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Then & Now

In May 1978, the Guild board voted to sponsor a Presentation Ball as a fundraiser and as a contribution to the community. Chairs **Jimmie Johnson** and **Pat Austin (Sevier)** formed a committee which gave freely of their time during that summer to plan and organize the event. Their efforts made possible the very first Symphony Presentation Ball.

The Ball was held at the Bryan Enrichment Center on December 29th, 1978. The Bryan Center became "an exquisite wonderland" and "was indeed an evening of beauty as well as a time for family pride and togetherness".

Sam Wilson, Symphony Society president, was the Master of Ceremony. The Don Hansen Quartet provided the music, and **Elissa Fuchs** (wife of the Maestro) choreographed the presentation.

This year, the presentation of the debutantes will be held on Monday, December 28, 2015 at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel Four Seasons. It is sure to be another delightful occasion which you'll not want to miss!



The Greensboro Symphony Guild

presents the first

Musical Sunday

Featuring a musical performance by

Giannini Brass

Sunday, December 6, 2015

from 4 pm to 6 pm

At the home of Pam and Dennis Stearns

Light Hors d'oeuvres and Holiday Cheer

*RSVP by payment of \$25 per person
by November 25 to*

Greensboro Symphony Guild,

PO Box 10408,

Greensboro, NC 27404



Music Matters!

Hurry! There's still time to make a reservation

Note from the President...



Andrea Knupp

What an exciting time in the life of the Symphony Guild! As we continue to add new members and engage each one of us, we are seeing how much we can accomplish working together toward our mission and goals.

Our General Membership meeting at the home of **Mary Ingram** was well attended and we all enjoyed the presentation on the GSYO by GSO Education Manager, Peter Zlotnick. Many thanks to Mary for hosting and to Peter for keeping us up to date with some of the Education needs and activities of these talented young people.

I want to express my apologies to long time member, **Alice Pearce**, whose name was inadvertently omitted in our current directory as the 1980 Golden Note Award winner. Alice has been a devoted member of the Guild for over 30 years and served in many capacities. She was also awarded the Barbara Cone Award in 1985. We are certainly sorry for this omission as we continue to honor all those women who have worked so hard for our organization and have laid the groundwork for our success today.

Our first "Simply Social" event held at Fink's Jewelers was a huge success! We welcomed many members, sponsors and guests for a wonderful evening of fun and socializing. Many thanks to Fink's, First Citizens Bank and American Premium Beverage for sponsoring this great evening.

Mark your calendar for our first Musicales Sunday which will be held at the beautiful new home of **Pam and Dennis Stearns** on December 6. This promises to be an amazing afternoon of great music with the Giannini Brass and a fabulous kickoff to the Holiday Season. Don't miss it!

On December 9 we will gather informally for some delectable goodies and tea tastings from Vida pour Tea. This is a casual drop-in from 2:00-5:00 at the home of **Suzy Walker**. Come take a break from the busy-ness of the month's activities and share some laughter and friendship. Relax and re-energize before the excitement of the Holidays.

December 28 we will be hosting the 38th Presentation of our Symphony Debutantes. If you have not had an opportunity to witness this lovely event, please consider joining us that evening for the presentation of 24 beautiful and talented ambassadors of music and the symphony.

Come join us for a new year's welcome back at our Guild Gals Night Out on January 14. We will be meeting together at Carriage House Antiques and Home Décor. Wander around the store and see the latest in antiques and collectibles while visiting with friends and enjoying great food and wine. What fun!

Many thanks to each of you for your continued support and participation in our wonderful Guild!

Kind Regards,
Andrea Knupp, President



Guild Classics & guests gathered for luncheon on October 29th

Annual Education Campaign Update

There is still time to contribute to the Annual Education campaign. We are accepting donations through the end of December. You may send your donation to the Guild office at P.O. Box 10408, Greensboro, NC 27404. Monies raised will be used for currently unmet education needs that have arisen through combined effects of rising costs and increased demand. The activities funded will be selected by Guild leadership, with all monies raised going directly to meet those specified areas of need. Targeted programs include scholarships, tuition, summer music camp, private music lessons, and an additional high school partnership.

