

President's Message

Jan Hladik



Doing a Newsletter article is not listed in the President's official duties, but like many other things it is a custom. It truly is a good idea as it gives me a format to share with you things I believe are good for the Society. Here is one. I am still waiting for return of surveys. I have received 19 two of which are from 2 members who have "aged out" of participation.

Yet they took the time to respond showing a dedication to the good of the Society. So for those of you who have not responded, are you less dedicated than these two ladies? Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and mail it in or drop it off at the symphony office.

Most of the time I will be speaking of specific positions that need attention and what is needed to

assist with encouraging members to volunteer. One item on the survey with no responses was writing publicity notices. This is not as big a job as it sounds. Emer in the office is willing to assist with publicity and all we need to provide are the details. A simple writeup of the who, what, where and when is forwarded to her and she takes it from there, although she may phone you for confirmation or more details. So give it some consideration.

Another question with no response was about luncheon entertainment. Without a committee working on this there will be no entertainment at the luncheons. So if you feel this is a necessary part of the luncheon, then step forward for the committee.

Wherever you spend the summer. May it be a happy time.

Jan

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TREAT—Sunday Brunch

April 24, 2022

Villages of Country Creek Club House

Hostess Dolly Ross welcomed the guests to the year-ending brunch. She made cute centerpieces of flowers and seeds inside a straw hat.



Above Left: Robert Short and Kim Wittstadt

Above Center: Centerpiece

Above Right: Anne Wardlow and Hostess Dolly Ross

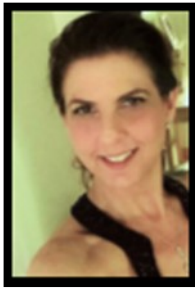
Below Left: Frank Matthews and Dolly's guest Lynn Simpson

Below Right Sitting: Nancy Petralia; Standing: John Petralia, Jerry Wittstadt and Pat Short



Executive Director's Message

Amy Ginsburg



As I prepare to deliver this final News of Note for the year, we are less than a day away from our last Masterworks of our 60th anniversary season with Maestro Radu Paponiu and guest violinist, Stella Chen. Next weekend, April 30th, we'll hold our final Pops Concert with the music of

Earth Wind & Fire and on Sunday, May 1st, we'll honor our most steadfast supporters – Legacy Society members, Chair Sponsors and Sustaining Partners, at a beautiful luncheon at Rosy Tomorrows in Alva. (If you'd like to learn more about how to join this circle of devoted individuals, please contact me. I'm available all summer.) We'll hold one more run of TinyConcerts: *Rock & Roll and the String Quartet* at several venues around Southwest Florida from May 12-14 – you can purchase tickets on line or by contacting the box office.

Then those of us in the office begin assembling the puzzle of our 61st season. Though programming isn't completely locked in yet, dates are secured... and we promise, you won't want to miss a minute of what we have in store. Subscriptions go on sale immediately following Pops 2, so we encourage you to visit our website or call our office to renew or secure your new subscriptions as soon as they're available. Next season's concert and Symphony event dates are:

Masterworks

- January 28
- March 11
- April 1
- May 6

Pops/Brave New Music

- January 21
- February 10 – BIG ARTS
- February 11
- April 22

TinyConcerts

MiniMasterworks

- Thursday, October 13 – Shell Point
- Friday, October 14 – Gulf Theater
- Saturday, October 15 – Bell Tower

Holiday TinyPops

- Sunday, December 11 – Gulf Theater
- Monday, December 12 – Shell Point
- Tuesday, December 13 – First Presbyterian, Bonita (awaiting confirmation on this one)

Non-Concert Events

- October 25, 2022 – Annual Meeting, Bell Tower **IN PERSON ONLY**
- January 28, 2023 – Legacy Society Reception*
- March 9, 2023 – Chair Affair
- April 23, 2023 – Ambassador Dinner: Legacy Society, Chair Sponsors and Sustaining Partners*
- May 2, 2023 – Symphony Society Appreciation Party*

*Subject to change

Have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer! Another season of great music and friendship is just around the corner.

Scholarship/Education Fund

The cash drawings at the monthly luncheons collected \$1,061 for the 2021/2022 season. Additional money was added from the sale of the centerpieces Kitty Satterfield created for the tables and generously donated to be sold. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and centerpieces.

