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**Greensboro Country Club**  
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Andrea Knupp at 404-8850



The Greensboro Symphony Guild has always strived to be a working Guild with a working board. Some of the "behind the scenes", less glamorous work that members have performed have been phone calls and mailings. In the beginning the primary purpose of the Guild was to sell tickets and each member was responsible for helping to do this. Many phone calls were made and stamps licked, in pursuit of this goal. Phone calls were even made to remind members to pay their dues!

Later on, Guild members volunteered to help answer the phone and do mailings for the Orchestra at the Symphony office. Alice Pearce joined the Guild in 1969 and became a new board member in 1975 as chair of the Telephone Committee. Currently, the Guild has an active Office Support Chair to enlist volunteers to assist with direct mailings, stuffing playbills and so forth. Recently, *you guessed it*, Alice Pearce continues to be a willing worker—at age 93!

## James Dodson to serve as Honorary Chair of Strings & Swings Tournament

Best-selling golf author James (Jim) Dodson is returning to Greensboro, his hometown, to serve as Honorary Chair of Strings & Swings, the Symphony Guild's 50th Anniversary golf and tennis tournament. The event will be held at Starmount Country Club on May 4th. **David and Kathy Gleeson** are the golf chairs, and **Sherri Hill and Olivia Gillespie** are the tennis chairs.

"We are extremely excited to have Jim represent the Guild," said David. "That he would take time from his busy schedule and help us raise funds for music education is very special. We are most appreciative."

Dodson is currently Writer-in-Residence for The Pilot newspaper and Editor of award-winning PineStraw Magazine in Southern Pines, the arts and culture magazine of the Carolina Sandhills. He also serves as Founding Editor of O.Henry Magazine and Salt Magazine, the arts and culture sister publications for Greensboro and Wilmington (N.C.) respectively. He is a 1975 graduate and Distinguished Alumnus of East Carolina University.

His award-winning journalism career began at the Greensboro News & Record in 1976 and was followed by seven years as the Senior Writer of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Sunday Magazine and a decade as Senior Writer for Yankee Magazine. For two decades he was also a Contributing Editor and regular columnist for Golf Magazine, and Golf and Travel Correspondent for Departures Magazine of American Express.

Dodson's journalism awards include half a dozen awards from the Golf Writers of America and the prestigious William Allen White Award for Public Affairs Journalism from the National Regional Publisher's Association plus numerous newspaper and magazine industry awards. His work has appeared in over 50 magazines and newspapers worldwide. He is member of the Royal

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**Dodson**

## 2015-16 Officers Nominated to Lead Guild

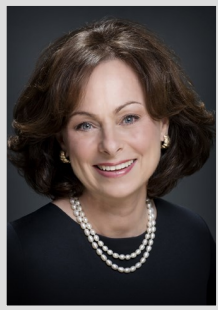
The Nominations/Awards Committee presented the proposed Executive Committee slate of officers for 2015/2016 at the January 21st General Membership meeting. We are very excited to present to you the following slate:

President: **Andrea Knupp**  
President-Elect: **Sharon Kasica**  
VP Education: **Nancy Bogard**  
VP Fund Raising: **Lori Holt**  
VP Operations: **Laura Green**  
VP Marketing: **Ann Mueller**

Secretary: **Brenda Macfadden**  
Treasurer: **Cindy Stark**  
Past President: **Rebecca Schlosser**

The general membership will vote on this slate of officers at the February 25<sup>th</sup> General Membership Luncheon at Starmount Forest Country Club. Each of these nominees has strong leadership qualities and brings wonderful talent to this committee. We thank them for their willingness to volunteer their time and energy in these leadership roles.

# Note from the President



Schlosser

A very Happy New Year to all. What a most successful first half of the Guild year it has been. I am so proud of the many accomplishments our Guild has seen during our 50th Anniversary year.

