

MID-COLUMBIA MASTERSINGERS 2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Transforming lives through the power of choral music

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BOARD CANDIDATES

Cheryl Kulas



Cheryl has been singing with the Columbia Chorale since coming to the Tri-Cities 15 years ago. She worked as a chaplain for most of those years with Tri-Cities Chaplaincy. She continues serving on the Community Concerts of the Tri-Cities board. For fun she provides Quartz Crystal Singing Bowl sound baths every Monday late afternoon at Therapy Solutions!

Larry Morris



I retired in 2020 and moved to the Tri-Cities for love, to marry Cheryl Kulas.

From 2022 to 2025 I served on the board of the Community Concerts of The Tri-Cities, as the head of the Staging Committee. In the fall of 2024, I joined the Board of the Grunewald Guild, an artist's retreat community, near Plain, WA. I serve on the Finance Committee.

For the 21 years before I retired, I had been the full time Chief Financial Officer for Myotronics Inc in Kent and part time Associate Pastor at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Kirkland.

I enjoy writing poetry (I have published five books), painting with watercolors, sketching (I teach classes on "Zen doodling and Simple Mandala Making") and using my professional skills to help nonprofit groups.

Although I am not a musician myself, I know the power of music, including choral music, to transform lives. Serving on the board would be an opportunity for me to add to this musical community!

Ray Law

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Ray Law is a native of Wyoming who moved to the Tri-Cities 35 years ago with his wife Marilyn who served as principal oboist for many regional orchestras. Ray is a retired Hanford chemist/software engineer. He has supported the arts through contributions and formerly served on the Mid-Columbia Symphony board. Ray has contributed to many fundraisers with his own art consisting of converted Hanford surplus materials and has sold his wares at the Art in the Park festival for several years. Ray sang in various choirs throughout his life. He loves to sing, and his desire is to support choral ensembles however he can.

<http://www.riverlaws.com/index.html>

<https://www.tricitiesbusinessnews.com/articles/hanford-bell-jars>

<https://www.hanfordbelljars.com/>

Carol Riggio



Objectives

To be an active and productive member of the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers Board and be an active member of my community and give back to Tri Cities.

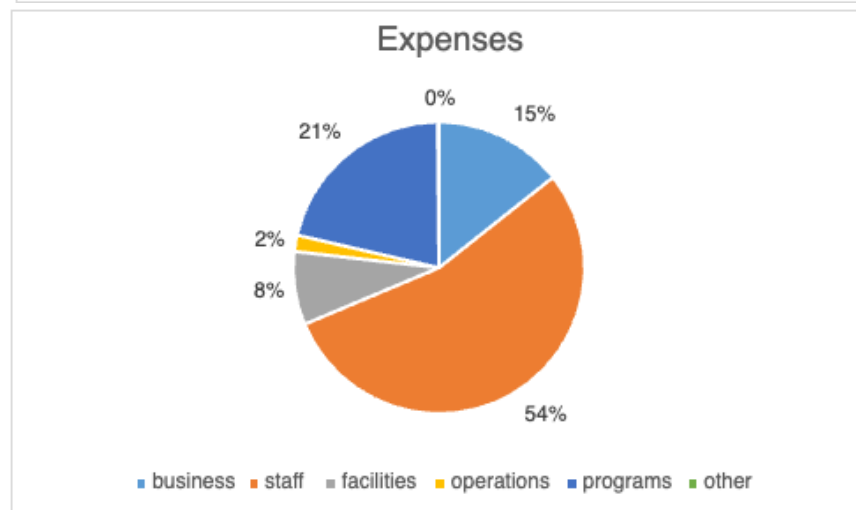
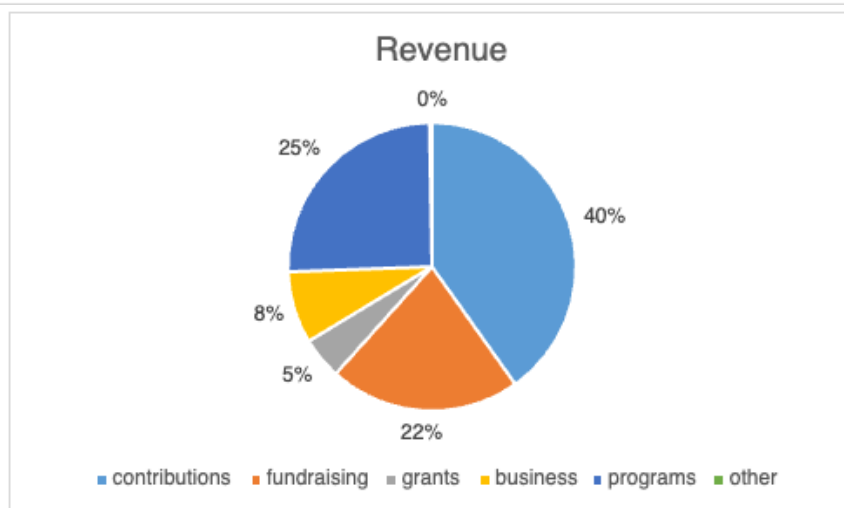
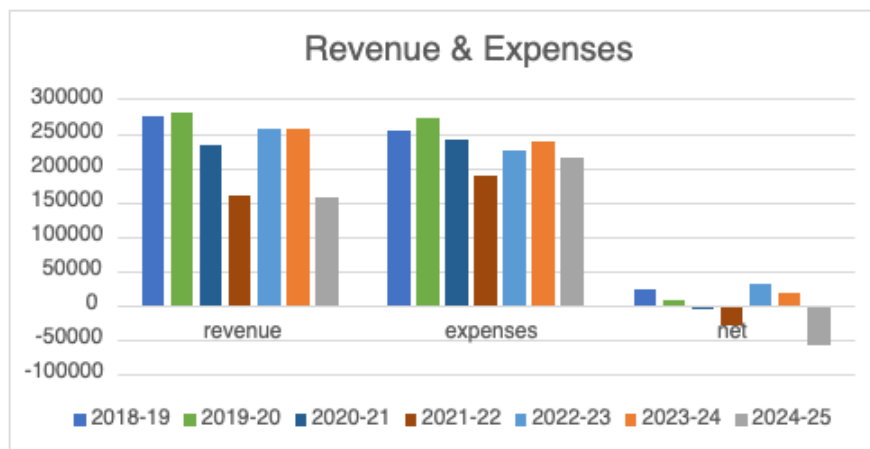
Experience

