



**Debbie Parker.** Debbie Parker is a retired instrumental music teacher and band director from Rochester, NY. In 2015, she was the recipient of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra Musicians Award for Outstanding Music Educator. Mrs. Parker has also taught at the New England Conservatory Extension

Division, UMass Boston, and the Joy of Music Program, Inc., in Worcester, MA.

She has worked with Eastman School of Music's New Horizons Groups for 30 years with an annual intergenerational program for 27 years and 3 years as a full-time staff member. Debbie has conducted at REMI band camps in Western New York and Canada.

Currently, Mrs. Parker performs with the Greater Rochester Women's Philharmonic, Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra and the Brighton Symphony Orchestra. She is the flutist in the Quintessence Woodwind Quintet. She has performed with the Portland Symphony Orchestra (ME), Great Woods

Festival Orchestra, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Boston Civic Symphony Orchestras.

Mrs. Parker received a Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY Fredonia in Music Education and Music Therapy. She has a Master of Music in Flute Performance from Boston University. Her teachers include Leone Buyse, Philip Kaplan, Joan Schwartzman and Robert Bush.

In addition to her performance and education career, Mrs. Parker did work in the flute industry. This entailed work at the progressive and innovative Flutistry Boston Shop. She was Director of Marketing for the Verne Q. Powell Flute Company and a flute consultant for the William S. Haynes Flute Company in Boston, Massachusetts. She has been a board member of the Rochester Flute Association.

Debbie resides in Fairport, NY with her husband Todd and whackadoodle Ruby. Their son, John is in Boston, MA. When she is not home, she can be found rowing on the Genesee River with the Genesee Rowing Club.