

President's Message

Ellen Schneider



Ah, it's October already! As we ready this edition of NON, it isn't quite the end of September, but our meeting is soon enough! There are few signs of autumn here in Florida, but we do look forward to moderating temperatures and the return of our snowbird members (but not more traffic!). This fall we have our fingers crossed that the COVID pandemic will finally abate enough to resume our regular program schedule. You should have received your 2021-2020 Yearbook and Treats Book in the mail by now. Be sure to check for all the exciting events listed in both booklets! Thanks so much to Sue Matthews for the Yearbook, and Roseanne Taylor for the Treats book (and of course, Kim Wittstadt, who found all the wonderful Treats for us!).

I call your special attention to the Yearbook's list of chairpersons! Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve and assist the Society this year. BUT there are far too many "open" positions! I invite you to consider volunteering for one of these important areas, even if you are a part-time resident. Perhaps serving with a co-chair would be more fun. Many hands make light work and you will enjoy being part of the success of our organization. Please give me a call or email to learn more!

Our Scholarship program is at the heart of the Society's mission and has been on hiatus during the pandemic. Thanks to so many of our members continuing their financial support we do have scholarship dollars to award aspiring young musicians. But we need volunteers to help run the program! In addition to an overall chairperson and/or co-chairpersons, we need a team to assist in this valuable program. The actual Scholarship Competitions will not be until January and February. An organizational meeting for the Scholarship Awards will be held on Thursday, October 28, at 10:30, (place to be announced). Please plan to attend. If you want to discuss this effort more, please call me.

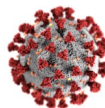
Finally, a note about our meetings and events this fall: Yes, we are still observing caution in our gatherings of all kinds. Some of our venues may change their mask requirements suddenly. When masks are optional, the Society suggests that every attendee use personal judgment as to mask use.

My sincere wishes for the good health of all our Society members and friends of music! I hope to see you at one of our events soon!

Ellen

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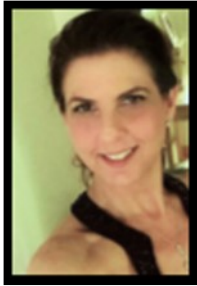


COVID—19 Precautions

As we move out of our pandemic bubbles, we will be monitoring the post-pandemic health situation. For now, luncheons will be 6 people per table. Masks may be required by some venues, but otherwise they are your personal choice. Members are encouraged to observe all CDC recommendations in effect at the time of the Society event.

Executive Director's Message

Amy Ginsburg



You're probably all familiar with that long lost friend feeling; the one where someone has been a significant meaningful presence in your life for a long time, but at some point, circumstances preclude you from seeing or talking with each other on a regular basis. When you finally reconnect, whether on the phone or, better yet, in person, you don't skip a beat. (Pardon the music pun just a little.) You pick up right where you left off because the friendship runs that deep. Though the group was small, (but not unusually so for September), that's what September's luncheon felt like. It was so wonderful to see all of you after more than a year and a half apart. I hope every day that the pandemic situation moves in the right direction – the direction of safe and healthy togetherness. I didn't realize just how heartwarming that quality time is with all of you until I didn't have access to it. I am genuinely looking forward to October's luncheon where the group will be bigger and we'll be only a few weeks away from our return to Barbara B. Mann Hall for Pops 1: The New York Bee Gees.

In the spirit of that optimism, we have a cautiously optimistic season planned this year, which you can all read about on our snazzy new website. Visit WWW.SWFLSO.ORG for concert and education department info, Society event details and we've linked respective social media accounts to each of those pages, including Sue Matthews' fabulous Flickr site so you can see all of our up to the minute activities.

In addition to the Society's luncheon and October Treat, the Symphony has the following concerts and events on the horizon:

The Southwest Florida Symphony's Annual Meeting

Bell Tower Artistic & Operations Center

Tuesday, October 12 at 5pm

Please call the box office at 239-418-1500 or email TICKETS@SWFLSO.ORG to RSVP.

You must RSVP to attend the Annual Meeting in person or via Zoom by

Wednesday, October 6 at 4:00PM.

If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting via Zoom, we will send a Zoom link to those individuals.

Pops 1: The New York Bee Gees

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall

Saturday, October 23

Doors open at 6:30pm, concert at 7:30pm

Purchase tickets [HERE](#)

Since this happens early in November and tickets in Lee County are limited, I'm including this in upcoming concert info:

MiniMasterworks: The Goldberg Variations

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

Thursday, November 11

Cocktails at 6:30pm, concert at 7:30pm

Tickets are \$30

Bell Tower Artistic & Operations Center

Friday, November 12

Tickets are \$25 – seating is very limited

See you all again very soon! It's good to be back together.

