

Guild Notes

Dec 2012/Jan 2013

Keep the Music Playing

From the President's Desk

Dear Guild Members,

In the spirit of the holiday season, The Guild held its annual Holiday Party on December 11 at the beautifully decorated home of Brenda and William Gantt. As a part of the holiday sharing tradition, a check for \$25,000 was presented to Maestro Tchivzhel, Bill Johnson of the GSO and Don Nickell of the GSA as a portion of our season pledge.



As we begin the second half of the concert season, we will be serving dinner to the Masterworks orchestra, assisting at Lollipops and Timbre Tales, ushering at the Michelin Children's Concert and enjoying Holiday at Peace and Spotlight II.

There will be no monthly meeting in December, but the January meeting will be at Bob Jones University. Details later about that event.

The Black & White Ball committees are hard at work securing sponsors and auction items, planning decorations and all that go to make this a successful event. Mark your calendars for February 23 and plan to attend.

The very best wishes to all for a joyous holiday season as you celebrate with family and friends this very meaningful time of year. A healthy and Happy New Year.

Phyllis



Welcome New Members

Individual

June Green

Couple

Janet and John McGregor

We are delighted to welcome you and look forward to your participation in Guild events.

Members please continue to invite new people to join the Guild.

Ginny, VP Membership

Guild Monthly Meeting and Lunch

January 28, 2013

Bob Jones University (Rodeheaver Auditorium)
11:00 am

Selections for your box lunch from Panera Bread will be available when you call in your reservation to The Guild office.

CONCERT PREVIEW

February 8

Home of Peggy and Steve Davis
103 Stonebrook Farm Way
Greenville, SC 29615
10:00 am

Directions: Take Pelham Road to SC-14 turn right. Travel on SC-14 to Stonebrook Farm Way and turn left. Follow signs to 103 Stonebrook Farm Way.

Guild Office Closed

The Guild office will be closed beginning **Friday, Dec. 21** thru **Tuesday, Jan. 1.**



2013 Black and White Ball

Starry Starry Night *Honoring Our Symphony Musicians*

This year's Black and White Ball is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the Westin Poinsett Hotel. *Starry Starry Night* is the theme to honor our wonderful GSO musicians all of whom are stars.

Come join the fun at the Black and White Ball, one of the Guild's major fundraising events to show our musicians how much we appreciate them. This elegant gala will feature a seated dinner, live and silent auctions, entertainment and dancing to a live band. Individual tickets are \$160 which includes valet parking.

To support the Black and White Ball and to help keep beautiful music playing, Guild members are encouraged to participate as a sponsor at the Duet Sponsor level. Benefits for your sponsorship are listed below:

DUET SPONSOR—\$500
Recognition in Ball program*
Preferred seating for two

This may be a tax deductible donation, and you will receive an invoice payable in February 2013.

*We must have your commitment and information by January 6, 2013 if you wish to be listed in the Ball program.

Please contact Jane Clarke H 288-5085 or Donna Comstock H 297-7001.

Baskets for the Black & White Ball

Baskets have been popular items in the silent auctions at the Black & White Ball. Please consider putting one together for the Ball this year. Create one yourself, go together with a friend, or ask a local retailer to donate one. Below are some suggestions but feel free to be creative. We have found that baskets whose retail price is \$50-\$100 sell well.

Have all items in by **February 8** and we will wrap them for you. This year we will have to furnish the baskets. If you have baskets at home that you are not using, please donate them.

Please let Peggy Hill know the basket(s) you are putting together.

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| Dog treats | Garden |
| Travel | Barbeque |
| Tennis | Wine |
| Golf | Music |
| Chocolate Lovers | Poker |
| Coffee | Italian Dinner |

Black & White Ball Volunteers

We will need 20 volunteers to help with the Silent Auction at the Ball. There will be two shifts - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm and 8:30 pm to end of activities, approximately 10:45 pm. Valet parking will be provided. Please call Eva Beale at 878-7058 to volunteer for the shift of your choice

MICHELEN CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Friday, January 25, 2013
Peace Center
10:00 am and 12:00 noon

Usher Volunteers

Please sign up now to help usher at one or both concerts. The Peace Center is **"SOLD OUT"** for each performance!!!! Now we need lots of people to escort the children in and out of the concert hall. We are counting on YOU to make these concerts a huge success and a fascinating experience for these children!

