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Sandy Weston Receives Golden Note Award

Sandy Weston was presented with the 2010 Golden Note Award at the May General Membership Luncheon at Sedgfield Country Club. This award was established in 1979 to honor Guild members who have made an outstanding service contribution to the Guild and the community.

Sandy joined the Guild in 2001 and immediately stepped into service. In fact, she started working a Guild Super Sale prior to joining and that is how many Guild Members first met her. She quickly became a Super Sale Expert, always a central figure on the committee. This year, she served as treasurer of Super Sale 2010.

For the past nine years, Sandy has consistently said yes to the Guild on all levels. Her "Guild Resume" is impressive and includes Music in the Middle Chair, Elementary Concerts Chair, Homes Tour Vice Chair, Homes Tour Treasurer, and Homes Tour House Mama Chair. If we have a Homes Tour question it is often Sandy who can answer it. She has served three years on the Executive Committee as Recording Secretary, and two consecutive years as Vice President of Fund-raising. Additionally, she has served on the Nominations/Awards, Long Range, and Golf Committees. She has helped to sell cookbooks all over town. She is the one who arrives at the crack of dawn at locations such as Replacements and the Curb Market's annual Herb Festival.

Sandy possesses an intuitive sense of what needs to be done and like the Nike commercial she just does it! As she gets the job done she always displays a strong sense of loyalty and respect for both the project and the person in charge. During her two years as VP Fund-raising, she marched with the Guild President and the Fundraiser Chair every step of the way. She was willing



to do whatever it took. As a close friend says "Sandy puts the finishing touch on everything" whether it be assembling baskets with beautiful bows for the barbecue at the Cultural Arts Center in 2003 or wrapping cookbooks for sale at holiday time. Her spirit runs deep and is positively contagious.

This reminds us of why Sandy was awarded the Bravo Award in 2004. She now holds the unique position in Guild history of being the first to receive both the Bravo and Golden Note Awards.

Outside of the Guild, Sandy is a Master Gardener and through her efforts Moses Cone H. Cone Memorial Hospital now has a farmer's market each Thursday morning during the growing season

where fresh, organic fruits and vegetables are available. The purpose is to promote healthy eating. She has volunteered at the hospital since January 2009, and she sits on the Volunteer Board of Directors there.

Sandy, a native of Buffalo, N.Y. enjoyed a career with AT&T. Since her retirement she has chosen to transfer her skills and strong work ethic to volunteerism. The Guild is grateful to be among her choices.

Congratulations Sandy on a well-deserved award!

—Suzy Walker

Endowment Update from Greensboro Symphony Orchestra

We have received a generous donation from **Linda Wilson** for our endowment fund, honoring Guild President, **Connie Saul** and Presentation Ball Chair, **Jo Kennedy**. We sincerely thank you for your generous giving benefiting the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra.



A note from your President



Celebrate the Music! It is hard to believe that the 2009-2010 Guild year is just about over. What a celebration we have had thanks to the hard work, dedication and support from the Guild membership and community. I cannot begin to explain to you the honor and privilege it has been to represent each of you as Guild President this year. This is a fabulous organization that provides tremendous support to our Greensboro Symphony Orchestra, the Youth Orchestra and the community members of all ages in the area of music education and appreciation. I hope that each of you will be proud of your accomplishments as we worked together to carry out the Guild's vision and mission this year.

Our 19th Golf Tournament and Ladies Tennis Tournament at Starmount Country Club was a huge success. Many thanks to **Sherri Hill, Elizabeth Stephens** and Honorary Chairs Mark and **Kim Littrell** for their leadership,

time and planning to make these events so successful. We were all excited to announce one of our bronze sponsors was a hole-in-one winner, Talmage Payne, PNP Design Group! Our gratitude is extended to all of the sponsorships, players, donors, and volunteers that contributed to the day's success at these two events (see article).

Our last General Membership Meeting at Sedgefield Country Club was so special. What a wonderful welcome we had with **Peggy Follin** playing the piano as we entered Sedgefield. We were also treated to the musical talents from two students in the Youth Orchestra Flute Choir conducted by Linda Cykert (GSO flutiest, see article). Our thanks are extended to **Peggy Johnson** and **Barbara Sanders** for helping to plan such a special program and to **Cam Current** and to **Margaret Faison** for their work in making our last membership meeting grand. Congratulations to **Sandy Weston** on being honored with the Golden Note Award. Sandy has dedicated her time, talents and support to the GSG and GSO for many years and truly exemplifies this service award (see article).

The memories and talents we have shared this year will be a treasure. From the GSG Women's Chorus sharing their singing talents with us and the community to our members playing the piano at our luncheons, **Elizabeth King** (Sept, whom we fondly remember), **Ann Wilson** (Feb) Peggy Follin (May) and to all that played at the Homes Tour. To all those that led and worked to make our fundraisers special and successful (see Hats Off article). Additionally, our Homes Tour Auction Chairs, **Nancy Beaver** and **Betsy Key** were two new members that rolled up their sleeves and contributed so much to the success of the Gala! Our Education programs and the Youth Orchestra Concerts were so special and rewarding. All these and more are wonderful examples of the 2009-2010 accomplishments we all will remember and be proud of.