New donors are listed in each newsletter and a complete list of all donors will be published at the close of the campaign. If you made a donation and your name has not appeared in one of our Guild Horn articles, please let us know via an email to **Kathie Amato** or **Frances Vinoski**. We will make sure to add your name to the master list and extend public thanks in the next issue of the Guild Horn.

We would like to thank the following donors who made contributions between October 7 and November 6:

Barbara Carter
Joan Stevenson
Ronda Szymanski

Classics – "serving as a standard of excellence; of recognized value."

This Webster's Dictionary meaning describes our Classics group to a T! Twenty-five of our Classics met this past month for their fall gathering, and the room was full of engaged, energetic, talented women who have set the stage for our organization to continue to strive to meet our goals. Their years of successes, built on each individual's creativity and hard work, have laid the groundwork for many of the programs we continue to support today. I am pleased to be able to recognize all of our valued Classic members and to thank them for their many contributions over the years which have built the Symphony Guild into the incredible organization it is today. Many thanks to each and every one of our Classics group!

With appreciation,
Andrea Knupp, President



We have a very unique way of communicating the many ways you can contribute your time and talents to the Guild.

Check out the "Get Involved" drop down bar on our website. You'll find the many ways in which you can contribute to the Guild—by working at an event, volunteering to take a leadership role, working on a committee, or contributing financially. Each event on our calendar year is listed in this section, so if you can give a little time, we let you know where you are needed the most.

How fortunate we are that many businesses in our community have partnered with the Guild, either by providing a venue, services or a donation, we recognize them and urge you to do the same. In this section of our website, we recognize these businesses and provide a link to their websites. We also provide information to them so they may also learn how they can help the Guild.

By popular request, a new member can now fill out an application online! Check out the great form we designed, and note how easy it is to become a Guild member!

Last but not least, also in this section, we recognize those who have given so much, and who have been acknowledged with an award. The photos and bios of these talented Guild members can be found here, with our thanks!

Enjoy the time you spend looking at what we do! See you on the web!

Contact Debbie Morgan

If you know of a Guild member who would appreciate a "thinking of you" card, please contact Corresponding Secretary **Debbie Morgan**.

*"A cup of
tea for you
and me..."*

Peggy Lowe

Stop in from your busy holiday schedule of shopping, wrapping and baking, to de-stress and sample teas from Vida pour Tea at the Holiday Tea, December 9 from 2:00 to 5:00, at the home of **Suzy Walker**.

Relax and visit with friends while Contemporary Lady informally models the newest fashions to cover all of your holiday needs. Enjoy and taste a variety of teas and goodies that will warm you up and rekindle your holiday spirit.

As indicated on the invitation below, you'll need to make your reservation by December 4th. You may send your check for \$10 to **Pam Pegram** or pay online at www.gsoguild.org.



*Celebrate the
Season...*

Please drop in for a spot of good cheer!
Relax. Re-energize. Rekindle Friendships.

Holiday Tea

Wednesday, December 9
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
at the home of
Suzy Walker



Tea Tastings by Vida pour Tea
Sweets & Eats
Informal Modeling of Holiday
Fashions by Contemporary Lady

R.S.V.P. with payment of
\$10 per person by December 4
to Pam Pegram
Or online at www.gsoguild.org



Music Matters!

Barbara Cone Award Nominations Now Open

The Nominations Committee is now accepting nominations for the Guild's Barbara Cone Award. This award is presented to a Guild member or non-Guild member for distinguished service in the advancement of music in the community and promotion of the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra. The award will be presented at our February 2016 luncheon. The deadline for submitting nominations for this award is January 15, 2016. Contact **Melissa Tankersley**, to obtain a nomination form.

Looking for your niche in the Guild?

There's a place for everyone to be involved in the Guild. If you haven't found just the right place, or one that fits your schedule or needs, contact Volunteer Coordinator **Kim Jones**. She will help you find it.

Volunteers needed for Deb Ball Setup

The Symphony Debutante Ball committee desperately needs your help! We need at least 50 volunteers to help set up at the Sheraton Four Seasons on December 23. Last year, we finished in one day, with helpful hands. Please, please consider giving your time and energy on the 23rd! Please contact **Laura Wolf** to volunteer for either or both shifts, 8:00 to 12:00 and 2:00 to 4:00.