Tigers Are Coming



Southwest Florida Symphony Society Luncheon

Friday, October 1, 2021

**Heritage Palms
Golf and Tennis Club**
10420 Washingtonian Palm Way
Fort Myers FL 33966

Doors open at 11:30
Meeting begins at 12:00

Please pay at Registration Desk
\$25.00 Cash or Check
\$26.00 Charge

Reservation Deadline
Friday, September 24

******* Call 239-666-1230 *******

If you make your reservation after the deadline, you will be put on a wait list and be notified if space becomes available.

Cancellations after the reservation deadline and no shows will be billed. Call Madeline Seefeld to cancel (239-292-9910).

Menu: Chicken Bruschetta with fingerling potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls & butter, tea & coffee. Dessert will be chocolate mousse with raspberry. A vegetarian option is available if requested when reservation is made.

Special Drinks: Credit Card Only

Directions: From Colonial and Cleveland (US 41), go east on Colonial to the light at Winkler Rd., about 3.5 miles. Right on Winkler Rd., Right on Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Right on Heritage Palms Blvd. Club House is straight ahead at intersection of Washingtonia Palm Way. From Daniels Rd. and Cleveland (US 41) go east on Daniels Rd. about 2 miles to Six Mile Cypress Pkwy. Left on Six Mile Cypress Pkwy about 3 miles. Left on Heritage Palms Blvd. to Club House. Please have your Driver's License handy in case you need it.

COVID 19 Precautions: Seating will be with 6 people per table. As of September 14, Heritage Palms is requiring masks when entering the building. They permit removing them in the dining room.

Program: Emer Olivarez, Violinist



Our Featured Musician for October will be Emer Olivarez. Many of you have met Emer already in her new role as Grants and Communications Manager for our Orchestra's administration. Now we will hear about her musical side as she presents a short program for our luncheon.

Emer is a SW Florida native who has been playing the violin since first grade at North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts. She studied the Suzuki Method for years with Mitsue Schmidt and began teaching when she was in high school as well as playing in a community orchestra. She is a graduate of New York University where she earned several prestigious music scholarships. Her studies also were concentrated in Media, Culture & Communications. She currently teaches at Educators' Music Shop in Cape Coral.

Emer has broad responsibilities in her position at the Symphony, including identifying grant opportunities and seeing that we have up-to-date content on all social media.

Luncheon Collections

At every luncheon we collect used computer ink and toner cartridges which are recycled at the office supply stores for credits towards future purchases for the Symphony office or for the Society directly.



The collection of non-perishable food items for the Harry Chapin Food Bank has ended because of very low participation. You are encouraged to support the Food Bank and other programs to help the hungry through your church or other organizations.

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**CASH DRAWING TO BENEFIT
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
Remember to bring your dollars!!!



Thanks to Ruth Messmer Florist and owner Heather Messmer for providing a floral centerpiece for the President's Table each month. After the luncheon, the flowers are taken to a member who needs support and cheering.

Symphony of Treats

Our season has officially started. We hope you have received your SYMPHONY OF TREATS booklet and have perused it carefully. Did you like the cover and the inside jacket design? Rosanne Taylor came up with that idea as we celebrate our anniversary year. "THROUGH THE YEARS" is so appropriate as we look back through all the TREATS we have presented. Rosanne has prepared the booklet for printing with me for fourteen (14) years. I am so grateful to have such a good friend.

Thanks to Linda DePardo for filling in for me at the September (and upcoming October) luncheon to tell guests about our first two TREATS, "A GARDEN TEA PARTY" is the first. It will be at Shangri-La Springs in Bonita Springs on November 10. We are

limited to 20 guests, so make your reservation quickly. The second TREAT is "A DAY TRIP TO NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDEN" on Thursday, December 2. Transportation, admission to the Gardens, and Lunch at De Roma's are included as well as snacks and beverages en route. Again, we are limited to the first fourteen (14) guests who reserve a place, sooooo, assure your place by making your reservation ASAP. You may make your reservation at our luncheon or send it to Sue Wells (16645 Lake Circle Drive, #711, Fort Myers, FL. 33908-5748).

Keep the Music Playing!

Kim Wittstadt
Symphony of Treats

**Symphony Society
Executive Committee
10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 29**

**Full Board of Directors
11:00 a.m.**

On ZOOM.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

New Member
Bearden, Mary (Wendall)

New Address
Edina Lessack



Birthday	Full Name
10/01	Bonnie Gray
10/02	Dolly Ross
10/02	Anne Wardlow
10/04	Carol Rogers
10/04	Ellie Fox
10/06	Brooke Pearson
10/11	Helen V. Quodomine
10/17	Pamela Templeton
10/21	Jean Nicholson
10/24	Pamela L. Simon
10/24	Patty Sullivan
10/25	Patricia "Pat" Reisinger
10/26	Rebecca A. Ross
10/27	M. Joan Peta
10/29	Brenda B. Sammis
10/31	Constance Howard

Luncheon—September 10, 2021

The first luncheon of the 2021—2022 program year was held at Palmetto-Pine Country Club in Cape Coral. Thirty-two (32) people enjoyed the music, conversation and fellowship while they ate.



