

Sounding Board

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In this special issue of 'Sounding Board', ICDA members are presented with candidates for district chair positions in the Southwest, North Central, Central and Northeast Districts. Attached to this issue is a stamped ballot to be returned to President-Elect Matt Huth. The ICDA Executive Board encourages all members to participate in this important election process.

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT CHAIRS

Southwest District Chair



PAMELA BEERY

Pam has taught in the Shenandoah Community School District since February of 1981. The first 20 years were spent teaching high school vocal music. She was responsible for the high school choirs, a music theory class, beginning guitar and a class focusing on leadership. Helping students prepare for All-State,

Opus, solo ensemble contest, honor choirs, directing the musical, swing choir and barbershop groups were all responsibilities Ms. Beery held. Next she transferred to the middle school where Pam taught general music for grades 5-8, 4 choirs, directed the 8th grade musical and helped students prepare for Opus and other honor choirs. Currently Pam teaches K-4 general music for the Shenandoah Schools and continues to work with middle school honor choir students and accompany many high school events.

Ms. Beery has been a certified vocal music adjudicator for over 15 years. She is also a certified speech judge. Pam is currently the accompanist for the St. Cecilia Choir, a member of the Southwest Iowa Community Chorus and participates in the Shenandoah and Clarinda community theaters. She has an active private studio where she teaches voice, piano, guitar and organ. Ms. Beery is a graduate of Central Missouri State University and actively volunteers in her community.



TERRY RABBITT

Terry grew up in Gowrie and received her BME from Morningside College. Ms. Rabbitt is currently in her 17th year of teaching. Starting out in Clarksville teaching K-12, she moved on to BGM, then to AHST and is now in her 5th year in the Nodaway Valley system in Greenfield teaching 6-12. Terry directs 3 middle school choirs, a high school choir, ShowChoir, All-State, the high school musical, and the usual array of small ensembles.

Along with her husband, Terry was instrumental in the revitalization of Greenfield's community theatre where she directs a production every summer. Ms. Rabbitt is active in her church choir and accompanies a community choir. Terry was also a shop owner for 5 years, taking a 3-year break from teaching to focus on the business. She directed the 2002 7-8 Girls Opus Honor Choir and was on the original board of the Southwest Iowa Touring Honor Choir. She is an active festival and honor choir director and serves as a judge for IHSMA events. Ms. Rabbitt has three daughters, Crista - 12, Rebecca - 11, Hannah - 8.

North Central District Chair



CAROLE KETTWICK

Carole is currently a Vocal Music Instructor at North Iowa Middle School where she teaches grades 5-8, a position she has held since 1995. She has 18 years teaching experience, having taught previously at Forest City Middle School, Woden-Crystal Lake Elementary, and St. John's of Bancroft.

Carole earned an Associate degree from Waldorf College and her Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota - Mankato. She has also completed graduate courses through the University of Northern Iowa and Drake University.

Her involvement with ICDA includes chair of the 5th-6th grade Opus Honor Choir in 1999 and 2000 and Opus Honor Choir Chair in 2002 through 2004.

Kettwick is also director of the Chancel Choir at the First Reformed Church, Buffalo Center.



LINDA FERJAK

Linda received her Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Wartburg and a Masters of Music from The University of Northern Iowa. She has taught at all levels, from Kindergarten through High School. In past years Ms. Ferjak taught at Oxford Junction, Central of Fenton, Woden-Crystal Lake Elementary and

Klemme Community School. For the past 17 years she has been at Forest City High School where she conducts Concert Choir, Treble Choir, Bass Clef Choir, Chamber Ensemble, two show choirs, and a vocal jazz ensemble, as well as co-directs a major musical in the fall every year. Linda also prepares students for both All-State and Solo Ensemble. In addition to her work at the high school, she directs the Senior Choir at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City. She also enjoys singing in the North Iowa Choral Society.

Linda's husband Ken currently teaches instrumental music at Belmont-Klemme Middle School. They have three children: Bill, a Demand Planning Analyst for Best Buy located in Bloomington, Minnesota, Melanie, a senior in Performing Arts at the University of Northern Iowa and Abby, and a freshman in Youth Ministry at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

Central District



JOEL HAGEN

Joel teaches vocal arts at Prairie Valley Community School in Gowrie, IA. He directs the high school Mixed Chorus, Girls' Glee Club, and his newly formed Jazz Choir. In addition he's in charge of the 7th and 8th grade choral program. He stages the school-wide musical each year having presented *Cinderella*, *Oklahoma!*, *Annie*, and *State Fair*. He's also involved in the district's staff development process, serving on the high school leadership team.

Joel graduated from Iowa State University where he toured with both Iowa State Singers and the Iowa State Chamber Singers. He starred in the university production of *Anything Goes* and was student music director for *Oklahoma!* Joel is the vice-president of the Gowrie Area Arts Council, coordinating community music and art events. He is a regular performer at area churches and has recorded contemporary Christian music.

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MELODIE DUPLE

Melodie Duple has been the 7-12 vocal music instructor in Gilbert for the past twelve years. Before coming to Gilbert, Melodie held positions at Southwestern Community College, Iowa State University, Truman University, Ankeny, and several schools in Missouri. She received both her BME and MM in Vocal Performance from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, now known as Truman University.

In Gilbert, Melodie directs the Concert Choir, Tiger Jazz, Tigerettes Jazz, and 7th and 8th grade choirs as well as teaches music theory and music appreciation.

Melodie has four children, Phillip (Cedar Falls), Meagan (Ames), Anna (a junior at ISU), Claire (a sophomore at Kirkwood CC), and especially enjoys spending time with granddaughter Abigail.

Northeast District Chair



ANNE FRANTA

Anne is the vocal music director for grades 7-12 at Central Community School in Elkader. In her twelfth year at Central, she directs the Junior High Chorus, High School Mixed Chorus, Treble Clef Chorus, Bass Clef Chorus, Chamber Choir and Madrigal. The Central music department was the 2004 recipient of the IMEA Exemplary Music Program Award.

Prior to Central, Anne started a music program for 14 remote bush schools in southeast Alaska. She has also taught in Waterloo. Ms. Franta has been directing church choirs for the past 22 years. She lives in Elkader with her husband, John. They have four children: Matt, Ben, Katie and Molly.



KAREN LEFEBVRE

Karen graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa with a BA in music and elementary education. She taught in the Notre Dame School System in Cresco from January 1983-May 95. Ms. LeFebvre has taught all levels of music throughout her career, along with mathematics and computer keyboarding.

After leaving the Notre Dame Schools, Karen taught elementary and junior high music at Crestwood until May 2001. She then transferred to the high school vocal music position. At Crestwood, Ms. LeFebvre directs three choirs: Freshmen Choir, upperclassmen Treble Choir and upperclassmen Mixed Choir. She also directs the annual high school musical. All three choirs perform each year for three Madrigal Dinner performances. Karen has numerous students attend State Small Group contest yearly. They also perform a March concert, perform at Large Group contest and at graduation.

Make YOUR choice and return your vote as soon as possible.

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