

St. Michael's by-the-Sea
Carolyn Groschup Memorial Music Scholarship

“LET ALL MY LIFE BE MUSIC”

This phrase best sums up the philosophy of life for Carolyn Ann McConnell Groschup, born November 9, 1935 to Florence Austin McConnell and The Reverend Edward C. McConnell.

A lifelong Episcopalian, Carolyn started serving in the Junior Choirs at her father's church, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, in Oceanside, CA, as soon as she was old enough to read. As the rector's daughter, such was to be expected; however, in Carolyn's case, there was the joy of being able to serve God in His temple and to do so in what she considered a beautiful manner.

As she grew, there were the obligatory piano lessons which can be tedious to a growing child, yet it proved to be a continuation of Carolyn's joy of music. In high school she joined the marching band where she learned to play and enjoy the flute. She continued participating in marching bands throughout college, and they remained an important part of her entire life.

In 1955 Carolyn met a young Marine, Eric R. Groschup, who had just returned from service in Korea and promptly joined St. Anne's Adult Choir. On June 28, 1959 the couple wed in the church where they met. They then moved to Texas to complete Eric's university studies at Texas Christian University. The couple remained in Texas until the birth of their third child. Eric then obtained a transfer within his company and in October, 1965, the couple and their three children returned to Oceanside, again to sing in the choir at St. Anne's.

In 1967, when Carolyn's father accepted the call to become Vicar of St. Andrew's by-the-Lake in Lake Elsinore, CA, the couple transferred to St. Michael's by-the-Sea in Carlsbad, where the family remains to this day.

When the Groschups' eldest child was fourteen and in the marching band at El Camino High School in Oceanside, California's state government started economizing and cut funding of what they considered “non-essential” courses including music. The lack of funds to the school music department cost the band director his administrative assistant. Carolyn, realizing the strain this put on the band director, volunteered to be a non-paid assistant to the band program. The position of Administrative Assistant to the Band Director involved preparing for the many band festivals held at El Camino High School, as well as preparing all needs for the El Camino Band when they traveled to festivals elsewhere in the state or in other states.

Carolyn served in this voluntary capacity for thirty years until her death on November 26, 2006. The far-reaching effect of her efforts for young musicians was evidenced by the attendance of so many band directors, students, and parents at her funeral service on December 5, 2006. “Let all my life be music” was exemplified throughout the life of Carolyn Ann McConnell Groschup, and should serve as an honorable example to others who love music.

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Recipient Requirements

The recipient or the recipient's family must belong to the membership of St. Michael's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Carlsbad, CA.

The recipient must be between the ages of 10 to 16 years of age.

The recipient must have participated in the music program of the church for one year to become eligible for this award, and must continue to faithfully participate in some aspect of the church's music program during the time the award is being used.

The recipient must agree to provide 25% of weekly music lesson costs themselves.

The recipient must provide the scholarship committee with a completed application form and perform an audition if requested to do so.

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Application

NAME _____ DOB _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONES: Hm. _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Parents' Names _____

Address, if different _____

Phones: Hm. _____ Cell _____

Wk. _____ Email _____

MUSIC TEACHER'S NAME _____

Instrument to be studied _____

Teacher's address: _____

Phone: _____

Describe your St. Michael's Music Ministry participation _____

Describe your music experience: _____

I understand that if I am awarded this scholarship, it will be paid directly to the music teacher indicated above and that I am to contribute 25% of each lesson's costs. I also agree to continue participating in St. Michael's music program during the time this award is being used.

Signed _____ Date _____

**Return form by December 1, 2010, to St. Michael's by-the-Sea office, or mail to St. Michael's Music Scholarship,
P.O. Box 127, Carlsbad, CA 92018, or email to Susan Lutz, St. Michael's Music Director, at music@stmichaelsbythesea.org.**