



LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
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BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS BOARD AS OF JULY 1, 2020

Kathleen Chichester, President ... Kathleen has been an active musician since the age of 8 when she started singing with her church youth choir. Since then she has appeared on stage around the country and has been involved with Church Choirs in three states, including a stint as Music Director at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Novi, MI. A member of that choir led her to join Livonia Civic Chorus in the Fall of 2011 and she has been active ever since as a singer, dancer, show coordinator, set designer, choreographer, Vice President and President-Elect.

As a Purchasing Manager for an International carbide company, Kathleen has developed skills that help her support the Chorus in their day to day operations as well as assist the Board in all that they do.

Kathleen's love and excitement extends to her family where in the Spring of 2012 her husband Steve joined the chorus as well. They currently make their home in Northville and have 3 daughters and a son-in-law.

Jennifer Perry, Vice President... Jennifer has been a chorus member since 1997 and is currently serving in her third term as vice president. She has been show coordinator three times and often serves as chorus choreographer for our productions.

Jennifer is a retired elementary/middle school teacher. In addition to singing with the Livonia Civic Chorus, she sings with the Trinity Episcopal Church choir in Farmington Hills and with Thistle Rose Academy of Arts.

Jennifer has been married to Reid for 45 years. They have three daughters, a son, two sons-in-law, and three grandsons.

Cynthia Windecker, Secretary... Cynthia has been singing since childhood as a member of church and school choirs. After graduating from university, she began working in the financial services industry, where she recently retired after more than 35 years in the business. Formerly a manager at DFCU Financial, she decided she wished to give back to the community, and joined the Livonia Civic Chorus in 2008, in addition to pursuing other volunteer opportunities. She has been Secretary since 2010.



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Suzanne Cassady, Treasurer... Suzanne joined the Livonia Civic Chorus in Fall of 1996. Over the years she has served as President, Vice-President, Show Coordinator and is currently Treasurer. Her more than 40 years of experience in the bookkeeping profession proved valuable when it came time to elect a Treasurer for our all volunteer board after the transition of the chorus to a 501(c)(3) in 2011 and she has held the position now for 9 years.

Suzanne's interest in singing developed in her late 30's and coincidentally it was her introduction to our current accompanist, Kimberly Swan, that encouraged her to take voice lessons. After building her confidence and skills with years of study, Suzanne auditioned for the chorus and has thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie and joy from choral singing. She has been married to Kevin for 39 years with two daughters and a son-in-law who have rarely missed a concert in her 24 years with the chorus.

Kim Alderman, Librarian... Kim lives in Westland with her husband of 35 years. She has 2 sons, a daughter-in-law and 3 grandchildren, who have supported her throughout the years.

Kim is currently employed at AmeriTrust Insurance Group as a data entry clerk. With the skills that she has developed at her place of employment, she believes that this has prepared her for the current position of Librarian of the Chorus.

Kim has been a part of this chorus since the age of 9, when her father joined the chorus. She has been a very active part of the group ever since. She started out by collecting tickets and passing out programs at concerts, also assisted with selling tickets in the ticket booth, assisted with costume changes, and moving sets during half time for concerts, all before joining the chorus in 1979. During Kim's membership she has served on several Boards of Directors as secretary, President and several times as librarian. Her favorite memories were singing in ensemble groups with her father and duets with her younger brother who is also a member of the chorus. She also enjoys the many friendships that she has made over her 40 years as a Chorus member.

Jeff Swan, Music Director, Ex-Officio... is a native of Livonia, Michigan, with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Central Michigan University. Jeff has sung in choirs for more than 40 years at Interlochen Arts Camp, Central Michigan University, Schoolcraft College, and with the Measure for Measure Men's Chorus and the Michigan Gospel Singers to name a few. With the Michigan Gospel Singers Jeff toured England, Scotland, and Switzerland. Jeff has acquired his conducting skills through study and performances with well-known Michigan-based Choral Directors such as Dr. Jerry Smith, Dr. Jerry Blackstone, Maynard J. Klein, Dr. Kenneth Jewell, and Dr. Nina Nash Robertson.