Southwest Florida Symphony

Youth Orchestra



AND SINFONietta CONCERT

May 23, 2022

6:00PM

First Assembly of God

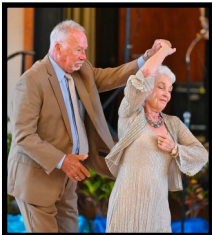
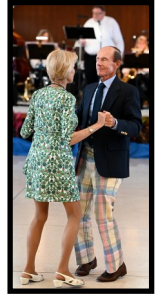
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Gala: Year of the Tiger

March 22, 2022—Cape Coral Yacht Club

Under the leadership of chairs Liz Marnul and Verena Schneider-Christians, the very successful Year of the Tiger event was sold out. It raised more than \$22,000 to support the SWFL Symphony Orchestra.



Symphony of Treats

Our SEASON has now closed with our last TREAT – “BRUNCH” at The Villages of Country Creek. It was YUMMY and everyone had their fill on Sunday, April 24. Thanks to Dolly Ross, hostess for the event, all went well. Dolly even had surprise treats for guests.

We had some fun events together this season, thanks to our hostesses. We had a Garden Tea Party at Shangri-La Springs, hosted by Linda DePardo, where we picked our own tea leaves, steeped them and enjoyed delightful tea with our lunch. Another day we traveled to the Naples Botanical Gardens by a van and then had lunch at DeRomo's in Bonita Springs. This treat was hosted by Donna Munizzi and supported by Eviana Martin of Martin Law Firm. Our Holiday Party at Blue Pointe was very nice, as always, and was hosted by Sue Matthews. (Blue Pointe is very generous to our Society. We ask that you support them in turn and let them know you are a Society member when you go there.) Verena and Michael Schneider-Christians had their Delicious Wine Pairings to warm us on a cool January evening. Jan Hladik's Taste of the Islands was a BIG success and the Mardi Gras celebration was fun. Liz Marnul's Elegant Pool Party was a huge success and last, but not least, we finally found a great Sunday Brunch at the Villages of Country Creek.

Our thanks to all the hosts and hostesses for their contributions in making this season successful, and, MANY THANKS to all of you who so generously supported the TREATS. We were able to give almost \$7000 to the Orchestra.

Thank you is also due to Rosanne Taylor for preparing the TREATS BOOKLET for printing and to Sue Wells for handling all your reservations. I could not do without their valuable help.

AND NOW! Just a peek into next season's SYMPHONY OF TREATS. The schedule is not yet complete as to dates and times but this will give you something to think about. We will be presenting a dinner cruise; a high tea; a soup night; a Northern Italian dinner; a Kitchen Social; a wine tasting; a Chinese dinner; a second Italian dinner; a luncheon with Roger, the glass engraver; and more. Also, the “Come, Hear the Music” at the Saturday morning rehearsals will return.

We will need hostesses for events, so please step up to the plate and volunteer and/or agree to host when you are asked. Watch for your TREATS booklet in September and make your reservations early, as the TREATS fill up quickly! Looking forward to a fun filled 2022-23. Call me (Kim: 410-262-8224) or e-mail (rkhwittstadt@hotmail.com) for questions or to volunteer.

Have a safe and fun-filled summer. See you in the fall!

Kim Wittstadt , Rosanne Taylor
and **Sue Wells**

TREAT—Elegant Poolside Picnic March 26, 2022—Home of Liz Marnul



With hostess Liz Marnul at the grill, a wonderful three-course steak dinner was enjoyed by those lucky enough to attend.



Left: Hostess Liz Marnul
Right: Brian McChesney and Jean Nicholson
Below Left: Enjoying company
Below Center: Linda Knight, Liz Marnul, Linda and Mike Farris
Below Right: Michael Schneider-Christians, Gary and Stacia Featherston



Luncheon—April 1, 2022

The Landings Yacht, Golf & Country Club

With two more fundraisers ahead of us, we managed to present the Symphony with over \$60,000, more than our pledge for what started out as a less than promising year. Various committee chairs "presented" their proceeds to SWFSO Executive Director Amy Ginsburg. Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to the chairs on their successful events. After their election, our new Executive Committee was sworn in (see photo below). We were also treated to some music from Youth Orchestra violinist, Ezra Dyer.



