

Guild Notes

Winter 2022

Keep the Music Playing

From the President's Desk



Dear Guild Members,

Welcome to 2022! While COVID is still a concern, it's been great to see so many of you again.

The Holiday Party at the home of Beth Lee was well attended and it was great seeing faces I have missed and everyone enjoying each others company. A special treat was some caroling from the piano, led by our own Beth Lee, with David Kiser, GSO Education Director!

The Guild Office closed on December 31. The furniture, momentos and office supplies were organized, given away, sold, purged, or donated. The remaining items were moved to the storage area nearby. Many Guild members pitched in for the huge project. Many thanks to Carolyn and Don Beckie, Beth Lee, Theresa Brim, Jean Parker, Nancy Teachey, Claudette Corbett, and Eileen Hofmeister.

We are currently planning an exciting fundraising event with Richard DeBondt and Northampton Wines in March. This will be on a Sunday, with wine tasting stations throughout the venue. Tickets are \$100.00. Invitees include Richard's mailing list, the Guild, GSO Board and Symphony subscriber list. This will be a fun event and I hope many of our members will buy a ticket and find lovely wine to buy and take home!

Future Guild meetings will be held in locations like the Fine Arts Center, The Sigal Music Museum and more. I am booking speakers for these meetings as well. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon at a meeting or an event!

With a smile,

Debra Strange
President, Guild of the Greenville Symphony

COMING EVENTS

Membership meeting: 2/28, 11 a.m.

Place: TBA

Lollipops Concert: 2/19

Rehearsal Dinner: 2/25

Wine Tasting: 3/6, 4:30 pm—6:30 pm

NEW GUILD CONTACT INFORMATION

Make a note of these:

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Jennifer Mullins: 864.232.0344, Ext. 113

(Mondays, 1:30-5:30)



BUNCHES OF LUNCHESES

Members of the Guild were treated to a bunch of lunches late last year, consisting of small groups of about six who met in members' homes for fun, food, and getting to know each other better. Meeting the goal of having every member of the Guild participate was well on the way to being met until the new virus variant appeared.

The plan is to start up again in late February, pending pandemic guidelines. If you are interested in hosting a luncheon or want to be near the top of the list of guests, call Carolyn Beckie to get the ball rolling.

HELPFUL PRONUNCIATIONS:

TCHIVZHEL = CHIEF-JEL

SIGEL MUSIC MUSEUM - rhymes with WIGGLE



THE NEW HIDEAWAY “OFFICE” – THE STORAGE ROOM

The Guild is fortunate to have a secure storage area at McAlister Square. We have used this large storage space since moving from the old Greenville Mall on Woodruff Road at least ten years ago. It is accessed from a side hallway across from our office. There is no signage, and a key and combination lock are necessary.

A thorough cleaning was first, then a serious re-organizing of our collected items: concert preview and orchestra dinner supplies, financial records, best practices for our fundraising events and archival records. Guild members were notified in the fall if they wished to keep framed tour posters and scrapbooks; several examples are saved.

We arm-wrestled Guild belongings into this storage space. Items are all labeled and available when needed. We “cleared the decks” and sorted reports and graphics of our major events. They are in binders titled Summaries. Every page was considered, but every time we thought we were finished, another box or file appeared!

Many thanks to Teresa, Debra, Jean, Nancy T., Beth, Don & Carolyn, Claudette, & Eileen. If you are not familiar with the names listed above, come meet these officers and volunteers at the next meeting or event.

We feel ready to start the new year with new insights, new energy and new ways to support our Orchestra!

CALL FOR FORKS



Carolyn Beckie, Rehearsal Dinner Chairman, is collecting stainless steel forks. She needs 100 of them, and is not worrying if they don't match. The aim is to replace the plastic ones used at the rehearsal dinners with “real” ones. So look through your orphan fork collection and share any you can spare. Why not bring them to the next members' meeting? Carolyn thanks you in advance.



LOLLIPOPS CONCERTS - USHERING OPPORTUNITIES

2/19/22 Five Forks Library, 11:30 a.m.



A special treat is in store for members of the Orchestra Guild who answer GSO Education Director David Kiser's invitation to usher at a Lollipops Concert.

These creative and interactive programs introduce children to basic music concepts through classical music provided by the GSO Chamber Ensembles while a storybook is being shared.

The program is targeted to children ages 2-6, and provides an enjoyable, interactive experience for elementary children and adults. Especially the ushers!

