she volunteered her time to baseball, skating, BMFA, multiple church groups for ladies and for youth, Sunday School, the School Community Council, and the Community Rec Board. She remained on many of these boards until well after her children were grown. She allowed her 6 children to be involved wherever their hearts led them and supported their passions to her greatest ability. Her love for God and youth led her to become involved with Samaritan's Purse, organizing the collection of Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes for the community and fundraising for, and organizing, youth/community annual trips to Calgary to volunteer at the Samaritan's Purse warehouse. Angela still volunteers her time to the community gym board, as well.

Angela's passion for her community continued to grow when she realized she could help others by becoming an EMT in our small town. She went to school on the weekends, while her kids were still young, and has been saving lives ever since. She is with our community members on their hardest days and gives her all to help those in need. She has since upgraded her title to Primary Care Paramedic.

Despite being a smaller center, Borderland Music Festival has thrived over the years, thanks to a dedicated army of volunteers. Angela Gent is one of those volunteers who was willing to go the extra mile to make our festival a success. She has served in various capacities including President, Entry Secretary and board member. She worked tirelessly despite being a busy mom and having

a demanding work schedule. If you want something done, just ask a busy person. She worked meticulously hard and was always open to accommodate new ideas that would help our festival succeed. Her festival work often took her into the early morning hours. She is an example of how to lead with grace.

Borderland Music Festival is deeply appreciative of the contribution Angela has made to our organization.

Sandra Bazin – Estevan & District Music Festival



The music festival in Estevan has been a part of Sandra Bazin's musical career from the time she began playing flute at the age of 12 years and continues today. Sandra remembers the first time she played a solo in the festival and the experience led her to promise herself that she would never do that again! Fortunately, that was a promise she didn't keep, and she has enjoyed playing her flute, obtaining her music degree from Mary College in Bismarck, ND and sharing music with her community in Estevan through her church's music ministry, singing in the community choir, and teaching flute through beginner band programs and at the Kenosee Lake Junior Band camp for many years.

She has recently joined the Regina Prairie Winds band and is enjoying the company of many more musical friends.

Some of Sandra's students have been recommended to compete at the provincial level of competition. Two of her sons were also recommended to provincials, with the youngest playing in Provincial Finals this past year. So much of Sandra and her family's music participation has been with the Estevan and District Music Festival through band and choir. Her favourite times were performing with her boys in family music classes. They continue to enjoy music as part of their lives.

Sandra has been a long time volunteer at sessions during the music festival as supervisor, door worker, and announcer. She was pleased to see that the Estevan Festival was able to continue through the pandemic, and she is hopeful that it will continue to thrive through the coming years for more people to enjoy their musical successes and to hopefully have them continue on through their lives with the gifts this important organization has given them.

Sandra thanks the organization for nominating her for the SMFA Volunteer Award, and she hopes to continue offering her services to this association.

Cindy Hayward – Rosetown & District Music Festival



Cindy Hayward was recently honoured by the Rosetown & District Music Festival for her contributions behind the scenes at music festivals. Hayward has served as the festival organizing committee's adjudicator liaison for the past five years and found "a lovely bouquet " one day when she arrived at the office of Hayward Glass and More.

The Rosetown Music Festival Association's leaders hope to honour Hayward publicly, for her volunteer contributions, when they can.

"We had intended to recognize her at the 2020 Carol Festival but, when that was cancelled, we planned to do it at the 2021 Carol Festival," says President Felice Mourre. "Unfortunately, we must postpone it to yet another year."

Hayward sang in choirs through her school years, in the Rosetown Community Choir and with the local vocal trio Berny, Cindy and Brenda, then the New Edition Quartet. However, she never participated in a music festival in her youth because she didn't play an instrument. She lived in Swift Current until she was about 11 years old, when her family moved to Rosetown.

"I've always enjoyed the fact that Rosetown has been able to have music festivals and enjoyed watching the kids perform and see how much they improve from year to year," Hayward says. "That's fairly amazing, right? And the teachers do such a fabulous job instructing them and bringing out the best in them."

After she volunteered to help, Claire Seibold told her she'd *"be perfect"* as the adjudicator liaison. The role includes making sure that adjudicators receive all the information they need to do their job, to meet them when they arrive, *"brief them on how our music festival works"*, inform them how to reach festival venues and ensure their rooms are booked. Hayward also helped in other ways, such as sitting in on meetings where they needed an unbiased person to just listen in, because she didn't have children or students taking part in the festival.

"It was a very satisfying job and it was always very busy at festival time," Hayward says.

Terry Ross – Saskatoon Music Festival



Terry is a valued member of our Saskatoon Board and most distinguished member of the Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon. Since 2015, Terry has co-ordinated the Kiwanis Musical Theatre portion of the local Saskatoon Festival, expertly handling venue procurement, piano suitability and tuning, and volunteer recruitment from the Kiwanis for the doors and adjudicator assistant posts. Terry is justifiably proud of the success of the Musical Theatre week each year in Saskatoon, which is ever growing in participant numbers. Further, Terry and the Kiwanis Club have supported the Saskatoon Festival's Heart of the City Piano Day through our Festival and arranged generous scholarships for the musical theatre top students.

Terry is a model board member and volunteer, continuing to expand the reach of the Saskatoon Festival to include new communities, such as the Salvation Army in 2022. He speaks thoughtfully about all ventures and has truly cultivated a partnership between our Festival Board and the Kiwanis members.

We are grateful to the Saskatchewan Music Festival for providing this opportunity to honour Terry Ross, and shine a bright light on his volunteer generosity.

Terry Ross joined the Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon in 1996 and became President in 2002. 2014-2015 was the first of his three consecutive terms as Lieutenant Governor for Division 5 (North Saskatchewan). In 2017, Terry allowed his name to stand as Governor Elect and Terry served as Governor from 2018-2019 (Western Canada District).

Terry has been Chair of the Saskatoon Kiwanis Foundation for about 14 years, and chair of the Formula Membership program for 2 1/2 years. Currently Chair of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the Western Canadian District, he was Membership chair for the Western Canada District from 2020 – 2021.

In his role as Kiwanis Foundation Chair, Terry is responsible for the yearly Music Appreciation Awards where deserving music students of the Saskatoon Registered Music Teachers are rewarded with bursaries. Students and families attend an October luncheon where they perform, have lunch and receive their Kiwanis bursaries. The Ken Ready scholarship to a deserving first year university student in music is also awarded in October.

Terry celebrated 50 years of marriage with his wife Gayle in May 2022. They share 2 adult children and 6 grandchildren ranging from 7 to 14 years of age. Terry holds a B.Comm from the University of Saskatchewan and is a distinguished Toastmaster.

Linda Sogbetun – Yorkton Music Festival



Linda Sogbetun has been on the Yorkton Music Festival Committee for 12 years, since 2010. She has worn a number of hats during this time.

She was instrumental in making the lives of the entry secretaries easier by helping to arrange online entries for the Festival. She has been the Entry Secretary, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, and is currently both Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

She spends many hours teaching choir and band and is always willing to lend a hand with the scheduling portion of the festival, especially in the band discipline. During our two virtual COVID festivals, Linda spent countless hours sourcing music and assisting our adjudicators with the process of adjudicating virtually.



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