

'Round Town

The Woman's Literary Club was founded in 1889. They have 'third-generation' members. Their 'eldest' is a lady who joined, at the insistence of her Mother, in 1951. Each year a topic for study is selected, papers are assigned to members to be researched and presented at their twice monthly morning meetings. Two papers per morning at Dayton Country Club – followed by a luncheon.

The 2009-2010 'topic' is Nobel Laureates: Writing to the World. And how fortuitous that last Thursday's meeting included a paper on ALFRED NOBEL (1833 – 1896) His Life, His Work, The Prize – presented by **Jane Leigh** of Centerville. It certainly coincided with the announcement on Friday of President Obama's winning of the Peace Prize! **Sarma Orłowski's** paper was on **Doris Lessing** who won the prize for Literature in 2007.

Past President, **Carol Powell**, presided as President **Tracy Bieser** was out of town. New member **Joanna Wright** of Yellow Springs was introduced. **Ann Johnson**, **Effie Sue Kemerley** (the 'keyboardist' for "The Great American Trailer Park Musical"), **Nancy Alway**, **Shelly Charles**, **Marilyn Hart**, **Barb O'Hara**, **Karen Roberts**, were some of those present.

The Opera Guild of Dayton presented their twenty-second 'Bravo Champaign Brunch and Fashion Show – 'Damsels In Dress' at the Ponitz Center at Sinclair College last Friday morning. There were hundreds of 'damsels' in fabulous 'dress'...hats like you only see once-a-year – at 'Bravo'. Four-inch-heels!!! And 'tights' of every color and design! And the latest in

hand-bags – all larger and gaudier than an overnight case! Wow – Verde, Gilbert and Sullivan, and Gounod never saw the like.

Helen Jones-Kelley and **Debbie Watts Robinson** co-chaired the event. **Laura Fike** is president of the guild. The Social Hour in the Charity Earley Room was the scene of thirteen local vendors with terrific 'wares'. Their offerings were as tempting and interesting as Madison Avenue. There were at least eighty tables for eight to ten set up in the Ponitz Centre – you do the math! Brunch began with a great cold consomme – of peach and ginger! The green salad was topped with lots of chicken slices...and the dessert was – well, as **Marty Ebeling** said: "It's so good it's sinful!" Champaign was served – while **Megan Bell**, soprano, and **Philippe Pierce**, tenor, sang "The Drinking Song from La Traviata"!

Mark Allan and **Marsha Bonhart**, Anchors for WDTN were terrific as Commentators for the style show by ELAN of Fountain Square. 'Star' table sponsors were **Martha DeBold**, **Laura Fike**, **Mary Karr & Jackie Lockwood**, **Karen Medford**, **Lee Monnin**, **Rita Price**, **Helen Vawter** and **Toni Winger**. 'VIP' tables were sponsored by **Dolores Anderson**, **Cindy Hoffsis**, **Sue Falter**, **Linda Kramer** and **Helen Potter**. **Marilyn Hart**, **Mary Lou Heitkamp**, **Betty Holton**, **Rosalie Jennings**, **Dana Kane & Ellen McCloskey**, **Evie & Carol Simpson**, **Fannie Moore**, and **Betty Pitts** were all 'owners' of Patrons tables. **Marilyn Hart's** table included two of her neighbors in Rubicon Mill – **Linda Skuns** and **Meg Dohtry**.

The Dayton Opera Guild's

opening performance will be 'La Traviata' on Oct. 17, 23, & 25th at the Schuster Center.

The Vanguard Concert series opened their 2009-2010 series on Friday evening at the Dayton Art Institute with the 'Chamber Orchestra Kremlin'. Music Director & Conductor, **Misha Rachlevsky**, brought his seventeen young musicians for their third appearance on the Vanguard stage. The orchestra was founded in 1991 and has earned 'The New York Times' 'Critics Choice' status. Their music is thrilling and proclaims their 'Mother Russia'.

The DAI Renaissance Auditorium was filled. The SRO audience demanded two encores. **Diane** and **Dr. Richard DeWall** hosted a post-concert-supper at their home on Thornhill. The musicians arrived in their bus – they'd stowed their stage gear and were decked out in jeans looking like any of our college kids. **Duncan Powell** observed: "The girls must have passed a beauty pageant test as well as being considered for their musical ability!" Only one of the boys spoke English. He'd been in the orchestra for five years before getting a scholarship to Univ. of Michigan where he'd gotten his Ph.D.

"I'm now working in Charleston, W. Va. and drove up to see my Conductor and friends."

Burt Saidel had to tell the players one of his famous jokes! "But I'll need an interpreter!" Listening to Burt – hearing his lines in Russian – and watching the young Russian students as they 'caught-on' to the punch line – was a memorable moment!



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