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Remembering Dick Kehn

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In the last ten or so years on the board of the Central Ontario Musicians' Association, I've been lucky to know and work with Dick Kehn. He was a great man to work with – a good friend, mentor, and supporter of music and musicians. He'll be sadly missed.

Dick loved to talk to everybody and anybody by phone and in person – especially about making music. Every week, he'd recount at length one or two phone conversations he had with musicians or their employers, and how he was impressed with the level of activity of many young musicians in the area.

I could always rely on him as our Secretary-Treasurer. He so capably handled all the administrative dealings of our Music Performance Trust Fund. His efficiency and professionalism certainly set a high bar for anybody else to follow -- especially keeping in contact with the concert coordinators.

As a mark of a great treasurer, no matter how busy he was, or how poorly he was feeling in the last few years, somehow he always managed to make sure that everybody got paid on time!

Most of you likely know that Joyce is also a very active employee of our Association, and although some husband and wife couples might hesitate to work together professionally, Joyce and Dick made a great team!

I'm so fortunate to have known and worked with him. I'm sure a day won't go by during my term as President where I won't be asking myself "What would Dick recommend in this situation?".

I'll definitely miss his weekly phone-call giving me an update on the affairs of the office. He'd never say who was calling, but I knew who it was from his familiar opening "And how's Ernie doing today?".

I speak for myself and our members when I say that Dick will be remembered with fondness and appreciation. I'm sure if he were able to speak to us today, he'd probably give us the same instruction he always gave at the end of every phone conversation: "Carry on!"

We'll miss you Dick.

Ernie Kalwa
President