The Symphony Christmas Tree in the Well Spring Christmas Tree Contest was truly magnificent and won first place! Thanks to **Kristie Smith** and her committee **Nancy Bogard, Karen Claypool, Sandra Ennever, Laura Green, Andrea Knupp** and **Suzy Walker** for an exceptional job designing this beautiful tree, and thanks to everyone who made trips to Well Spring to vote. We received a check for \$2,500.00!

The 1808 Greensboro Magazine featured the Symphony Guild's 50th Anniversary Gala in the December issue "Around Town" with several pictures of those in attendance. Special thanks to Publicity Chair **Debbie Faircloth** and Co-Chair **Pam Smith**.

**Linda Wilson** and **Mary Ellen Burke** served a barbecue meal to 150 performers during rehearsal break for the Fox8/Old Dominion Holiday Concert. A big thank you to these two and to Dr. and Mrs. John Chandler who donated the BBQ.

Special thanks to the Community Relations Chairs, **Andrea Alemanni** and **Josie Gibboney**, who gave a presentation to the ladies group at Beth David Synagogue on Tuesday, December 23rd for their Rosh Chodesh event.

On Sunday, December 28th The Symphony Presentation Ball was held at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons, chaired by **Lori Holt** and Honorary Chair **Cathy Rice**. Twenty young women were presented as ambassadors of music education and appreciation in a lovely ceremony.

As we begin a new year, I encourage everyone to mark your calendars to attend Guild Gals Night Out on Thursday, January 15th, 5:30 p.m., at Graffiti's Bistro, 301 Pisgah Church Road, Chaired by **Lex Kulman** and **Ronda Szymanski**. It is a wonderful time for fun and fellowship.

Name That Tune will be Saturday, February 7th, 7:00 p.m. at Greensboro Country Club, Chaired by **Betsy Craft** and Lindsay Jones; Symphony Guild Liaisons **Andrea Knupp** and **Cyenthia Barker**.

Fink's Jewelers and First Citizens Bank will have a Symphony Guild Couples/Singles Social on Thursday, 6:00 p.m. February 19th at Fink's Jewelers, 1915 Battleground Avenue Chaired by **Frances Vinoski**.

The GSYO Concert will be Sunday, February 22nd, 4:00 p.m. at Dana Auditorium on the campus of Guilford College. It will be an exceptional concert so please try to attend and show support to these accomplished young musicians.

We were honored to have Dima Sitkovetsky present the program at our General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, January 21st, 11:30 a.m., at the home of **Cathy Rice**, 301 Sunset Drive.

On Wednesday, February 25th, 11:30 a.m., our General Membership Meeting will be at Starmount Forest Country Club. We will be serenaded by Daniel Crupi and Caroline Oliveier as they sing a medley of love songs.

I look forward to seeing each and every one in 2015 as the Guild continues to celebrate 50 years as advocates for music education and appreciation in the community.

Warmest regards,  
Rebecca Schlosser, President  
Greensboro Symphony Guild

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and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, the Maine State Golf Hall of Fame, and the official historian of Seminole Golf Club.

His critically-acclaimed and best-selling books include *Final Rounds*, *Faithful Travelers*, *The DewswEEPers*, *Beautiful Madness*, *The Road to Somewhere*, *A Golfer's Life* (with Arnold Palmer), *Ben Hogan – An American Life*, which won the USGA International Book Award for 2004. In 2008, he was a featured commentator in the award-winning HBO documentary "Back Nine at Cherry Hills."

In 2006 he served as Louis D. Rubin Writer-in-Residence at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia, where he taught creative non-fiction, biography and memoir.

His book, *A Son of the Game*, published in 2009 by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, was named "Top Golf Book of the Year" by the International Network of Golf, the same award *Final Rounds* won in 1997. *American Triumvirate: Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Byron Nelson and the Modern Age of Golf*, was published by Knopf in March 2012. This book was the basis for a documentary film of the same name that aired in September 2012 on Golf Channel, with a script by the author.

*American Triumvirate* was recently selected as one of the New York Times Top 100 Books of 2012, and in 2013 won the Herbert Warren Wind Award from the USGA for a second time.