We would like to thank **Fray Metcalfe** for her outstanding contribution to the GSG for the past two years. Our newsletters, *The Guild Horn*, have been superb thanks to her time, talent, and dedication as Editor. *The Guild Horn* is an important part of marketing and publicity for each Guild member. Thanks to Fray's efforts with the layout, the membership was able to stay informed with the many programs, projects and Guild happenings. We appreciate her time in adding pictures each month to help share our story. We would also like to thank new member, **Mary Rush** for joining the GSG and working as Assistant Editor with Fray during this Guild year. Her input and editing assistance to Fray was very valuable.

Finally, my last thought for each of you is wishing you always **Music in your life, a Song in your soul, and Harmony in your heart.** Again, I thank you so very much for this wonderful opportunity to serve you as President. It is an honor to be among the previous leadership from outstanding Past Presidents and members of the GSG. I look forward to working with current and new members as we continue to accomplish our goals and support musical opportunities.

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Hats Off to the Guild!

The Greensboro Symphony Guild is so excited and proud to make an **\$80,000** total contribution to the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra for the 2009-2010 year. This contribution supports the numerous Education Programs, Orchestra, Endowment, and Greensboro Youth Orchestra awards and scholarships. Here is the breakdown:

GSO contribution	\$51,550
Masterworks Sponsor	\$ 5,000
Educational Support	\$15,300
Youth Orchestra Support	\$ 4,500
Youth Scholarships	\$ 2,650
GSO Endowment	\$ 1,000

We were able to accomplish this great contribution due to **your** efforts, dedication, and support. While they were a lot of work, this accomplishment was due to the successful fundraisers. The leadership provided by the chairs and committee members was outstanding. Thanks to their efforts they were able to encourage the volunteers and community to come out and support each event. We salute our Homes Tour Team led by **Ann Warrick**, chair and **Peggy Hamilton**, vice-chair; our Presentation Ball Committee led by Chair, **Jo Kennedy** and Vice-Chair, **Valerie Sutton** and Honorary Chair **Kaye Tutterow**; our Super Sale Committee led by Co-Chairs, **Lindsey Nail** and **Leigh Ann Safrit** and our Golf/Tennis Tournament Committee and Volunteers led by **Elizabeth Stephens** and **Sherri Hill** Co-Chairs and Honorary Chairs **Mark** and **Kim Littrell**.

Hats off to everyone for making this such a successful contribution in these economic times! I salute you all for your tireless efforts and accomplishments.

—Connie Saul

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We are going to be in the wonderful hands of **Peggy Hamilton**, her Executive Committee and Board. I am looking forward to working with them and our membership as we continue to accomplish our goals and support musical opportunities.

—Connie Saul



Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra Enjoys European Tour

After many months and years of preparation, fund raising and practice, practice, practice, sixty-one members of the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra realized their dreams of a European tour.

From March 26 through April 4, these young people traveled through Salzburg, Vienna and Munich. They performed three concerts of challenging works, including Handel, Copland and Beethoven for audiences of up to 1000! A highlight was rehearsal and sectionals led by four members of the Berlin Philharmonic, rehearsing Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*!

Touring, including the Sound of Music tour, castles, a performance of *Carmen* and even a little shopping, was an experience of a lifetime for these students. Many thanks to all who helped support our young musicians and made this opportunity possible!

—Andrea Knupp

GSYO Award Winners Announced

Jane Armfield and Hermene Eichhorn Scholarship
Caroline Webster, McKayla Phillips, Vivian Tran



Caroline M. and Clayton Lee Scholarship
Aaron Jones



Jean Trimble Sullivan Memorial Scholarship
Logan Dailey



Conductor's Award
April Lee



Samuel G. Wilson Scholarship (Concerto Competition)
Theo Chandler

—Kathy Dunn



Administrative Assistant Announces Retirement

Margaret Faison announced at the May Joint Board Meeting that she will retire at the end June 2010. Margaret has held the position of Administrative Assistant for the past six years.

She has dedicated her time and talents to this position in a number of ways; keeping Guild members informed of upcoming activities through email and postcards, compiling the Guild Directory, maintaining the volunteer list and assisting the Executive Committee and Board of Directors in numerous ways. Margaret has dedicated **38 years of service** to the Greensboro Symphony Guild and Greensboro Symphony Orchestra.

Margaret joined the GSG in 1972 and served as General Manager of the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra for eight years (1975-83). During this time she led the orchestra from the status of "Community Orchestra" to that of "Metropolitan Orchestra" category and became a founding member of the Southeastern Regional and Metropolitan Orchestra Managers. Additionally, Margaret helped to establish the Association of Symphony Orchestras of North Carolina, which is now the present SOVA (Southeastern Orchestra Volunteer Association).

