

# MURA Members Recruiting for Musical Groups

*"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind,  
flight to the imagination and life to everything." Plato*



**Helen Ramsdale**, retiree from the Department of Medicine, plays recorder and viola da gamba (gamba) with the *Rosewood Consort*.

**Helen Barton**, who worked in the Office of the Registrar, sings alto with the *Kaleidoscope Singers*.

They're hoping fellow retirees will join their musical groups.



The **Rosewood Consort** started in the 1980s at Mohawk College as a recorder group. It is an

early chamber music ensemble of amateur musicians playing all voices of recorders from soprano to contrabass, gamba and harpsichord. They play medieval, renaissance and baroque music, performing in concerts, libraries, schools and historical sites such as Ruthven and Westfield Village.

This group of a dozen or more amateur musicians get together to play early music on recorders and other early instruments for the enjoyment of both the members and the public. The group is looking for recorder players (or other early music instrument players) with some experience and the ability to read music to join them. Weekly rehearsals are held on Mondays at 2:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in West Hamilton. Expenses are offset by members paying a small annual fee.

Contact [director@rosewoodconsort.ca](mailto:director@rosewoodconsort.ca) or call Nan or Bob at 905-648-5607.

Want to hear The Rosewood Consort perform? You're welcome to attend their Christmas concert on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 3:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 1107 Main St. W., Hamilton. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be appreciated.

Additional information and performance dates are available at [www.rosewoodconsort.ca](http://www.rosewoodconsort.ca).

The **Kaleidoscope Singers** started in 1967 as the Hamilton public school board's female teachers choir. It has since expanded into a community mixed adult choir that sings seasonal and popular music, theme and show music, old favourites and the works of famous composers. This choir of about 35 members, mostly retirees, performs for community groups, retirement homes and church groups.



The choir is looking for new voices for all parts — soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Experience with reading music is an asset. Please feel free to sit in and see if the choir is a fit for you.

Weekly rehearsals are held on Mondays at 1:30 pm at St. Andrew's United Church, 479 Upper Paradise Rd., from September to June. Choir expenses are offset by members paying a small annual fee.

For further information please contact [kaleidoscopesingers@gmail.com](mailto:kaleidoscopesingers@gmail.com) or call Helen Barton at 905-518-5339.

The Kaleidoscope Singers sing for the love of music and seek to share that love with their audiences.



## MURA Christmas Lunch

Mark **Tuesday, December 5, 2017**, on your calendar for MURA's annual Christmas Lunch. The lunch will be held in the CIBC Banquet Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Student Centre on the McMaster campus.

Look for more details and a reservation form in the Fall issue of *MURAnews*.