Also in 2012, Dodson was inducted into the Order of the Longleaf Pine by the governor of North Carolina for his literary contributions and service to the state, the highest award given to a native North Carolinian.

In early 2011, he was named winner of the prestigious Donald Ross Award, given annually by the American Society of Golf Course Architects, for his significant literary contributions to the game of golf.

Jim Dodson divides his time between Southern Pines and Greensboro and Wilmington.

## Save the Date! Symphony Guild Winter Social Thurs., Feb. 19th

Cure your winter blues by attending the fun Symphony Guild Winter Social for all members (couples and singles) on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Social will be held at Fink's Jewelers on Battleground Avenue starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be hor

d'oeuvres, wine, and beer. And

**Fink's has donated an exciting door prize—diamond hoop earrings in 14k white gold (pictured). Retail \$950.**

This event is being given by our two major sponsors, Fink's

Jewelers and First Citizens Bank. Look for your invitation in the mail, coming soon in January, and let us know if you can attend!

See you there! Chairs: **Frances Vinoski** and **Cyenthia Barker**

## Invitations Coming Soon for February General Luncheon

Save the date! Watch the mail! Your invitation to our February General Luncheon on Wednesday, February 25th at Starmount Country Club is coming soon. It's a good time to treat a friend to lunch and introduce her to the Guild!

**Dorrie Tooke**, Program Chair, has lined up a duo of talented performers to sing love songs. The duo is Daniel Crupi, GSO Director of Development and Caroline Oliveira, vocal music doctoral candidate at UNCG. Daniel also has a graduate degree in vocal music from UNCG. We enjoyed hearing him in the past at one of our evening meetings.

In addition to singing, Daniel will speak briefly about the educational music programs the Symphony supports.

Officers for 2015-16 will be elected, and the Barbara Cone Award will be presented. Entrée choices will be:

• *Lemon Artichoke Chicken*

• *Shrimp Stuffed Flounder*

• *Chef's Choice Vegetarian Entrée*

Be sure to note the RSVP date on your invitation and respond accordingly. Hospitality chairs are **Karen Claypool**, **Sandra Ennever** and **Laura Wolf**.

## High School Partnerships Announced

The High School Partnership Programs have been confirmed for 2014-15:

- Western Guilford High School for Orchestra

- High Point Central High School for Band

This program is totally funded by the Guild at a cost of \$2,000 for each school.

### Donations made a difference!

A very big thank you goes to our Past Presidents who took part in the Gala Past President's package and the opportunity to contribute directly to the Education Fund. It was your donations, as well as, additional Guild members who contributed to the fund, which made a second High School Partnership Program possible this year. The Education Council and the Guild thank each and every one of you who were part of this donation.

"We could not have done it without you!!" said **Nancy Bogard**, VP Education.

## Not to be missed— GSYO Winter & Spring Concerts

Mark your calendars for Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra's Winter Concert to be held on February 22 and their Spring Concert on May 17 (times and locations TBA.). These talented young musicians and their dedicated instructors are a Greensboro treasure.

The Fall Concert was at Greensboro College, and all the young musicians were amazing! The concert opened with the Youth Philharmonic, under the direction of Karen Collins. The majority of these youngsters are middle school and early high school, and they were wonderful. They were followed by the Opus One group, led by Stephanie Ezerman.

"These children are younger or are new to their instrument," said **Dorrie Tooke**, GSYO Liaison.

"Some of their feet barely reached the floor, but their sounds were clear and beautiful."

The Camerata, led by Wendy Rawls, performed several numbers, including a whimsical selection titled *Rosin Eating Zombies* from *Outer Space*. In addition, they handled the complicated rhythms of Scott Joplin very well.



The second half of the concert featured the Youth Orchestra, led by Nate Beversluis. This is the most advanced group and is mostly older high school students. They performed an all-Russian program featuring the hauntingly romantic "Romeo and Juliet Fantasy-Overture" by Tchaikovsky. They were fantastic!