2022-2023 Executive Committee (left to right): Dick Quodomine, Recording Secretary; June Gibson, Corresponding Secretary; Joanne Hostetter, Treasurer; Stacia Featherston, Assistant Treasurer; Pat Obermiller, Vice President; and Jan Hladik, President.



Left: Violinist Ezra Dyer
Below Left: Ellen Schneider (representing the Bridge Marathon) and Amy Ginsburg
Below Right: Amy with Liz Marnul (Meet & Greet the Conductors)



Amy and Kim Wittstadt
(Symphony of Treats)

Amy and Stacia Featherston
(Spring Into Fashion)



A Thank You Note!

It is difficult to reach each and every Society member to express my appreciation for your continued support of our organization, and especially for me, personally, during these past two very unusual years as president. I have enjoyed working with those of you who have been active members. The continued encouragement of all who may not be actively involved, yet still "with us" in spirit and supportive of our various campaigns has always been heartening. Many of you missed seeing the wonderful parting gift I was given at the April Society luncheon: a marvelous fashion top with keyboard and musical signatures (plus a lot of sparkle)! I will truly enjoy wearing this, as well as the "quarter note" charm necklace and earrings that were part of the gift! Thank you so much for these lovely gifts and the memorable experience of leading this outstanding organization.

Ellen Schneider

Results of 2021-2022 Fundraising Projects

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| Key Signatures | 16,943.30 |
| Liz Marnul, Sue Matthews | |
| Bridge Marathon..... | 2,275.00 |
| Vickie Strich, Linda Farris | |
| Spring into Fashion..... | 4,369.00 |
| Sandy Magyar, Stacia Featherston | |
| Year of the Tiger | 22,776.94 |
| Liz Marnul, Verena Schneider-Christians | |
| Meet & Greet the Conductors | 7,226.00 |
| Liz Marnul | |
| Symphony of Treats..... | 6,961.85 |
| Kim Wittstadt, Rosanne Taylor, Sue Wells | |

(NOTE: All totals as of 3/31/22.
Some totals not yet complete.)

Society Volunteer Appreciation Happy Hour

April 5, 2022—SWFLSO Artistic & Operations Center—Bell Tower Shops



The Board of Trustees of SWFLSO invited every Society Member who lent a hand in a big or small way over the past year to come to the celebration. The snacks, provided by Jovana Batkovic of Nice Guys Pizza, were enjoyed by all.



Above: The snack table
Below: Our gold-star fundraisers Liz Marnul and Verena Schneider-Christians (Year of the Tiger) were presented with bottles of bubbly and edible arrangements which they shared.



Center Top Left: Michael Schneider-Christians talks with Julianna Padilla & friend who assisted. Center Top Right: Madeline Seefeld & Kitty Satterfield. Center Lower Left: Enjoying company. Center Lower Right: Richard Prescott & dj Arnold. Right Top: Barb Blaharski & Liz Marnul. Right Center: Joanne Hostetter, Ellen Schneider, Linda Gosey. Right Lower: Pat Obermiller won a basket.



Prescott Music Awards Competition A Success!

Eleven Society volunteers, 2 student helpers, 5 eminent music judges... all working together on Saturday April 16. That was the day of the Jillian Prescott Music Awards Competition, and 35 very serious music students ages 12 to 22 vied for \$8,000 in cash awards. It was a full day for our volunteers, but very rewarding to see, hear, and sometimes speak with these students who are very committed to their particular music field. We are most appreciative of Florida Gulf Coast University's Bower School of Music for opening its facility to us. The Recital Hall is a wonderful venue for this program and our special thanks to Dr. Michael Baron and his staff for making it available to us. In each music category, in each age group, a top performer was awarded a cash prize of \$599. The overall winner received \$1,800. Funds for this program are from the Jillian Prescott Memorial Music Fund. This year's awardees are:

YOUTH STRINGS: Lucia Marti Garro

YOUTH WINDS: Clara Marti Garro

YOUNG ADULT WINDS. Shelby Blocker

YOUTH KEYBOARD: Elise Brown

YOUNG ADULT KEYBOARD: Michelle Wijaya

YOUTH VOICE: Jade Rojas

YOUNG ADULT VOICE: Valeria Estrada Jaime

OVERALL TOP PERFORMER: Valeria Estrada Jaime





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CHORAL ARTISTRY 2021-2022 Season
Dr. Trent Brown, Artistic Director
Abigail Allison, Accompanist





November 2021 January 2022 April 2022

Choral Artistry is fka Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida

ChoralArtistry.org

For Audition Information:
ChoralArtistry.org/general-auditions



Birthdays – May - August



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| 05/04 | Robert E. Diefenbach |
| 05/06 | Linn Bussmann |
| 05/07 | Mary Kort |
| 05/09 | Mary Daley Jacobs |
| 05/10 | Edina Lessack |
| 05/15 | Bette Neuman |
| 05/15 | Ron Click |
| 05/21 | Bee Horner |
| 05/26 | Donna M. Downey |
| 05/27 | Christina I. Seagren |
| 06/01 | Barb Coons |
| 06/04 | Vickie Strich |
| 06/05 | Gary D. Downey |
| 06/06 | John Wright |
| 06/09 | Christina Boyhan |
| 06/11 | Carol Fuechsel |
| 06/15 | Joan May |
| 06/15 | Susan Mack |
| 06/16 | Joan Fedorak |
| 06/18 | Kim Wittstadt |
| 06/18 | Dan Wells |

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| 06/19 | Paula Mattras |
| 06/20 | Thelma C. Gunter |
| 06/22 | Mary Finver |
| 06/24 | Rosanne Taylor |
| 06/26 | Pauline Strahman |
| 06/27 | Judy Joyce |
| 06/29 | June De Mars |
| 06/29 | Jeffrey Cull |
| 06/30 | Lona Meister |
| 07/01 | James Scott, III |
| 07/06 | Alexandra Bremner |
| 07/09 | Carol S. Robinson |
| 07/11 | Gloria Selander |
| 07/13 | Pat Daniels |
| 07/13 | Madeleine Taeni |
| 07/18 | Ellen R. Schneider |
| 07/19 | Annie T. Mrozinski |
| 07/22 | Marsha Klamner |
| 07/25 | W. M. "Bill" Otey, III |
| 07/29 | Terry Conesky |
| 07/31 | Mary Francis |

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| 07/31 | Heather Messmer |
| 08/02 | Roz Lesser |
| 08/05 | Angelo G. DePardo |
| 08/06 | Barbara Carlson Johnson |
| 08/07 | Lee Tauck |
| 08/08 | Joyce Weiman |
| 08/10 | Michele A. Holcomb |
| 08/12 | Marguerite "Mimi" Gearing |
| 08/13 | Lois M. Welsh |
| 08/15 | Mary M. March |
| 08/19 | Linda Farris |
| 08/20 | Robert M. Brosey |
| 08/20 | (Kitty) Hermine Satterfield |
| 08/21 | Esther M. Kulhavi |
| 08/24 | Michael Schneider-Christians |
| 08/24 | Carol Edmier |
| 08/26 | Deborah A. Wilson |
| 08/28 | Dieter Schorn |
| 08/30 | C. Eugene Smith |
| 08/30 | Liz Marnul |

Symphony Society Membership Renewal 2022-2023

Please mail renewal form to:

Symphony Society Membership Committee, 2455 La Salle Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33907-5812
The fiscal year is July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 Receipt by Aug 1, 2022 ensures Yearbook listing

Choose your membership level and note your additional donation for the scholarship fund:

\$50 ☐ Active (I will participate in Society events, join a committee, organize a Treat, etc.)

\$75 ☐ Patron (I am not able to provide any active participation this year)

\$_____ ☐ Symphony Society Scholarship-Education Fund donation. Music study scholarships are awarded to talented local youth following an annual competition in December.

\$17 ☐ I have an e-mail address but I'd like a printed copy of the News of Note mailed to me.

TOTAL \$_____ Circle payment option: Check payable to SWFLSS AmEx MCard Visa Discover

Credit Card Acct. No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name: _____ Birthday: _____ CVV/Security Code: _____

Spouse: _____ MM/DD Billing Zip Code: _____

Address: _____

Summer Address: _____

Dates for mail to summer address:

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