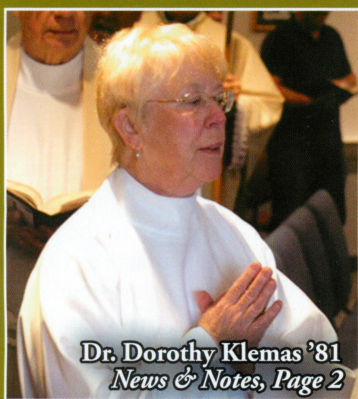


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## Dr. Mary offers melody of care

Most people have a hobby that fills time away from their chosen profession, but it's not likely that many are engaged in activities like Dr. Mary Kleinsorge '87. While some hunt, hike or travel, Kleinsorge writes and performs music, recently placing second in the 3rd Annual Troubadour Contest in Montrose, Colo.

Participants in the troubadour contest were asked to play an original song. Kleinsorge chose to perform "Sarah Loves John," an emotional tune about lifelong love.

"I've written for years, but never participated in a contest until this past summer," Kleinsorge said. "It's nerve racking to choose and play just one song for a group of listeners made up mostly of judges and other singer/songwriters. I was honored to have been chosen for one of the awards."

While her career as a chiropractor is fulfilling, music has been her passion since childhood. However, it was her music that eventually led her to chiropractic. In her younger days, Kleinsorge traveled throughout 10 midwestern states pursuing a career in music. She frequently sang and played guitar in Kansas City, where she became a favorite of Dr. Edwin Newcomb '54, who took his family to see her play whenever possible. Time spent in smoke-filled venues led her to develop asthma and other ailments that took their toll on her health.

"I had been in two auto accidents, stood four hours a night with a guitar strap over my back and had to sing in smoky places," Kleinsorge said. "Daily nebulizers, constant blood levels of Theophylline, bursts of Prednisone, and an inhaler between songs

on stage were making me feel old at a young age."

Newcomb noticed her deteriorating condition and offered to provide her with free care if she would follow his strict instructions for six months.



*Dr. Mary Kleinsorge '87 splits her time between Colorado and Mexico as a chiropractor and singer/songwriter.*

She limited her touring schedule, modified her diet and visited Newcomb regularly. At the end of that time, she was off all medication and had reached a crossroads in her life. Determined to change direction, she researched chiropractic and eventually applied to Colorado.

Kleinsorge ultimately completed her degree and relocated to Colorado, where she has been in practice ever since. She cites many influences in her life, especially her parents who were farmers that worked hard and kept her grounded by reminding her about the important things in life.

Helping others motivated her to open a second practice in Southern Baja Mexico almost 10 years ago. Kleinsorge visits the practice regularly, while returning to Colorado in regular intervals.

With the release of her 11th studio album on the horizon, her commitment to music has not decreased her desire to help others be well.

"I can't imagine retiring from chiropractic completely," Kleinsorge said. "Taking care of people is what I do. It's my life and part of who I see myself to be. I thank God for having brought me to this place. I may not see as many patients as I once did, but each one that I lay my hands on will know that I love them and want to do my best at taking care of them."

And for those lucky patients who are under her care, that's music to their ears. □