

President's Message

Jan Hladik



The season has begun! And we're off to a good start with the first luncheon. What a joy it was to have Maestro Radu Paponiu and his wife Blair attend. Radu gave us a preview into the upcoming concert season and his vision for new projects. His enthusiasm was inspiring! For those members who attended, I hope his enthusiasm has inspired you to step up into

the many tasks ahead. So, what part will you play? Since the last NON some have come forward and committed to a part. But many parts are still needed.

If you are good at organizing, the Prescott Scholarship competition would be a good project for you. Just schedule a time and place then assemble your team and have the team members get others to work with them. You do not have to do it all. Divide the tasks into smaller ones such as communications (sending out info about the competition); records keeping/receiving applications, checking for completion and accuracy, depositing the registration fee; registration/check in the day of the competition; escorting from check-in to warm-up rooms; contacting potential judges and scheduling them; monitors who make sure the correct contestant gets on stage at the correct time; hospitality arranges lunch for the judges and volunteers if they have been there all day, maintaining a refreshment table with beverages and snacks; mailing the judges' evaluation to each contestants after the competition. The bonus is being able to sit in on some of the

performances. It's amazing how accomplished they are.

In October Robert Van Winkle, Community Outreach Ambassador for the Symphony will present the slide show and information that he has available to present to groups in the community with facts about the Symphony. There also is a section promoting the Society. These first two months were educational to better connect you with the orchestra. However, after that there is no scheduled entertainment for the luncheons and this has always been an integral, usually musical, part of the luncheon. That leaves 5 more needing to be scheduled. Even if you have only one contact you would like to see participate in our luncheon, just let me know which month you would like to schedule it, to avoid double booking.

A really simple task is being a hostess at a luncheon you were already planning on attending. This is an important part of hospitality for guests, visitors and members alike. I enjoyed greeting at the door, to say hello and welcome to all who came. At the table make sure any new attendees are introduced all around, guide those at your table to review the printed material and encourage them to participate. You think that would be too hard for you? Then just pretend they are guests in your home, how would you treat your guests?

We're off to a good start, let's keep going playing a part in supporting the Symphony orchestra.

Jan

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Executive Director's Message

Amy Ginsburg



It was wonderful to see those of you were able to attend the September luncheon where Radu gave an engaging overview of what we can expect in the coming season. If you were still traveling and unable to spend that afternoon with us, don't worry.

There will be other opportunities to meet and get to know our dynamic new Music Director and his lovely wife, Blair, including at our upcoming Annual Meeting in late October.

Our Youth Orchestra ensembles reconvened during the first full school week of September and they are thrilled to be working together again. During the summer, we forged a beautiful partnership with the Heights Center in South Fort Myers that allows us to provide YO involvement tuition free, so that all children who desire access to music education and instrumental instruction have access, regardless of a family's ability to pay. Funding for this program is generously provided by a multitude of donors, grants and foundations, so we are always on the lookout for YO support. As the program grows, it will require additional instructors, music, folders and management, so if you or someone you know wishes to support this transformative program, please connect them with me. Everyone is invited to

attend the YO's first concert of the year. Witnessing performances like these is a touching reminder of the importance of arts education in the lives of ALL kids. We hope you'll join us on Monday, November 14th at the Heights Center, located at 15570 Hagie Drive, Fort Myers, 33908. The concert starts at 6:30pm.

We're bringing our Holiday Pops, the SWFLSO Christmas Show, to town a little early this year! From December 11-13, you can catch a concert in Punta Gorda at Gulf Theater, at the Shell Point Village Church or at First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, featuring the return of a favorite guest artist of the orchestra and audience, Andrew Lipke. He has written a holiday program specifically for our orchestra! This is not a show you want to miss and because these performances come pretty close to selling out at every venue, we encourage you to grab your tickets now.

Looking forward to seeing even more Society members at our October luncheon when our Community Outreach Ambassador, retired NBC-2 Chief Meteorologist Robert Van Winkle, will entertain and educate us with his presentation! Thanks again for your continued support and involvement!

**Symphony Society
Executive Committee and
Board of Directors
10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

**All members are welcome
To attend**

**Sanibel Captiva Community Bank
9311 College Parkway
(corner of McGregor Blvd.)**

Directory Updates

New Member

Zachman, Janis Hutchins (Jay)

E-mail: janiszachman@aol.com

Change of EMail

dj Arnold - darlyndajoyce@gmail.com

Dolly Ross - sisterd321@gmail.com

Southwest Florida Symphony Society Luncheon

Friday, October 7, 2022

The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club

4425 S. Landings Drive
Fort Myers FL 33919

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

Please pay at Registration Desk
\$30.00 Cash or Check
\$31.50 Charge

NOTE: After a discussion and vote at the September SWFLSS Board of Directors meeting, the lunch price has been raised to \$30.00 for cash or check, \$31.50 for charges. This is necessary to simply cover the cost of the luncheons.

