



President's Message

Ellen Schneider



Joy! Peace! Good Health! Our wishes go out to everyone reading this issue of News of Note!

We all have much to be thankful for as we wrap up the Old Year (and we hope say goodbye to COVID-19 jitters) and launch into 2022. It has been heartening that we have had good attendance at our monthly luncheons

this fall, despite lingering apprehension about the pandemic. Many thanks to Barb Coons for her efforts to arrange for ample spacing at tables, as well as the many luncheon details with banquet managers in a difficult environment. Thanks also to Kitty Satterfield for the lovely unique table decorations each month. Kitty donates the supplies and the finished creations are sold to members with the money adding to our Society Scholarship Fund. A big thank you to Madeline Seefeld, our Reservations Chairman. This is a task that takes patience and attention to detail, and Madeline has risen to the challenge!

Most of us will be reading this edition amid Holiday Celebrations. But here is your FIRST New Year's Resolution: Make your reservation for the Society's January Luncheon NOW, before Santa has come, or you have enjoyed a bubbly cocktail to welcome 2022! Our January 7 event at Heritage Palms Country Club is very special for the Society. We will be honoring our outstanding Members of the Year, Kitty Satterfield and Anne Wardlow, for their dedication and efforts for the Society. In addition, we will recognize those members who have dedicated their time and talent in service of our mission of supporting the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra for MORE than twenty years! Won't you come

and help us say thank you to these people who have been the backbone of our organization? Deadline for reservations is Friday, December 31!

I would like to propose another resolution for all our members: at all Society events, try to meet and get to know someone you haven't spoken with before! Our newer members sometimes feel isolated in our events because we are so intent on our established friendships! We are all here for the success of the Symphony and the goals of the Society! We need to embrace those who want to be part of our efforts.

2022 is shaping up to be a very busy year. The Society starts off with several events in January and February. Details are inside, but you won't want to miss the Meet & Greet reception for our second candidate for Music Director, Laura Jackson (yes, a woman!), on January 19. Our Marilyn VanSickle Voice Scholarship Competition is on Saturday, February 5, and our BIG FUNDRAISER: YEAR OF THE TIGER is on Wednesday, February 9! Look inside for the details, but you should not miss these events!

AND of course...we will have MUSIC again...lots of wonderful music!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Society events and our Symphony concerts this new year!

Best wishes,

Ellen

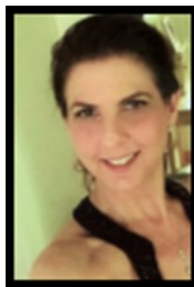
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Executive Director's Message

Amy Ginsburg



I trust you all have a lovely holiday season and that you get a chance to rest up for an exciting season ahead! As I write this, the holidays haven't happened yet and we have the busiest weeks of our concert season awaiting us with guest conductor receptions, meetings, our first Masterworks that flow seamlessly into three days of almost sold out Holiday Pops Concerts at three venues!

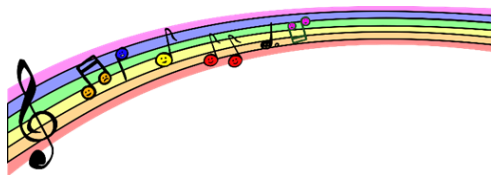
Maestro Vladimir Kulenovic only arrived in town from Germany at midnight on December 7th, just before we all had a chance to meet him at the lovely reception the Society planned at our Artistic & Operations Center and, of course, we were all thrilled to experience his talent and energy on the podium at Masterworks 1 on December 10th. Remember, we have three more conductors visiting with us this season, so even if you weren't able to make it to Maestro Kulenovic's concert and events due to holiday travel, you're encouraged to attend welcome receptions and concerts scheduled for January, February and April.

Also in January, the Endowment Foundation will hold its Legacy Society Appreciation Reception on January 22 in the Conductor's Circle Club Lounge at Barbara B. Mann Hall in advance of the Masterworks 2 performance. If you're interested in joining the Conductor's Circle Club,

have an interest in becoming a Legacy Society member or both, I invite you to contact me for information. Joining the Conductor's Circle Club provides you with the red carpet treatment at all of the Symphony's Barbara B. Mann performances and so much more. Legacy Society membership means you've made an eternal investment in arts and culture in your Florida home, which provides you and the Southwest Florida Symphony a variety of benefits.

In addition to Masterworks 2, the Symphony will participate in Cape Coral Festival of the Arts on January 8th and 9th from 9am through 5pm. Remember those days when we were able to take our Musical Sound Lab (student instruments) to community events so curiosity seekers (and latent musicians) could try them out? We are FINALLY able to do that again with string and percussion instruments! If you'd like to participate or volunteer at our Cape Coral Festival of the Arts booth in January, please reach out to Zach Mahoney, our Events Manager at zmahoney@swflso.org to sign up.

