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The NEWSLETTER of the BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ASSOCIATES

June 2019

Dear Members and Friends
of the BSA,

As I look over the Baltimore Symphony Associates activities for the past season, I am struck by many aspects of our continuing commitment to the Associates' mission to support Music Education. One sustaining and outstanding result is the level of volunteer hours reported for the year. Our total of 3570 hours is valued at \$ 28.65 per hour for a contribution worth \$102,280.50! While we are volunteers and do not receive monetary rewards for our time and effort, we do receive gifts aplenty by getting to know our musicians, hearing their beautiful music throughout the year, working together with dedicated BSA members towards a common goal and a sense of gratification for our personal contribution.

Although this past year has not been easy and sadly continues to be troublesome, I am heartened to know that so many individuals and groups are working to bring a positive resolution and stability to the BSO and Musicians.

I want to congratulate the 2019-2020 new Board Members: Barbara Dent, Marnie Fallon and Joann Ruther.

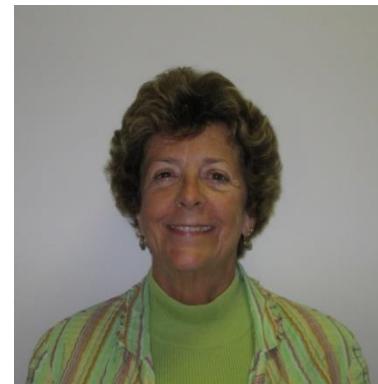
Your time, efforts and commitment are crucial and welcome.

To the three members who are not returning: Jo Kendig, Carolyn Lassahn and Freddie Silverman. thank you, thank you and thank you for your service, commitment, energy, positive results and smiles.

Please know that your Board will continue to be stewards of the BSA, collaborate and work as partners in the BSO Community to bring Education, Fundraising and Volunteer opportunities throughout the summer. We are planning an engaging schedule for all. Stay tuned for opportunities and events this summer!

Soon, it will be time to renew your Membership. We are counting on you to continue as a member and also to recruit others in order to increase our member resources.

Finally, thank you to all Associates for being a BSA member, volunteer and friend. You are our most valuable assets!



Marguerite

March Membership Meeting And Annual Meeting

A General Membership meeting was held on Wednesday, March 13 at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. After another delicious dinner from Santoni's and brief business meeting, we were treated to a wonderful evening of entertainment.

Vice President of Programming Carolyn Lassahn welcomed members and guests and introduced Dr. Alicia Kosack, the manager of the Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra. Alicia provided some very interesting background information about the BSYO and then introduced the five musicians from the Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra who played for us that evening.



BSYO Manager Dr Alicia Kosack New members Anne Duggan and Diane DeLozier (l)



The string quintet played several selections, one of which was composed by one of the musicians themselves. These five young artists were outstanding talents. To hear them play one of their pieces, click on the following link.
<https://youtu.be/ijONMPWGf1k>

Two new members of the BSA were asked to tell the members about themselves and what prompted them to join the BSA. Diane DeLozier and Ann Duggan shared their stories with us.

The Annual Meeting was held in June at Gertrude's at the Baltimore Museum of Art. On a gorgeous afternoon we enjoyed our tea social on the patio. President Marguerite Walsh thanked all outgoing Board members and installed the new Board. Program Chair Carolyn Lassahn introduced two very talented violinists from the Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra, Runa Matsushita and Brandon Du, who performed several compositions. Click on this link to hear them. https://youtu.be/dGLYI_CC4HI. The closing meeting was a lovely way to end another successful BSA year.



Chair Carolyn Lassahn in her 'ladies who lunch' best



BSYO violinists playing in the sculpture garden



Enjoying tea sandwiches and scones



FAMILY CONCERTS & LUNCHEONS

The final two Family Concerts and Luncheons were held in February and April. February's theme was Peter and the Wolf with luncheon speakers Nicholas Hersh, Associate Conductor, and two members of the Magic Circle Mime Company who performed at the concert. In April, with the theme A Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, Nicholas Hersh answered questions from the audience and artist Joe Wos drew caricatures of animals for each child and some adults.



A full house for both luncheons

Many thanks to volunteers Bernie Finn, Bob Whitby, Joy Munster, Anne Duggan, Grace Heinlein (our Towson High School volunteer), Jean Hartlove, Ricky Shepard and Vikki McAdory and to chairs Sara Levine and RuthAnn Shepard.