NEW MEMBERS



Linda Egerton

Greensboro



Dr. Kimberly G. Riley

Oak Ridge



Greens & Wrights Host Barbecue—Fathers of debutantes gathered on October 25th at the home of Beverly and Pat Wright for a Deb Dads' Barbecue Cookout. Laura and Robert Green hosted the event with the Wrights. Robert Green will serve as Master of Ceremonies of the Presentation Ball on December 28. Above, the dads enjoy socializing around the Wright's backyard fire pit.



*The Greensboro Symphony Guild
requests the pleasure of your company at
the Presentation of
The Symphony Debutantes
followed by Dinner and the Ball
in their honor
Monday, the twenty-eighth of December
Two thousand and fifteen
at half after seven o'clock in the evening
The Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons
Greensboro, North Carolina
Cocktail reception at half after six o'clock
Black tie
\$65 Per Person*

*Please reply by sending your check, by December 15, made to the Greensboro Symphony Guild,
to Mrs. William Alvin Richardson*



December 1, 2015

Dear Guild Members,

The 2016 Symphony Guild Presentation Ball will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2016. Mrs. Gary Robert Wolf (Laura) will be the Ball Chair.

The Selection Committee has been formed and is ready to accept the 2016 Debutante applications. Please read the Purpose and Selection Criteria carefully. Application forms may be obtained after January 1st by calling me. Completed applications, including the required sponsorship letter, should be mailed to me.

If you should have any questions regarding the nomination process, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Laura

Mrs. Robert Malcomb Green, Jr.
Steering Committee Chair



GREENSBORO SYMPHONY GUILD
PRESENTATION BALL

PURPOSE AND SELECTION CRITERIA

PURPOSE

1. To provide an area of public relations between the Guild and the community
2. To recognize outstanding young women in the greater Greensboro area
3. To make an annual contribution, honoring the Symphony Debutantes, to the Greensboro Symphony Guild in support of music education

SELECTION

1. A Guild member* in good standing for at least two (2) consecutive years at the time of nomination may submit her daughter or granddaughter's name for consideration, serving as her sponsor. A member must remain in good standing throughout the Presentation year.
2. A Guild member of less than two years may submit an application for her daughter or granddaughter but must secure a Guild member* in good standing for at least two (2) consecutive years at the time of nomination as a sponsor. A Guild member of less than two (2) years is not eligible for the Guild fee.
3. A Guild member* may submit the name of a non-Guild member's daughter or granddaughter for consideration. The application must be accompanied by one (1) letter of sponsorship from a Guild member* in good standing for at least two (2) consecutive years at the time of nomination.
5. Debutantes must be sophomores in college at time of Presentation.
6. A Guild member* may sponsor only one candidate in a given year. Sponsoring a young woman carries with it the understanding that she would be pleased to be considered and accept the honor.
7. Submitting an application by a young woman and her family carries with it the understanding that the young woman will accept the honor, if extended an invitation.
8. The application must be completed, accompanied by letter of sponsorship, and returned to the Chair of the Steering Committee by the deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.
9. After invitations have been issued, should it be necessary for a young woman to withdraw, the Ball Chair must be notified. Presentation fees are nonrefundable.
10. The Steering Committee will advise in any circumstance(s) directly affecting the three-fold purpose of the Presentation Ball.

*See Standing Rules, Greensboro Symphony Guild Yearbook. Revised December 2013

Presentation available

The Guild's Community Relations Co-Chairs have revised Speakers Bureau presentation, outlining the history and accomplishments of the Greensboro Symphony Guild. If you have suggestions for presentation opportunities or would like to pre-view the production, contact: **Josie Gibboney** or **Andrea Alemanni**.

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New notecards are in the works

New this year! Fold-over embossed Notecards featuring the Guild Horn, with a choice of five colors: red, blue, aqua, lime green and Presentation Ball peach.

These cards will be available in early December and can be purchased at the Musicale Sunday on December 6th, the Holiday Tea on December 9th and online at www.gsoguild.org. The cost will be \$20 per box or \$50 for 3 boxes. Only 100 boxes will be printed, so buy them early.