As always, thank you for your support, creativity and enthusiasm!



DIRECTORY UPDATE

New Member

Downey, Yola

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Birthday	Name
01/07	MaryAnn Sedlock
01/08	Shirley Marsh
01/09	Diane M. Thompson
01/12	Richard A. Quodomine, Jr.
01/13	Suzanne Riley
01/21	Tom Uhler
01/22	Alison B. Field
01/25	Carolyn Wilson
01/28	Suzanne Flynn
01/29	Reina Schlager
01/31	Patricia Obermiller

Southwest Florida Symphony Society Luncheon

Friday, January 7, 2022

**Heritage Palms
Golf and Tennis Club**
10420 Washingtonian Palm Way
Fort Myers FL 33912

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, December 31
(New Year's Eve)

***** 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: Garden salad, Chicken Marsala with spaghetti, broccoli, warm rolls & butter with lemon tart for dessert. Iced tea and coffee. A Vegetarian option is available if requested when a reservation is made.

Special Drinks: Credit Card Only

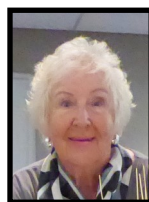
COVID 19 Precautions: Seating will be with 6 people per table. As of early December, masks are optional at Heritage Palms.

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

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 ready when you approach the gate house in case you need it.

Program: We will be honoring our outstanding Members of the Year, Kitty Satterfield and Anne Wardlow, for their dedication and efforts for the Society.



Left: Kitty Right: Anne

In addition, we will recognize those members who have dedicated their time and talent in service of our mission of supporting the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra for MORE than twenty years!

The musical portion of our program is TBA (To Be Announced).



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.

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.



Maestra & Maestros Meet & Greet



The Southwest Florida Symphony's Music Director Search Committee has invited four guest conductors to visit with our orchestra and community as we seek the perfect fit for artistic leadership to guide us into the future. Each visiting conductor will lead a Masterworks Concert during the 2021-2022 season.

We invite you to get to know these exceptional artistic leaders offstage in an intimate setting. The Symphony Society will host a reception for each visiting candidate with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres, providing our patrons and community with an opportunity to get acquainted with each conductor during his or her week with us.

Reception Dates:

Masterworks 1: Vladimir Kulenovic, Conductor
Reception, December 8, 2021

Masterworks 2: Laura Jackson, Conductor
Reception, January 19, 2022

Masterworks 3: Stephen Mulligan, Conductor
Reception, February 15, 2022

Masterworks 4: Radu Paponiu, Conductor
Reception, April 20, 2022



Reception Location:

The Southwest Florida Symphony's
Artistic & Operations Center at Bell Tower
13499 College Parkway Suite 175,
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Time:

5:30 to 7:00 PM

Reservation Required:

Mail check to: The Symphony Society
7500 College Pkwy. #200,
Ft. Myers, FL 33907
or call 239-887-3314

*Please note the event(s)
numbers on the memo
line of the check.
Please include name
of attendees.*

Cost:

\$50 per person/event

Volunteers Needed—January 19, 2022 Meet & Greet Reception

- One person to bring an appetizer for 30 people
- One person to serve during the reception (to welcome, provide help in getting wine, water, or appetizers, then takeaway trash from tables)

Volunteers Needed—February 15, 2022 Meet & Greet Reception

- Six people to bring an appetizer for 30 people.

Please contact Liz Marnul if you can assist (239-458-3620—home or 239-898-9445—cell).

Symphony of Treats

Our day trip to the Naples Botanical Gardens was very successful. Everyone had a good time and saw some very interesting plants, many of which were new to us. Donna Munizzi did a great job of getting everyone back to the van to go to DeRomo's for lunch and then getting them out of DeRomo's wonderful fresh market and in the van to head back to Fort Myers. Thanks so much, Donna. And a special thanks to the MARTIN LAW FIRM in CAPE CORAL for their generous sponsorship, without which this Treat would not have been possible!.

Sue Matthews was our hostess for the evening at our annual Christmas party at Blue Pointe Oyster Bar and Seafood Grill on Wednesday, December 15. Thank you, Sue, for this evening and for all the work and time you do for our Society. We had a nice turnout this year with close to 50 guests enjoying each other's company and spreading some good cheer with one another. Chef Andy always loves to prepare a surprise fare for us. Please remember to

thank Blue Pointe by enjoying lunches and/or dinners there. Be sure tell them you are Symphony Society members when you dine there. They are so generous to our Society.

The Symphony of Treats will be starting off the new year with Verena and Michael Schneider-Christians' exciting "Delicious Wine Pairings" on Wednesday January 12. Verena and Michael have selected wines from Spain for this year's offering. There are still a few openings, so if you wish to make a reservation, you may call Sue Wells at 318-799-1928

The February Treat "Taste of the Islands" is SOLD OUT.