Barbra Blaharski helps out Barb Coons and Dan Wells at the check-in table.



Bee Horner and Kitty Satterfield chat before the program starts.



Kitty Satterfield's centerpieces once again brightened the tables.



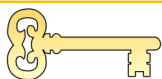
Dj Arnold sells Education Fund drawing tickets to Richard Quodmine



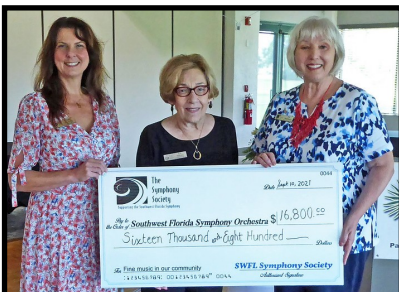
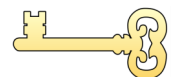
Cellist Kassandra Cooper, an FGCU student and winner of the John Hudson Scholarship this past spring, entertained.



Linda DePardo spoke about upcoming events that are part of Symphony of Treats.



Key Signatures



Executive Director Amy Ginsburg accepts the check from Co-Chairs Liz Marnul and Sue Matthews at the September luncheon.

Thanks to all that participated in the Key Signatures Fundraiser!

We have raised \$16,800. This is the first fundraiser of the season and the Orchestra will be so appreciative of this money. The Symphony Society is fortunate to have such a generous

group of members that are passionate about our Orchestra and bringing classical music to Southwest Florida.

We have printed the Yearbook and all members that participated in this important project are listed in the book. We also will be including the Key Signature Participants on the SWFL Symphony Orchestra website!

Thanks again for your support,

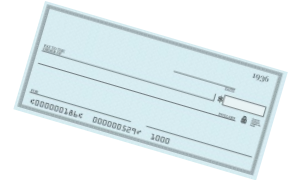
Warm Regards
Liz Marnul & Sue Matthews
Co-Chairs



CREDIT CARD, CASH OR CHECK



DID YOU REALIZE?



The Society has been happy to accommodate members who wish to use charge cards to pay for luncheons, events and contributions to our fundraising campaigns for the Symphony. They are more convenient than having cash or checks on hand, and those small personal rewards for use can add up.

BUT the Society, like every other business that accepts credit cards, pays a processing fee of 3.5% plus a 15 cent fee per transaction for each and every charge it processes? That amounts to \$1.03 every time a \$25 amount is charged, such as for our luncheons. Although that seems like a very small amount, it does add to the cost of each lunch served. We have tried to keep our cost to members at \$25.00, but the gracious clubs that we enjoy so much are now charging us as much as \$25.00 per person for our meal and service. This is realistic when their food and labor costs have skyrocketed in the past two years. The Society has other costs for each luncheon that it continues to underwrite without passing them through to luncheon attendees. Reluctantly, the Society Board of Directors has decided to add a small service charge to all charged amounts.

The Society finds it necessary to pass through the bank charges it incurs when charge cards are used. At this point in time, the fees on a \$25.00 charge are \$1.03. If the fees change, we will be adjusting the amount charged to the card user accordingly, with proper notification.

We ask for your understanding about this necessary step.

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 24 Deadline for Oct. Luncheon Reservations
- Sept. 29 Executive Committee and Board Meeting
- Oct. 1 Luncheon—Heritage Palms Golf & Country Club
- Oct. 10 Deadline for November News of Note
- Oct. 23 Pops 1—The New York Bee Gees
- Oct. 29 Deadline for Nov. Luncheon Reservations
- Nov. 3 Executive Committee and Board Meeting
- Nov. 5 Luncheon—Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club
- Nov. 10 Deadline for December News of Note
- Nov. 10 TREAT: A Garden Tea Party
- Nov. 11 & 12 Mini Masterworks: The Goldberg Variations
- Nov. 26 Deadline for Dec. Luncheon Reservations
- Dec. 1 Executive Committee and Board Meeting
- Dec. 2 TREAT: Botanical Garden Day Trip
- Dec. 3 Luncheon—Magnolia Room at Pelican Preserve



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Society Scholarship Committee

Organizational Meeting

All are invited

Thursday, October 28, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Administration Conference Room

7500 College Parkway, Suite 200

Please RSVP to Ellen
239-540-3221



Help Wanted



Are you looking for a way you can become more active and help the Symphony Society? Consider being a **Luncheon Hostess/Host**. This group of friendly people work at the monthly luncheons, greeting attendees at the door, directing them to the luncheon location, welcoming members to tables, passing out materials and generally helping the luncheons run smoothly. To join this group contact Luncheon Arrangements Chair Barb Coons (H: 239-549-8283, C: 239-218-1555 or kayebarb3344@gmail.com)

Save the Date!

New Member Event

Wednesday, November 17

At Bell Tower Artistic Center