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

Reservation Deadline
Friday, September 30, 2022

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).

Directions: Enter the Landings from McGregor Blvd. at the first light south of College Parkway. The guard at the gate will direct you to parking. **Please have your driver's license ready when you approach the gate house in case you need it.**

Menu: Pasta Primavera: Farfalle pasta tossed with spinach, tomato, summer squash, caramelized onions, roasted garlic and Parmesan cheese with grilled garlic. Rolls & butter, Chef's choice of dessert, coffee and tea. A vegetarian option is available if requested when a reservation is made.

Special Drinks: Cash or Credit Card

Program: The SWFLSO's new Community Outreach Ambassador, retired NBC-2 Chief Meteorologist Robert Van Winkle, will entertain and educate us with his presentation! This is the slide show and information that he will use to introduce groups in the community to facts about the Symphony. Come and learn tidbits about the Symphony that you never knew



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.



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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

By now, you have had a chance to review the SYMPHONY OF TREATS booklet. We hope you have enjoyed reading all the TREATS that are offered for you this upcoming season. Be sure to make your reservations early with Sue Wells, (314-799-1928) as these Treats sell out quickly and the number of guests are limited.

We want to remind you that all profit goes directly to support our orchestra and, as you are aware, costs in everything have risen recently. When you look at the costs of the Treats, please understand that our profits are minimal. The dinner parties have not increased in price this year and are completely the donation of the hosts and hostesses. We thank them for their generous support and we thank you for supporting our efforts. Please enjoy!

The very first TREAT is the Tea Party on Saturday, Nov. 19 and it is going to be a fun afternoon. The second is the Holiday in the Garden on Wednesday, Dec. 14 where you will be making your very own holiday decoration. January will bring us our very first 'SOUP NIGHT' on Sat. Jan. 14. You won't want to miss this!

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone: 410-262-8224 or by e-mail:

rkh Wittstadt@hotmail.com

With all good wishes for the beginning of the upcoming holidays,

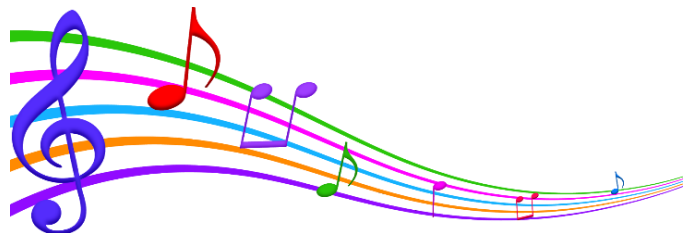
Kim Wittstadt, Chair
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Rosanne Taylor, Booklet



Birthday	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
10/23	Lowell Hart
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
10/31	Kenneth Boyd

Dates to Remember

Sept. 30 Deadline for Oct. Luncheon Reservations
Oct. 5 Executive Committee and Board Meeting
Oct. 7 Luncheon—Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club
Oct. 10 Deadline for November News of Note
Oct. 13-15 MiniMasterworks
Oct. 28 Deadline for Nov. Luncheon Reservations
Nov. 2 Executive Committee and Board Meeting
Nov. 4 Luncheon—Magnolia Room at Pelican Preserve
Nov. 10 Deadline for December News of Note
Nov. 14 Youth Orchestra Concert
Nov. 25 Deadline for Dec. Luncheon Reservations
Nov. 30 Executive Committee and Board Meeting
Dec. 2 Luncheon—Magnolia Room at Pelican Preserve
Dec. 11—13 SWFLSO Christmas Show



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 information.

Congratulations!



If you know of a Society member who should
 receive a card of support or happiness, please
 notify the Corresponding Secretary:

June Gibson
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 239-936-7792 (home)
 617-759-0085 (cell)

*Thinking
 of you*

Luncheon—September 9, 2022

The first luncheon of the 2022—2023 program year was held at Heritage Palms Golf and Tennis Club in Fort Myers. Forty three (43) people enjoyed a presentation by Maestro and Music Director Radu Paponiu on his goals for the coming season and the future of the orchestra. Lots of conversation and fellowship followed while people enjoyed their meal.



Dining Room at Heritage Palms



Above left: Blair and Radu Paponiu



Above Right: Radu Paponiu gave a lively talk on the upcoming season and more



Right (L to R): Verena Schneider-Christians, New Members Anne Kimball, Janis Zachman and Radu Paponiu, and President Jan Hladik