

Morrison Center Volunteers

Curtain Call

February 2022



From our Executive Director



It's time to arty!

We have joined forces with seven local nonprofits to create a new, month-long celebration of Boise's incredible arts scene. During March, you will see the beginning of a social media campaign called **"Let's arty!"** which will feature special events and offers from Treasure Valley arts organizations and the Morrison Center.

"Let's arty!" is a fun way to invite people to return to the arts and to introduce new Idaho residents to Boise's vibrant arts culture. The arts can bring people together in many different ways, and as we continue to search for healing and connectivity following the past two years, we are excited to be part of the effort.

As ambassadors of the Morrison Center, I want to invite you to participate in the "Let's arty!" events. Feel free to share any of the social media posts you see, and make sure to follow @letsarty_ on Instagram for news, special offers, and events.

Thank you for your support and your role in helping to grow the performing arts in Boise.

Let's arty!

Laura Kendall

Executive Director
Velma V. Morrison Center for Performing Arts

From our MC Volunteer Presidents

President's Message:

It is hard to believe that almost 2 years ago the Morrison Center doors were closed due to COVID. And now that we have been open for about 6 months, we are finally getting to a point of some normalcy. I guess that is if you consider wearing masks,

and things changing from week to week as normal.

What we are referring to is our “normal” spring activities. If everything holds for us, we are planning on having our Annual Banquet and Business Meeting on Sunday, June 12th at the Stueckle Center (BSU sky box). We are exceedingly grateful that the Morrison Center has agreed to pick up half the total costs of our annual event this year. Thank YOU! Check out further details in the article below from Kathy Cannon, our Volunteer Services/Receptions Chair..



If you remember, it is at the Annual Banquet that we honor our “Super Volunteers” and “Volunteer of the Year”. The Super Volunteers are selected by the Gift Shop and Usher Chairs with nominations from the Schedulers and the “Volunteer of the Year” is selected by the President or Executive Committee if there is a tie and nominated by YOU! Please see further details in the article below.

Since it is also our Annual Business Meeting it is also when we elect our officers. The Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) are elected by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting. Our bylaws outline that our Past President chairs the nominating committee. Please see Elaine McAfee’s article below as to the details of that process.

As it has been since June of 2019 that we have had an Annual Banquet and Meeting, we thought we’d give you a little review of our bylaws and board make up. We have posted both the Bylaws and the Standing Rules on the bulletin board in the Founder’s Room if you’d like to read them in more detail. We are always looking for “new” blood, so if any of the positions sound interesting to you, please reach out to us.

The Voting Board consists of the Executive Committee that is elected by the general membership as noted above. The President, Vice President and Secretary are elected for a term of one (1) year and can serve two consecutive terms in the same office. That is why most of the time it is considered a two-year term. The Treasurer is elected for a term of two (2) years and can serve two consecutive terms. That is done for consistency of our financials. The Vice President generally becomes President, also for some consistency in the board. Currently those positions are filled by:

- President – Rick & Elaine Grossaint
- Vice President – Kim Krutz
- Secretary – Kristen Jacobs
- Treasurer – Lilly Ragan (stepped in to fill resignation of Rosie Seig in November)

The remaining Voting Board consists of our immediate Past President and Standing Committee Chairs. Those Chairs are:

- Ushering – Sue Payne & Marylou Ragan
- Gift Shop – Mary Christensen (and Marj Petrich who resigned in February)
- Volunteer Services – Kathy Cannon
- Membership/Communications – Felicity Arnold
- IT Support – Patrick Arnold

The Chair positions are selected by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. Standing Committee Chairs shall hold office for a term of three (3) years for the Gift Shop and Ushering; and a term of two (2) years for other chairs. A chair may serve in the same office for two (2) consecutive term or until a successor is appointed, whichever occurs later. These terms went into effect June 2015.

Under our Chairs we have numerous Coordinators and Committees. Coordinators are appointed by the President and approved by their respective Chairs. Coordinators and committee members serve for two (2) years and can serve two consecutive terms.

We have placed the SOPs for all the positions in a binder in the Founder's Room if you are interested in learning more. Please ask questions, there is a place for your expertise.