Doug Wolf and
Maggie
Peterson, Magic
Circle Mime
Company



Volunteers at the February luncheon with Tyler Wert (l)
from the BSO development team

Festival of American Orchestras

Save
the
Date!

Wednesday Evening March 25 2020

The SHIFT Festival of Orchestras featuring the BSO
at The Kennedy Center – join the BSA bus!

Details to follow

For more information about the SHIFT Festival

click on this link:

<https://www.kennedy-center.org/festivals/shift/>

Music Adventures



This year the BSA sponsored a very successful three-part Music Adventures series. Each session began with refreshments and a Meet & Mingle followed by musician presentations. The program was held in March, April and May and a sell-out crowd averaging 25 enthusiastic music lovers attended each session. Committee members Susan Hutton, Barbara Dent, and Chair Marge Penhallegon coordinated the program.



Attendees enjoying the Music Adventures program

The overall theme was "Life in the Orchestra" and the musicians were selected based on their years of experience in the orchestra. The musicians were Helen Hess, viola, a new orchestra member; Marcia McHugh, flute, more experienced; and Brian Prechtl, percussion, was the most experienced player.



Helen Hess & Anna Gochenour



Marcia McHugh

Helen Hess' session dealt with the audition process for new players. Amal Gochenour, piccolo, also a new player, joined Helen to simulate the audition process. As a finale to the series, Brian Prechtl led the OrchKids Bucket Band in a rousing performance.



Brian Prechtl performs as BSA member David Hutton narrates.

Attendees rated this series very highly and the BSA plans to continue it next year.



Brian Prechtl and the OrchKids Bucket Band

CONFERENCE CONTINGENTS

Two major conferences were held in the spring and the BSA was represented at both.

The first was the Association of Major Symphony Orchestra Volunteers (AMSOV) held in at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas in April. Four BSA members attended (left to right): Carolyn Stadfeld, Marge Penhallegon, Marguerite Walsh and Barbara Dent.



Among the sessions that sparked many ideas were presentations by three symphony presidents/CEOs from Dallas, Minneapolis and Cincinnati who spoke about the importance of volunteers to a symphony and another with a speaker who described the challenges of all organizations today in recruiting volunteers. The AMSOV conference also featured tours of some impressive local sites such as the George W. Bush Presidential Center and an evening at the Dallas Symphony at the beautiful Meyerson Concert Hall, seen below.



The BSA's Carolyn Stadfeld was recognized for her term on the AMSOV Board where she was in charge of Membership Directory & Outreach.



Carolyn Stadfeld with
Marena Gault, chair of
the 2019 Biennial
Conference and newly-
elected President of
AMSOV

The next AMSOV conference will be held in Washington DC and hosted by The National Symphony Volunteers.



Interior of the Meyerson Concert Hall with its magnificent ceiling and organ

CONFERENCES (CONT'D)

The second conference the BSA attended was the League of American Orchestras held in Nashville in June at the Omni Hotel and the Schermerhorn Symphony Center. President Marguerite Walsh and Past President Sandy Feldman represented our organization. The theme of the conference was MUSIC CentriCITY, inspired by Nashville's historic role as Music City, the epicenter of the music industry, and home to a vibrant, diverse cultural community that embraces collaboration and creative risks.

In the opening session Nashville Symphony Music Director Giancarlo Guerrero shared his personal journey, leading delegates on an exploration of what it means to be an orchestra in America today. The event's keynote speaker was composer and conductor Tania León, founding artistic director of Composers Now, who discussed the progress orchestras have made supporting equity for composers, and her own journey from Cuba to the U.S. She stressed the importance of rebuilding the bridge between the music of North America and Latin America and how the interplay of cultures expands creative possibility.



Marguerite Walsh and Sandy Feldman going 'a little bit country' in Nashville.

The LAO Conference, much like AMSOV, combined wonderful music performances with thought-provoking discussions and idea exchanges, along with great food, fun and the opportunity to learn more about one of America's great cities.

Winey Wednesday

The first "Winey Wednesday", which we hope will become a quarterly fundraising event, took place on April 10th. Thirty BSA members and guests attended and enjoyed sipping wine and non-alcoholic beverages, partaking of appetizers, comradery and music. Gifted percussionist Jeff Stern performed for the group and answered questions. Jeff thrilled everyone with his warm personality and unique style of music.