Contact the Guild office or Nancy Stanton to sign up.

Donations for Lunch

Donations of cash, fruit or finger type desserts are needed for the lunch the Guild provides for the orchestra between the two performances of the concert.

Please call Carol Leonard, 268-3147 if you can help.

Annual SOVA Meeting

The annual SOVA (Southeastern Orchestra Volunteer Association) meeting was held in downtown Augusta, Georgia on Friday, October 12, 2012.

There were about 45 attendees from various Guilds throughout the Southeast. Greenville Guild attendees were Sue Fisher, Phyllis Wilkes, Donna Comstock, Nancy Stanton, Edna Thompson and Pam Weaver. In addition to 3 very diverse and interesting speakers there were 5 break-out sessions focusing on fund raising activities. Our own Edna Thompson conducted a session on Condo Rondo and received very favorable comments and a lot of interest. Next year's SOVA meeting will be in Myrtle Beach on Friday October 18th. These meetings are very motivating and provide an excellent opportunity to network and share and learn about fundraising ideas. If you have never attended a SOVA meeting, I strongly encourage you to go to Myrtle Beach next year.



Thanks to....

Our members that helped with the **October 18 Chamber Dinner**: Diane Darling, Peggy Davis, Pat Ferro, Doris Gant, Laura Gossett, Alberta Johnson, Gloria Larkin, Tish Lasley, Christine Lyles, Carol Louis, Edna Ruth and Vernon Miller, Carol Stephan and Phyllis Wilkes.

November 2 Masterworks Dinner: Carol Bendig, Jane Clarke, Donna Comstock, Nell Cook, Peggy Davis, Janice Dickenson, Pat Ferro, Nancy Foster, JoAnn George, Jo Gerring, Lorraine Goldstein, Hal Weiss, Sharon Klompus, Elaine Paine, Joanie and Richard Spencer, Mary Stahl, Nancy Stanton, Sue Stover, Debra Strange, Edna Thompson and Phyllis Wilkes.

November 15 Chamber Dinner: Laura Arnold, Carol Bendig, Jim Bendig, Nancy Cureton, Dani Easter, Pat Ferro, Carrie and Skip Gordon, Christine Lyles, Carol Louis, Elaine Paine and Margaret Wasson



Keep in your thoughts and prayers:

Congratulations to Jo Marks and Bill Brown on their engagement announcement.

Get Well wishes to Jane Clarke, Martin Kahn, Peggy Davis and Louise Sill.

Sympathy to Ellen Powell whose dear friend, Joyce, passed away; Annette Walker's family on her passing, Bob Howard on his mother's passing.

Please call or email (ellenwhitpow@gmail.com) Ellen Powell, Countess of Courtesy, about health issues or condolences for any Guild member and their family.



GUILD CALENDAR

<p>Dec. 21-23 Holiday at Peace Peace Center Friday and Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 3:00 pm</p> <p>Dec. 21 - Jan. 1 GUILD OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Jan. 12 Spotlight II Centre Stage Saturday 2 pm and 7 pm</p> <p>Jan. 19 Lollipops IV Jean Smith Library, Greer 10 am Hughes Library, Heritage Green, 11:30 am</p> <p>Jan. 24 Masterworks Orchestra Dinner</p> <p>Jan. 25 Michelin Children's Concert Peace Center 10 am and 12 noon, 11 am Orchestra Lunch</p> <p>Jan. 26 - 27 Masterworks III Peace Center Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 3 pm</p> <p>Jan. 28 Guild Monthly Meeting and Lunch Bob Jones University (Rodeheaver Auditorium) 11 am</p>	<p>Jan. 29 Timbre Tales South Carolina Children's Theatre 2:30 pm</p> <p>Feb. 8 Concert Preview Home of Peggy and Steve Davis 10 am</p> <p>Feb. 8 Masterworks Orchestra Dinner</p> <p>Feb. 9-10 Masterworks IV Peace Center Saturday 8pm, Sunday 3pm</p> <p>Feb. 23 The Black and White Ball The Westin Poinsett Hotel 6:00 - 11:30 pm</p>
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