Also, a very limited number of the Gold Embossed 50th Anniversary Notecards are still available. If you want a box, act fast! Contact: **Carol Bohrer**.



Is this your attic or garage?

Scary isn't it? Mystery boxes, light fixtures, a ballroom chair set, luggage (no wheels) and that trunk...kid's clothes ca.1979.

If this is your attic or garage, we have an answer! It's Super Sale 2016. Don't wait until April to clear things out, do it now during this golden moment before the Holidays descend (nothing like a deadline). You can deliver the whole "history of your family" to us or you can call for a pickup. That will be one less New Year's Resolution for next year.

To arrange pickup, just call/email one of us: **Nancy Beaver**, **Elizabeth Craft**, **Vanessa Skenes**, **Karen Hundgen** or **Andrea Knupp**.



NEED EXTRA SPENDING MONEY?

The Guild is in search of an internal or external candidate for the Guild's Executive Assistant position. Unfortunately, our beloved Susan is stepping down after this year. If you know someone who meets the qualifications outlined below, please forward the information to anyone who may be looking for a part-time, flexible employment opportunity. The information provided is a general description and not meant to be a complete statement of duties and responsibilities. A detailed job description will be supplied to anyone interested in pursuing this position. All interested candidates should contact President Elect **Sharon Kasica**.

Desired Qualifications:

- Desires to work part-time from home, with *some* flexibility in their daily schedule.
- Interested in a long-term, part-time position with the Guild (2-3 years or longer)
- Knowledgeable on computer programs such as Word, Excel, Power Point and Publisher.
- Strong communication and social media skills, such as e-mail, Facebook, twitter, etc.
- Willing to be trained on website management in the event additional work hours, pay and responsibilities are added to the position.



Music Matters!

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DECEMBER 2015 CALENDAR

- 6 Musicales Sunday**, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the home of **Pam Stearns**;
Featuring a short musical performance by a small ensemble and time for
socializing with friends. **Mitzie Weatherly, Brenda Glenn and Gayle
Koonce**, Chairs
- 7 Deadline** for submitting items for January/February Guild Horn.
- 9 Holiday Tea**, Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the home of **Suzy
Walker**; Fashion show by Contemporary Lady; **Peggy Lowe**, Chair; **Mary
Ingram and Pam Pegram**, Vice Chairs.
- 11 Fox 8/Old Dominion Holiday Concert**, Sunday, 5:00 p.m., at Greensboro
Coliseum, featuring the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra, with appearances
by Summit Figure Skating Club and Santa Claus. Doors open for seating at
3:30; admission and parking FREE, with donation of a non-perishable food
item to benefit Salvation Army. (The Guild will provide food for the
orchestra at 3:30 p.m. **Patrice Newman**, Chair; **Mary Ellen Burke**, Vice
Chair.)
- 28 Symphony Presentation Ball**, Monday, presentation at 7:30 p.m.; dinner at
9:00 p.m., dancing at 10:00 p.m., Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four
Seasons. **Beverly Wright**, Chair; **Laura Wolf**, Vice Chair; **Suellen Milton**,
Honorary Chair; **Robert Green**, Master of Ceremonies. ***All Members are
invited to attend the Presentation and Dinner. Reservations are required.***
- 31 Greensboro Symphony POPS**, Thursday, 8:00 p.m. at Westover Church; “A
Night at the Oscars”. The Greensboro Symphony brings you the music of the
silver screen with songs from Oscar winning and nominated dramas,
romances and Hollywood classics. Pianist Rich Ridenour and Trumpeter
Brandon Ridenour perform.

Mark Your Calendar....

Guild Gals Night Out

Thursday, Jan. 14, 5:30 p.m.
at Carriage House Antiques
& Home Décor

2214 Golden Gate Drive
Wine & Appetizers

provided by Carriage House

Chairs: **Debbie Faircloth,**
Dorry Tooke



General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 11:30 a.m.
at the home of **Kristie Smith**
Bach's Lunches

New slate of officers presented

Program: Wylie Sykes,
Percussionist with GSO

Chairs: **Joan Stevenson, Rhonda Barrett,**
Ronda Szymanski