



VOTE Barbara Abbott Mardi Gras Queen!



Barbara Abbott grew up in Akron, on North Hill, a few miles from EJ Thomas and Guzzetta Hall, where she saw many fine concerts. Her love of classical music was further inspired from a friend of the family, Father Francis Schweitzer. Over the course of 30 years, Barbara and her sister Donna, recall the loud and beautiful music that always formed the backdrop of their visits with Father Frank.

Barbara has a Biology degree from the University of Akron. She worked for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for 13 years in the Division of Parks and Recreation, with her most recent position as a regional Naturalist Supervisor. In 2005 Barbara chose to end her working career in order to become a stay-at-home mom to Dominic, who turns 4 in January. She also works part time as a marketing representative for her husband Mike, who is President of Abbott Electric.

Five years ago Barbara moved to Canton and became an avid follower of The Canton Symphony. Besides listening to classical music, Barbara is a volunteer tour guide at the National First Ladies Library, assists Stark Parks with programs, is a Board Member of ArtsinStark, is active in the Canton Chapter of The Foundation for Community Betterment, and has active memberships in the following organizations: The Wilderness Center, United Way, St Mary's Catholic Church, Canton Art Museum, National First Ladies Library, Stark Parks, and William McKinley Presidential Museum.

In her spare time, Barbara enjoys birdwatching, hiking, reading, traveling, and playing the violin (given to her at age 8 by Father Frank). The instrument has recently been dusted off in order to assist her son Dominic (who has a much tinier violin) with his lessons.

Top 10 reasons why I should be QUEEN

10. I'm a Canton Symphony Groupie
9. I sit so close at Cameo Concerts I get rosin dust in my hair.
8. I think Gerhardt Zimmerman ROCKS.
7. #8 is slang for "I think Gerhardt Zimmerman is a wonderful asset to the orchestra and community"
6. I Facebook more about the symphony than any other topic.
5. My son has three speeds on his bicycle: adagio.....moderato.....and PRESTO!
4. I plan vacations around concerts
3. My girlfriends attend the Masterworks Series with me because my husband can't sit still long enough!
2. I live life *Con Brio*

And the TOP reason for voting me Mardi Gras Queen of the Canton Symphony is.....

It's not about getting to be Queen – It's getting to brag about what I think is a GEM of a symphony and getting others to **support, promote, and listen!**



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