Merry Christmas and good wishes for a very happy, healthy and safe New Year!

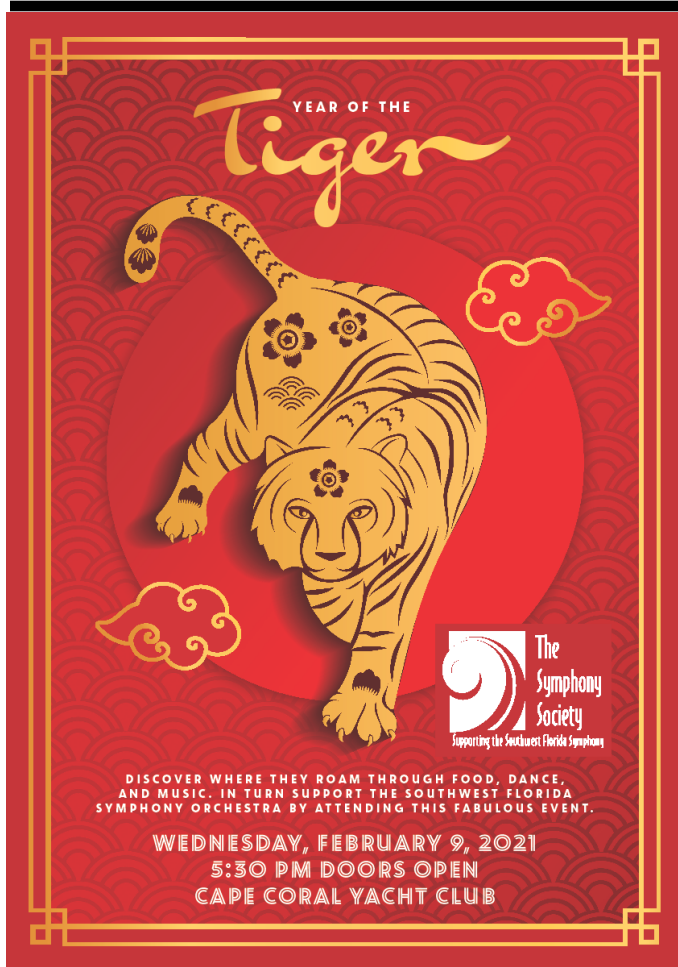
TREAT—Botanical Garden Day Trip December 2, 2021—Naples Botanical Garden



A good time was had by all on our bus ride down to the Naples Botanical Garden. Kim Wittstadt started us all off with mimosas and madeleines while we waited for the bus to arrive. Once there we had about an hour and a half to wander around. There was a temporary exhibit of woven pussy willow branches called "Sea Change". It was quite monumental!

Afterwards we boarded the bus again and headed to The Promenade for lunch at DeRomo's restaurant and food market. Apart from providing the bus, Eviana Martin of the Martin Law Firm also picked up our bar bill! Such a very generous gesture.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hope all of you are having a wonderful Holiday Season.

We can use a few volunteers to work the night of February 9, 2022 at Cape Coral Yacht Club doing the following:

- ◆ 4 volunteers needed for the Registration Desk -5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.
- ◆ 2 volunteers to sell drink tickets (sit down job). 5:00 PM to 6:45 PM
- ◆ 2 volunteers to sell raffle tickets for the Basket Raffle. 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM

That is a total of 8 volunteers for the event.

Please let Liz Marnul or Verena Schneider-Christians know if you can help.

HOST & EVENT SPONSOR - \$1500

☐ **SIBERIAN TIGER**

COMPLIMENTARY TABLE FOR SIX PEOPLE, A BOTTLE OF RAYMOND GENERATIONS WINE, FOR THE TABLE OR TO TAKE HOME, PREFERRED TABLE PLACEMENT, NAME IN PROGRAM, NAME MENTIONED FROM THE STAGE, NAME IN THE SWFLSS YEARBOOK AND WEBSITE IN THE 2022/23 SEASON. NAME ON SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT. 6 SETS OF RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE BASKET DRAWING. VALET PARKING.

☐ **BENGAL TIGER**

VENUE & ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR - \$1000

TWO COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO EVENT, PREFERRED TABLE SEATING, ONE BOTTLE OF RAYMOND CABERNET SAUVIGNON FOR THE TABLE OR TO TAKE HOME, NAME IN PROGRAM, NAME MENTIONED FROM THE STAGE, NAME IN THE SWFLSS YEARBOOK AND WEBSITE IN THE 2022/23 SEASON, NAME ON SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT. 3 SETS OF RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE BASKET DRAWING. VALET PARKING.

☐ **SUMATRAN TIGER**

BENEFACTOR - \$500

ONE COMPLIMENTARY TICKET TO EVENT, NAME IN PROGRAM, NAME IN THE SWFLSS YEARBOOK AND WEBSITE IN 2022/2023 SEASON, 1 SET OF RAFFLE TICKETS FOR BASKET DRAWING. NAME ON SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT. VALET PARKING.

