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**Barbara Sudweeks, violist**, is the former Associate Principal Viola of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. She recently retired after 42 years of service with the orchestra. Ms. Sudweeks has been a concerto soloist with the Dallas Symphony, the Shanghai Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Latvian Chamber Orchestra, the Utah Symphony, the Music in the Mountains Festival Orchestra in Durango, Colorado and the New Philharmonic of Irving, Texas. She is a member of the contemporary music ensemble, Voices of Change. She is a former member of the Walden Piano Quartet, the original Dallas String Quartet and An die Musik (New York). She has recorded and concertized extensively throughout the US and Europe, as well as Australia and China. Ms. Sudweeks has participated in summer festivals such as the Rockport Chamber Music Festival, San Diego's Mainly Mozart Festival and Music in the Mountains in Durango, Colorado. She has also given master classes at The Cleveland Institute of Music and Texas Christian University. Before coming to Dallas, Ms. Sudweeks was Principal Viola of the Hamilton Philharmonic (Ontario, Canada) and a member of the Utah Symphony. She continues to teach viola, chamber music and orchestral repertoire at Southern Methodist University. She has been on the faculty since 1983.

In addition to playing the viola, Ms. Sudweeks loves Chinese music and enjoys playing the Chinese erhu. She has been an erhu soloist with the Kaohsiung City Chinese Orchestra in Taiwan, the Shanghai Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Jiangsu Province Symphony Orchestra in Nanjing, China, the Music in the Mountains Festival Orchestra in Durango, Colorado, the Dallas Symphony, and the New Philharmonic Orchestra of Irving, Texas. She has also been a recitalist in Shenyang, China.

Her non-musical activities include spending as much time as possible with her five exceptional grandchildren. ;-) She also enjoys hanging out with her sweet rescue Chihuahua. She loves travel and she and some friends go on an interesting, and often exotic, trip every year.

She enjoys cooking and canning and when she has time to sit down, she relaxes with her knitting.