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# Music@Dublin



## Member Spotlight

**Lynne Murphy,**  
*soprano*

**Birthplace:** Rothesay, Isle of Bute, Scotland

**Places lived:** Scotland, California, Toronto, Mississauga, Georgetown, Guelph

**Family Members:** Husband, Art, and children David and Heather. Three grandchildren, Alec, Owen, Robert.

**Musical Highlight:** Musical highlight in school would be the year I competed in the Toronto Kiwanis Music competition in an ensemble of 12 girls and finished in first place. This resulted in the opportunity to perform at Massey Hall in Toronto.

Music has always been an important part of my life. From singing in church at a very young age in Scotland, church choirs, school choirs, played the trumpet in my high school band in Toronto, choirs in California.

In 1979 I joined a community choir which was just being formed by the Rev. John Ambrose in the Meadowvale area of Mississauga where I lived. That choir later became The Earl Nelham singers and we performed 2 concerts a year.

**Years in Dublin Chancel Choir:** In 2009, Rev. John Ambrose invited me to come to Dublin at which time he was filling the role of Interim Minister as he was sure I would love the music program. Art and I came to Dublin that year and I joined the choir in 2010.

My experience in this choir has given me the opportunity to meet wonderful, talented and caring people. It has also been a learning experience by exposing me to a more challenging musical repertoire than I previously had in other church choirs. My favourite hymn is "Here I Am Lord"

A **Dublin Choir Highlight** for me were the **Out Of Africa Concerts**. They were so much fun and an opportunity to participate in something totally different. I also sing in a ladies' choir here in Guelph and we sing at seniors' residences and nursing homes. I enjoy many types of music from Josh Groban to George Gershwin.

**Hobbies:** My hobbies include clogging and reading. For many years Art and I had a clogging demo team (Art being our instructor and our daughter being a choreographer) and we danced at fairs and festivals around the area. We also won the Canadian Open Clogging championship in 2000.

However, most of my time in retirement is spent volunteering. After moving to Guelph I volunteered 2 days a week for 5 years for Habitat For Humanity in their Administration office. I created a program for the Multiple Sclerosis Society in 2012 that I call Live & Learn. As I have had MS for over 50 years, I can offer hope to others and I do so by mentoring those newly diagnosed. I also serve on the Pastoral Care Team at Dublin. I was Volunteer of the Year for the MS Society in 2014 and was interviewed on the Inside Guelph program on Rogers TV.

In spite of all the health trials I have faced over the years (from breast cancer to MS) I always know I am well and that God's healing energy works through me which has allowed me to be where I am today so that I can do what I do in service to others. Every day is a God given gift to share with others.