As we come to an end of our term as your Presidents and prepare to pass the baton to Kim Krutz, we want to thank everyone who has served in one capacity or another on the entire 2020-2022 Board. It has been both a pleasure and rewarding working with you.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

With Joy and Gratitude,

Rick & Elaine Grossaint
Presidents, Morrison Center Volunteers
(208)866-2469 Elaine's mobile

In the spotlight

Morrison Center Presents Series

This series provides the community with opportunities to visit the center and introduce the next generation to the magic of live, professional entertainment at affordable prices in a premier performing arts center.

Be sure to check out the video that Alana Lynn, Associate Director of Marketing, created for us about the upcoming shows this spring.

[VolunteerVideo.mov](#)

New Year – New Look

Jessica Morse



There have been so many new improvements at the Morrison Center! Some are easy to see like the new Box Office and new carpet but behind the scenes our Production crew has been busy checking off improvements that might not be seen by the patrons but are just as important. Since 2020, they have been working diligently to complete a job list that is over 100 items long! Completed projects include: a new Stage Door Entrance, Water Heater Replacement, Audio Relocation, Security Camera Installation, Mezzanine Storage, Shop Roll-up Doors, Lighting Upgrade, Stage Floor, New Production Booth, Air Filter Installation, Mitigation Equipment, Dressing Room Expansions and more!

Even Velma and Harry have gotten touch ups. Velma's portrait has received a brand new frame and Harry's statue got a full polish. Both have been returned to their original positions in the lobby. The lobby sign for The Velma V. Morrison Center for Performing Arts is currently undergoing an upgrade and will be reinstalled in the upcoming weeks.

Many of you have asked where the artwork in the Founder's Room has gone. The artwork was on loan from Boise State University and is now being displayed around campus so that more people have an opportunity to view the collection.

Keep your eye out for more projects to be completed this year. One goal is to unify the Front of House with matching stanchions, program holders, gift shop display cases and new lobby furniture. I also want to give a HUGE shout out to the volunteer who suggested labeling the ADA seating. We have implemented that great idea as well as many others

that the volunteers have put in the suggestion box- keep the ideas coming!

Jessica Morse
Venue Services Manager

Nominations for Volunteer of the Year

We are accepting nominations for Volunteer of the Year.

This honor will be presented at the Annual Banquet and Business Meeting on June 12th. Any member may nominate a volunteer they believe best exemplifies the Morrison Center Volunteer of the Year. Who do you know that is always smiling, welcomes new volunteers, goes beyond what is expected of them? Nominate this person! Any dues-paying member is eligible except for our voting board.



You can download your nomination form here [Volunteer of the Year Form](#), or you can find it on www.velmasangels.org under Volunteer Portal – Volunteer Resource Materials. Please submit your nomination by May 10th. We will also have nomination forms available on the bulletin board in the Founder's Room.

Thank you for helping us recognize this very special person. It is so hard to select just one, so go ahead and nominate a couple if you'd like.

Got Talent

Kathy Cannon



There are rumors that there are members of the Morrison Center Volunteers that are talented singers and musicians. If you are one of those members and would be willing to share your musical gifts, we want to hear from you! We would love to showcase one (or more) of our own at the Volunteers' Annual Meeting and Appreciation Dinner to be held June 12th.

For more information, please contact committee chair Kathy Cannon at 208-890-7854 or lkathleencannon@gmail.com. We know that MCVGT! (Morrison Center Volunteers Got Talent)

Nominations Are Open

Elaine McAfee

Morrison Center Elections

The Morrison Center Volunteers will be holding their Annual Business Meeting and Election in June. As Past President, I am the chair of the Nominating Committee. My committee members are Sue Payne, Mary Christensen, Donna Nielsen, and John Sloan.



This year we will need to fill the post of Vice President and Treasurer. The current Vice President will become the President. The other elected officer is the Secretary, whose term is not over yet.

Nominations for the openings may be made by yourselves asking to be considered for the post. Please consider if you would want to find out more about what these two offices –

Treasurer and Vice President would entail. We can provide you with the summaries of the positions and you can also talk to those who are/have filled them.