“I always appreciate a presence from the Guild at our events,” says David, “and am grateful for your help AND moral support.” It may surprise you to learn that last month, there were over 160 attendees.

On February 19, the book will be “Tacky the Penguin” and feature the GSO String Quartet. Afterward, even the adults receive a lollipop. So, check your calendar and plan for a musical experience with members of the GSO and future appreciators of classical music.

AND a big “Thank you” to Jane & Ian Clarke, Charlie Sabo, Beth Lee, and Tom Oswald, who had the pleasure of ushering the January 8 concert.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

DON'T MISS a Piano Masterclass with piano soloist OLGA KERN on February 25 at the Governor's School. This is a unique opportunity to observe a master teacher stimulate artistry with talented students.

Class will begin at 10:00 a.m., masks are required.



FEATURED NEW MEMBER

WELCOME Eileen Hendrickson! Eileen joined the Guild this fall, and we're thrilled to have her. Both she and her husband Mark are retired college professors. Eileen taught theater arts, and Mark taught economics. Their daughter, Karin, lives in the UK, and is an orchestral conductor.

I recently spoke to Eileen (after her Latin Zumba class) and asked what brought them to Greenville. They took a three-week trip, she said, visiting friends, and exploring their options. None of us are surprised that Greenville came out on top. "It was climate and activity," said Eileen. "It is a small city, but with major universities, an orchestra, theaters, and the Peace Center. And there is a baseball team."

So now that you've been introduced, the next time you see Eileen, give her a wonderful Guild welcome. And think of a friend you could invite to join the Guild.

REHEARSAL DINNERS

For fun Friday nights



With the GSO concert season in full swing, the Guild is again hosting dinner for the musicians during the Friday night rehearsal break. Carolyn Beckie is organizing and gracefully meeting every logistical challenge with ease (i.e. how to keep the casseroles warm now that there is no oven in the Peace Center kitchen.)

Guild members make the recipe that's supplied, and others donate green salad and fruit salad. And plenty of desserts.

Then comes the fun part of serving the dinners and having the opportunity to interact with the musicians. They are appreciative and hungry, making all the effort worthwhile.

The dinners are held once a month, and if you'd like the opportunity to participate, Carolyn will happily put you on her list. It's really fun.



12/10/21 HOLIDAY PARTY - IT WAS FABULOUS!

The 2021 Holiday Party was a fabulous success! Thirty-five vaccinated Guild members attended, plus David Kiser, GSO Education Manager, and his wife Lisa, GSO keyboardist.

The food from Fresh Market was fabulous. Beth Lee's historic home was fabulous. The decorations were fabulous. The piano music was fabulous. The attendees were fabulous. The four trays of jumbo shrimp were especially fabulous.

AND the \$10 per person ticket price covered the entire cost of the event, especially since Debra Strange donated the wine, Beth Lee provided the soft drinks and beer, and Theresa Brim paid for the bartender, plus the holiday plates and napkins. Carolyn and Don Beckie did a "50-50" fundraiser during the party, which added over \$100 to Guild funds.

A huge THANK YOU to the fabulous Theresa Brim, with help from Eileen Hofmeister, who worked tirelessly to make it all happen. Fabulously.

If you missed it, there is talk about another fabulous event in the spring. Stay tuned.



Eileen Hofmeister and Theresa Brim

Memorials

A memorial was received honoring
Diane Darling
by Bev Whitten



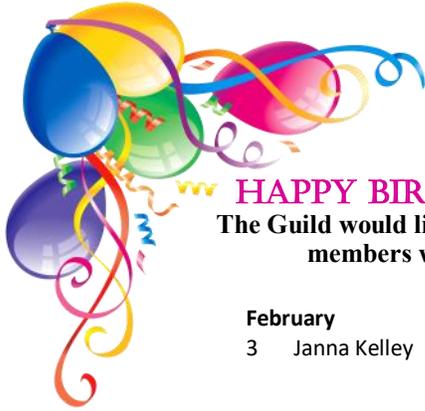
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY GUILD MEMBERS!

The Guild would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to our members with February/March Birthdays!

February

3 Janna Kelley

March

3 Deb Peabody
4 Rachel Jeffreys
6 Walter Hinton
9 Margo Gerus
9 Jean Parker
18 Fran Wertheim
24 Don Beckie
24 Joe Jones
27 Theresa Brim
27 Anne Civilette
28 Randy Jester