Director of Quality, Infection Prevention, Patient Safety Officer and Patient Experience, Trios Health, Kennewick WA

I have been in healthcare as a nurse for 50 years. My career has taken me on many wonderful adventures across the US over the last 22 years. I have worked in 9 different states. My experiences have introduced me to many new and exciting areas and wonderful people. I believe this has allowed me to be open-minded, empathetic and productive in my field.

Besides being an RN, I have a dual master's degree in management and health administration. I am a certified professional in Quality and Patient Safety.

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Gathering membership and concert attendance data is a work in progress. Thank you for your patience!

2025-26 SEASON PREVIEW

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Sat Aug 9

Annual Lights for Peace event with Manhattan Project National Historical Park

Sat Aug 23

Season kickoff party and pop music program at Col Solare Winery

Fri Oct 10/Sat Oct 11

Chamber Choir Concert

Sat Dec 20/Sun Dec 21

Columbia Chorale/Symphonic Choir/Youth Choir
Holiday Concert with Mid-Columbia Symphony

Sat Jan 17 (*tentative*)

Mozart Requiem and Thomas Mass with Walla Walla Symphony

Fri Feb 27/Sat Feb 28

Treble Choir Concert

Sat March 14

Annual Mid-Columbia Arts Fundraiser

Fri Mar 20/Sat Mar 21

Columbia Chorale & Mastersingers Youth Choir Concert

Fri May 22/Sat May 23

Tim Takach Commission— We Are Phoenix
Symphonic Choir Concert

Wed May 27- Sun May 31

Trip to Carnegie Hall

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HOUSEWARMING WISH LIST

We've been in our new office for one year! We love it and thank you for your help. We are almost all settled in. Can you help us with any of these needs? ** indicates most needed! If you sponsor an item, we'd be happy to sing your praises by labeling the donation with your name!

- **6-cube Organizer (**13" cubes, horizontal**) [Link](#) \$95
- **New mobile phone [refurbished iPhone](#) \$402 (one-time)
- Bulletin board (around 2'x3')
- ~~Silverware (small set) & organizer. (Thank you, Mary Dann!)~~
- ~~Glass plates & bowls (small set) (Thank you, Mary Dann!)~~
- ~~Countertop paper towel dispenser (Thank you, Mary Dann!)~~
- ~~Handles/pulls for kitchen (4 sets of double door cabinets, 2 large drawers)~~
- Bonus!
- Artwork/decor
- Shelf liner paper
- ~~Drip coffee maker (small) (Thank you, Gavin Duncan!)~~