### Congratulations Concerto Competition Winners

**1st Place**—Jared Egan, playing Bruch Violin Concerto mvt. 1. (The Guild was fortunate to hear Jared play with the Honors Quartet earlier in the Fall.)

**2nd Place**—Matthew Lamb, performing the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto mvt. 1

**3rd Place**—Korwin Kerr, playing Khatchaturian Violin Concerto, mvt. 3 on the flute. Congratulations to the winners, for their hard work and skill. All the young musicians who competed are to be applauded for their dedication and commitment.





## 36th Anniversary Symphony Presentation Ball

The Sheraton Four Seasons Imperial Ballroom was the setting for the 36th Anniversary Symphony Presentation Ball on December 28. Twenty beautiful young women, ambassadors of our symphony orchestra during their debutante season, took their traditional bow to **Catherine Rice**, our 2014 Honorary Chair.

Volunteers worked tirelessly to create a new set featuring lovely column and drape designs sprinkled with holiday trees. Clusters of peach colored poinsettias, in our signature color accented and dotted the set and ballroom. This beautiful setting was the backdrop as the Debutantes were presented to more than 360 family, friends, and Guild members. Mr. John Drinkard served as Master of Ceremonies, and the musicians from the GSO and Youth Orchestra provided ensemble music during the cocktail hour and Presentation. The evening was capped off with dinner and dancing to the music of the U.B.U. Band.

The Selection Committee of the 2015 Ball will soon be extending invitations to young ladies who are currently college freshmen. If you wish to recommend a potential 2015 Debutante, please contact **Kristie Smith** at 707-6775.

Dear Guild Members,

*It has been a pleasure serving as your Presentation Ball Chair this year. I appreciate the faith and trust that the Steering Committee put in me to carry out such a wonderful family event. It was an honor to have been asked to chair. The yearlong process has been one that I will never forget. Without the many volunteers, it would not have been possible to accomplish this memorable event. Please know that with everyone's help, the families were pleased, excited, thrilled, and honored to have been a part of this wonderful experience. My hope is that the Debs will continue to be involved in the arts wherever they may be.*

Warmest Regards,  
**Lori Holt**

Ms. Andrea Alemanni  
Mrs. George Pierce Bailey  
Mrs. Jason Price Bohrer, senior  
Mr. and Mrs. John Steven Brown  
Mrs. David Leon Brumeloe  
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jakob Burger  
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Mrs. Robert Welch Garrison  
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Mrs. James Gary Lee  
Mrs. Mark Leslie Littrell  
Ms. Brenda Macfadden  
Mrs. Thomas Hamilton Milton  
Mrs. Thomas Daniel Mincher, junior

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Mrs. Stephen John Mueller  
Mrs. John Stanley Nosek  
Mrs. Kevin Joseph Pusch  
Mrs. William Alvin Richardson  
Mrs. Albert Brownlee Rives  
Mrs. Dwight Santiago  
Mrs. Richard Craig Siler  
Mrs. Gregory Edward Smith  
Mrs. Harrison Bradford Smith  
Mrs. Richard Leroy Stark, junior  
Mrs. Benjamin Conrad Sutton  
Mrs. Joseph Michael Trinidad  
Mrs. Richard Lawrence Vanore  
Mrs. Kimmon William Varsamis  
Mrs. Edgar Darden Vaughan  
Mrs. Charles Stanley Vinoski III  
Mrs. Ronald Lee Wilson  
Mrs. Gary Robert Wolf

## Power Point program

The Guild's Community Relations Co-Chairs are pleased to announce the creation of a "Speaker's Bureau" Power Point production, available for presentation to community organizations. If you have suggestions for presentation opportunities, please contact: **Josie Gibboney** (336) 272-2438 or **Andrea Alemanni** (336) 580-5447.

## Thank you 2014-15 Corporate Sponsors



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## ...and capping off 2014



## Performers treated to BBQ meal

Musicians and singers from three local groups—Greensboro Symphony Orchestra, GSO Youth Chorus and UNCG Spartones—were treated to a meal of BBQ, slaw and baked beans on Sunday, December 14th. The meal was provided by the Guild and served during rehearsal break prior to the 5:00 p.m. performance of the Fox 8/Old Dominion Holiday Concert.