During 1983 to 1987, the Faisons lived in Wilmington, North Carolina. Upon their return to the Greensboro area, Margaret rejoined the GSG and held many positions, including serving as the 1998-99 Guild President. She served on the GSO Board from 1995 to 2007 (with one rotation year off). During that time she was on the GSO Executive Committee for four years and was the GSO Board Secretary for two years. Her husband, Walter, has also dedicated his time and talents to the GSG. Walter has served the Guild by being our official photographer and was also helped to establish the "The Guild Gents," the men's support of the GSG. In 2007, Walter and Margaret were honored as the first couple to receive the Golden Note Award for their years of commitment and dedication.

On behalf of the Guild membership, President Connie Saul would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Margaret for her years of dedication. The GSG and GSO are truly indebted to Margaret for her dedication and talents. Both organizations have grown under her leadership and we gratefully acknowledge her many accomplishments. We wish Margaret and Walter the very best and look forward to working with them in future Guild projects.

—Connie Saul

GSYO Students Perform at May Luncheon

The Guild was fortunate to have two students from the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra to perform at the Guild Luncheon on May 19th. Carrie Graham, a student at Page High School, and Nishkala Shivakumar, a student at Guilford Early College, are flutists who perform in the recently organized SGYO Flute Ensemble directed by Linda Cykert, Second Flutist of the GSO and teacher at Elon College. They played a variety of music, including classical and jazz selections.

The Guild is also happy to have showcased our outstanding Youth Orchestra at our kick-off Guild Luncheon in September. Thanks to Lisa Crawford and Peter Zlotnick for arranging this program.

—Peggy Johnson

Fund Raising VP Says Thanks

Our Guild owes many thanks to the women who stepped up to the plate to very successfully chair our fundraisers this year. **Ann Warrick** and **Peggy Hamilton** exceeded their budget by raising \$31,990 for the Homes Tour. The Deb Committee, under the leadership of **Jo Kennedy** and her committee, raised \$10,385, exceeding their projected budget. **Lindsay Nail** and **Leigh Ann Safrit** resurrected Super Sale in a wonderful manner and exceeded their budget by raising \$13,935. **Sherri Hill** and **Elizabeth Stephens** chaired the Golf and Tennis Fundraiser with **Kim and Mark Littrell** as Honorary Chairs. Their event raised \$21,354, once again exceeding their budget. These chairs and the countless volunteers who helped them have made this year so very successful. We all owe them our sincere thanks. Well done, everyone!

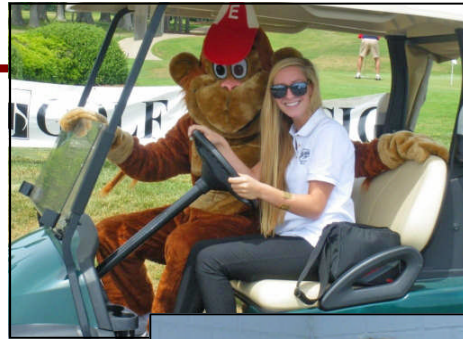
—Lex MacFarlane Kulman

—Thank You—

Bridget Macpherson

for your generous donation to
Women's Chorus.

The 19th Annual Golf Classic was held Monday, May 10, at Starmount Forest Country Club. This year marked the addition of a Ladies Tennis Tournament, held the same morning at the Starmount Tennis facility. Forty women participated in the round-robin event, then gathered at the clubhouse for a beautiful luncheon and prize ceremony. The festivities continued at 1pm when 72 golfers stormed the golf course under the most perfect weather conditions. Foreign Cars Italia and Harley-Davidson of Greensboro were our hole-in-one sponsors, and, while no one won either the car or motorcycle, Talmadge Payne of PNP Design Group, our only female Bronze Sponsor, did get a hole-in-one on #3! Prizes and awards were given out at the post-tournament reception held in the Starmount



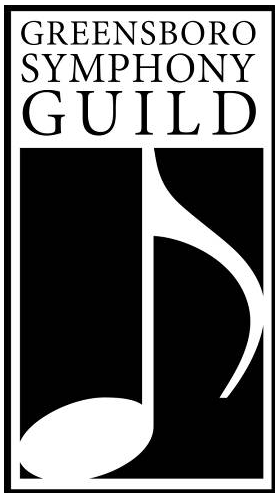
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ballroom. Although the final total is not in, the coordinated efforts of the Golf Committee, our volunteers, sponsors and players, as well as the staff at Starmount, helped raise close to \$20,000 for music education in our community. Many thanks to all who volunteered for this fundraiser!

—Elizabeth Stephens

Clockwise from top: Baby Goes Pro tennis sponsor mascot and Claire Stephens; golf volunteers Judy Conklin, Ali McVann and President Connie Saul; Kim Littrell gives prize to Mike Kirkman; golfers await shotgun start; Kim Littrell, Hole-In-One winner Talmadge Payne, Elizabeth Stephens and Sherri Hill; Ladies Tennis Luncheon. (Photos by Connie Saul.)





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