☐ **CASPIAN TIGER**

PARTNER - \$80 PER PERSON

COST FOR DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT AND VALET PARKING.

NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____ TOTAL PRICE: _____

☐ **MALAYAN TIGER**

SUPPORTER

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○ MAIL YOUR CHECK TO:
THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA SYMPHONY SOCIETY 7500 COLLEGE PARKWAY, SUITE 200, FT. MYERS, FL 33907.

○ CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AVAILABLE ON THE SWFL SYMPHONY SOCIETY FACEBOOK PAGE, CLICK EVENTS TAB TO REGISTER AND PAY.

○ WE CAN ALSO ACCEPT YOUR PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION VIA TELEPHONE BY CALLING (239) 333-4041.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____



Save the date to join the SWFL Symphony Society for its spring fund raiser

SPRING INTO FASHION

A fashion show by Razzle Dazzle of Cape Coral

March 4, 2022

The Landings, Fort Myers, FL

Cost: \$50.00

Reservations can be made starting at the January luncheon.

*If you wish to form a table,
please identify the individuals with whom you want to be seated
when you make your reservations.*

It Happens Once Each Year

Serving on the Executive Committee is a great way to get to know members of the Society while providing meaningful support to the Symphony and our local community.

The Nominations Committee will soon nominate members for the 2022-2023 Executive Committee of the Symphony Society. The Executive Committee consists of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. Some of these positions will be filled by people who are currently on the Executive Committee, but other positions will need to be filled.

If you might be willing to consider participating on the Executive Committee, or know someone that you would recommend for consideration, please call any of the members of the Nominations Committee. We welcome the opportunity to discuss your possible interest and explain what is involved with each position. Brand new members, as well as longtime members, are welcome to contact us.

Please call right away, as the Nominations Committee must prepare the slate in January. There's NO obligation for making an inquiry. We look forward to talking to you!

Nominations Committee

Anne Wardlow, 954-257-8082

Elle Clifford, 239-851-0982

Kim Wittstadt, 410-262-8224

Meet & Greet 1 December 8, 2021

This reception gave people the opportunity to meet Conductor Vladimir Kulenovic before he conducted the Masterworks 1 concert.



Above: Gary Featherston, Herb Schneider, Barbra Blaharski

Below: Dick Prescott, Ellie Fox, Jack Martin, Michael Schneider-Christians, Reina Schlager, Carolyn Wilson



Above: Christina Mehta, Maestro Vladimir Kulenovic, Verena Schneider-Christians, dj Arnold

Below Center: Corey Vertich, Shelli Green, Stacia Featherston, Kathy Caldwell

Below Right: Liz Marnul, Ellen Schneider, Tom Uhler, Anne Wardlow, Amy Ginsburg, Viktorija Skraba



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Marilyn van Sickle Vocal Competition

Saturday, February 5th, 2022
Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

Application Deadline: January 20, 2020

If you know of music teachers with voice students, please alert them!

Application on swflso.org, in the SWFLSO office or email symphonysociety@swflso.org

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A Meeting of Symphony Society
Board Members and Chairpersons
will be held IN PERSON
Wednesday, January 5 at 10:30 a.m.
in the Training Room
at the Sanibel Captiva Community Bank
9311 College Parkway, Fort Myers.

Please note: there will be no separate
Executive Committee Meeting this month.

Please try to attend so we have a quorum to
transact any business
that comes before the Board.

Please notify Ellen if you cannot attend.

Dates to Remember

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| Dec. 31 | Deadline for Jan. Luncheon Reservations |
| Jan. 5 | Executive Committee and Board Meeting |
| Jan. 7 | Luncheon—Heritage Palms Golf & Country Club |
| Jan. 10 | Deadline for February News of Note |
| Jan. 12 | TREAT: Delicious Wine Pairings |
| Jan. 19 | Meet & Greet: Laura Jackson |
| Jan. 22 | Masterworks 2 |
| Jan. 28 | Deadline for Feb. Luncheon Reservations |
| Jan. 29 | TREAT: Taste of the Islands |
| Feb. 2 | Executive Committee and Board Meeting |
| Feb. 4 | Luncheon—Heritage Palms Golf & Country Club |

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Luncheon—December 3, 2021

Magnolia Room at Pelican Preserve



Left: The Acapelicans singing group from Pelican Preserve sang holiday songs.

Right: Anne Wardlow, Carol Weber, and Stacia Featherston at poinsettia tree.

Below Right: Members enjoy fellowship and food.



Below: Membership Chair Pat Obermiller welcomes new member Carol Weber



Below: Nominating Committee member Anne Wardlow installed Pat Obermiller as Assistant Treasurer.

