

Joan Rooney, Violinist, was the pioneer in the Violin Suzuki Movement in Milwaukee. For 20 years she had her own Suzuki Violin School. Her students performed at private parties for President Ronald Reagan and concert violinist Itzhak Perlman. These students also were guest performers with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra for several concerts. Ms. Rooney performed in trios at the Karl Ratzsch Restaurant for 15 years and was a violinist with the Milwaukee Pops Symphony Orchestra, a forerunner of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.