The Bylaws also state that you can nominate another member by:

Other nominations for officers may be made by members of the corporation by written nomination supported by the signature of at least nine (9) members, which nomination must be filed with the Secretary at least fifteen (15) days before the spring annual meeting. Such nominations must be supported by the written consent of the nominee.

Here is just a brief introduction to each office:

- Vice President—does the drawing for the box seats and other tickets we are given, fills in for the President if needed, and attends the monthly board meetings.
- Treasurer—in charge of the financials such as bill paying (mostly for the gift shop), monthly report, and budget, and attends the monthly board meetings.

So—WE NEED YOU!! Please contact me or another member of the committee. Thank you!

---Elaine McAfee

Membership Update

Felicity Arnold

Please welcome the following new members, who joined the Volunteers

November 1st to January 31st



- Jolene Boyd Stevens
- Rick Callahan
- Wendy Carver-Herbert
- Sarah Garner
- Barbara Goodrow
- Chris, Hansen-FitzMaurice
- Margaret Havey
- Rachel Hugens
- Joseph Kavel
- Vicki Morrison
- Joanne Nuttall
- Marie O'Leary
- Trisha Ostrander
- Lucy Thomson
- Steven & Brenda Tornga



Eilene Shaw - Emeritus Member

Eilene passed away on November 27th, 2021. Eilene was 98 years old, and had been part of the Morrison Center Volunteers since 1994

Gift Shop Corner

Mary Christensen



Ah Spring, an uplifting time of rejuvenation and greeting everything new! This is proving true for your Gift Shop as well, with new carpet under foot, new display cabinets and the “window veil” for “Hamilton” having been lifted to let the sun shine in upon all that glitters. It is an exciting time of renewal. Thank you to the Morrison Center Staff for the new display cabinets, helping us move back in after our exodus for the carpet installation, the added peg board in our storage area, and the

general help they have provided us during this entire transition. We truly appreciate all you have done for the Gift Shop. And a huge THANKS to Mary Stadstad, Connie Maakestad, Carolyn Holbrook and Julie Bibler for staying after to pack up the Gift Shop on the evening of January 16.

In keeping with renewal and moving forward, the Gift Shop is looking for more volunteers. If you have interest and/or previous experience with merchandising, purchasing of merchandise, pricing, and displaying of it, OR if you have good computer skills, experience with spreadsheets, databases, accounting, and inventory, OR if you like to sell to people, already happy to be out for an evening, and are looking for that special something that will make their evening complete, there is a place for you at the Gift Shop. Maybe you are looking for ways you can volunteer more other than during performances? Some of these listed tasks are able to be accomplished from the comfort of your own home. If you are interested, please contact Mary Christensen at mcvgiftshop@gmail.com for more information on how you can help.



Finally, but certainly not least, the Gift Shop welcomes and is very grateful to Carol McGee as our new Scheduler for the Gift Shop. Carol's skills and quick learning will aid Gift Shop volunteers in all scheduling activities. Thank you for your service, Carol!

May your spring bring a time of renewal for you and yours!
Mary Christensen
Gift Shop Chair

Transition of Board Positions

Treasurer



In November, Rosie Seig decided to step down from her position as Treasurer for personal reasons. We want to thank her for the financial guidance and expertise she shared with the board. She will continue as an usher and usher scheduler.



Gratefully, Lilly Ragan, also a CPA, agreed to step in and finish out the Treasurer's term which expires June 30th. Because of both, Rosie's, and Lilly's professionalism the transition was seamless. Thank you, Lilly, for being a life saver to the Volunteers!

Gift Shop



The first of February, Marj decided to step down as Co-Chair of the Gift Shop. The past few years have brought new opportunities into her life that she wishes to pursue. We want to thank her for the many hours and years of service she has given to help grow the Gift Shop. She will continue to volunteer as frequently as possible.



We will be looking for a Gift Shop Chair in the future. This person sits on the Board of Directors and helps oversee the Gift Shop operations. Please contact Mary Christensen if you want to know more of what this position entails. The Gift Shop is also in the process of breaking out some of the duties instead of all the responsibility resting on the shoulders of the Gift Shop Chair. Do you like to shop? Do you have any retail experience? Do you like to arrange items/displays? Please refer to the Gift Shop article for more details.



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