**Linda Wilson** (at left) is Orchestra Support Chair and **Mary Ellen Burke** is Vice Chair. These two loyal Guild members handled the meal all themselves and are to be applauded for doing an excellent job. The BBQ was donated by Dr. and Mrs. John Chandler. Our thanks to them all!



## We Did it!

Thanks to the outstanding response of our Guild members, we won the grand prize of \$2500 in the Well Spring Tree Decorating Contest.

Special thanks to the glitter-covered "elves" who crafted the sheet music ornaments:  
Andrea Knupp, Suzy Walker, Laura Green, Karen Claypool,  
Sandra Ennever and Nancy Bogard.

Sending a big hug to all Guild members who took the time to support this project during the busy season.

## Happy New Year!

*Kristie Smith*, Chair

*Above are Guild members who were present when the winner was announced: Andrea Knupp, Laura Green, Kristie Smith, Rebecca Schlosser, Josie Gibboney, Anne Daniel, Fray Metcalfe.*



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## JANUARY CALENDAR

- 23 **Masterworks Concert**, Friday, 8:00 p.m., Aycock Auditorium. "Transformation" features Dmitry Sitkovetsky as both conductor and performer.
- 24 **Masterworks Concert**, Saturday, 8:00 p.m., Dana Auditorium. "Transformation" features Dmitry Sitkovetsky as both conductor and performer.
- 25 **Rice Toyota Sitkovetsky and Friends Chamber Concert**, Sunday, 3:00 p.m. at UNCG School of Music, Theatre and Dance Recital Hall. Joined by pianist Inara Zandmane, a performance of Strauss' Metamorphoses for string septet, as well as Dvorak's Piano Quartet op.87.

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 2 **Executive Board Meeting**, Monday, 11:30 a.m. at Lucky 32, 1421 Westover Terrace.
- 4 **Full Board Meeting**, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. at the home of **Dorry Tooke**, 1909 Baytree Drive.
- 7 **Deadline** for submitting items for March Guild Horn.
- 7 **Name That Tune**, Saturday, at Greensboro Country Club. **Betsy Craft** and **Lindsay Jones**, Chairs; **Andrea Knupp** and **Cyenthia Barker**, Symphony Guild Liaisons.
- 14 **Greensboro Symphony POPS**, Saturday, 8:00 p.m. at Westover Church; "Classical Mystery Tour". The four musicians in Classical Mystery Tour look and sound just like the Beatles, but Classical Mystery Tour is more than just a rock concert.
- 19 **Fink's Jewelers and First Citizens Bank Couples/Singles Social**, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. at Fink's Jewelers, 1951 Battleground Avenue. **Frances Vinoski**, Chair.
- 22 **Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra and Concerto Competition Winners**, Sunday, time and location TBD.
- 25 **General Luncheon Meeting**, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at Starmount Country Club; program: vocalists, Daniel Crupi & Caroline Oliveira; Barbara Cone Award; election of 2015-16 Guild officers. **Karen Claypool**, Chair; **Laura Wolf** and **Sandra Ennever**, Vice Chairs.
- 26 **Masterworks Concert**, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Aycock Auditorium, "Divine Chemistry". The fourth installment of the symphony's Breaking Bad's Chemistry in Music theme focuses on Haydn's three-part masterpiece, The Creation.
- 27 **Rice Toyota Sitkovetsky and Friends Chamber Concert**, Friday, 8:00 p.m. at UNCG School of Music, Theatre and Dance Recital Hall. The orchestra will recreate Haydn's "Seven Last Words on the Cross", narrated by Ches Kennedy.
- 28 **Masterworks Concert**, Saturday, 8:00 p.m., Dana Auditorium, "Divine Chemistry". The fourth installment of the symphony's Breaking Bad's Chemistry in Music theme focuses on Haydn's three-part masterpiece "The Creation".