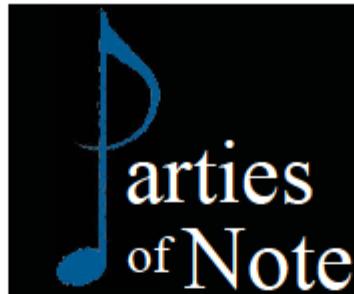
This two-hour social event garnered for the BSA education programs more than \$700! Hosts for the event were (l to r) Margaret Galambos, Sandy Feldman, whose home was the venue, Judy Kahl and Maureen Patton.



If you are interested in being a host and/or providing the venue for this exciting new fundraiser, please contact Judy Kahl or Sandy Feldman.

Our first Winey Wednesday was such a success we are doing it again -

Come Join Us for Some Mid-Summer Fun!



Baltimore Symphony Associates

Please join us for
“Winey Wednesday”
Appetizers, Comradery & Music



Wednesday
July 24, 2019
5:30 - 7:30 pm



Your Hosts

Salli Ward ♦ Liz Dausch ♦ Kathy Wales ♦ Charlotte Whitenight
3704 North Charles St #1401
Baltimore, MD 21218 (Street Parking Available)

Cost: \$25 Members/\$30 Non-Members
No refunds
(Reservations limited)

For More Information Call or Email Sandy Feldman
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Send your reservations to:
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Name(s) _____

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Spotlight On... Carolyn Lassahn

Carolyn Lassahn has been a dedicated member of the Baltimore Symphony Associates for 21 years. Her impressive BSA resume includes having been the Design Chair and Public Relations Chair of the Designers' Show House three times each as well as a member of the Design Committee for many years. More recently, she chaired the extremely successful Kitchens of Note project twice and was the VP of Programming, responsible for the excellent meeting programs the BSA has had for the past three years.



Carolyn's ever-present smile and effervescent personality have made her our media star, the public face of the BSA. As President Marguerite Walsh commented in her remarks at the annual meeting, no one but Carolyn can look that good and speak that well at 5 a.m. when our public service announcements are filmed!

What many BSA members may not know is that Carolyn has been a licensed Funeral director in Maryland and Pennsylvania for 42 years. She grew up in the business, the oldest of six daughters, and her father's protégé. She attended Catonsville Community College Mortuary Science curriculum where she met her husband Ron, whose family owns the Lassahn funeral homes. Her parents never took a vacation until they were married for 24 years because they cared so much for the families who needed their services. At that point, Carolyn took over the business and her parents got the vacation time they deserved! She worked full time for many years and then scaled back to part time.

Carolyn is half Irish and half Italian. She is very active in American Citizens for Italian Matters, an organization originally founded to help Italian immigrants assimilate into American culture that now concentrates on an endowment fund established to help young women of Italian descent pay for college. She is a member of the ACIM Board, in charge of Publications and has been Chair of the Gala Program Book, a major fundraiser for the organization.

She also has a close connection to the women's shelter My Sister's Place, a Community School for at risk youth and Villa Maria School for abused children, donating both her time and funds to these worthwhile causes.

Despite the picture here, Carolyn's favorite color is orange – and you can often see her in orange from head to toe, including accessories!

The BSA is fortunate that the Symphony and music education are so important to Carolyn – we've certainly benefited from her energy and tireless efforts on behalf of our organization.

MUSICIANS & STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

To the sounds of "Raise You Up" from the Broadway musical Kinky Boots, the mood of BSO musicians, support staff and BSA hosts alike were clearly "elevated" as we celebrated our magnificent orchestra at the annual Appreciation Luncheon held at The Hall on June 12. The 150 people in attendance relaxed together after a morning rehearsal, and shared a tasty meal of elegant wrap sandwiches and garden-fresh salad from Scipio Catering plus a sumptuous array of desserts and an assortment of "Fizzy Lifting Drinks". Everyone received a goodie bag full of treats, and some "Lucky Stars" won prizes ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime!



The grand prize of the day was awarded to retiring musician couple Julie Parcells (2nd Violin) and Bob Barney (Principal Bass) - an all-expense paid day trip for four to the Eastern Shore, including a flight in Captain Neil Ruther's twin engine Baron and lunch or brunch at the historic Inn at Perry Cabin



The lucky retirees!

Many other BSO fans and supporters not in attendance wrote notes to express their appreciation. Their comments have been compiled into a letter that will be shared with the players before the summer break so they will know, as one friend wrote, "... you are loved!"



Marguerite Walsh thanking musicians and staff

Thanks to all BSA board members, our terrific Office Manager Vikki McAdory, and others who helped before, during and after this truly heartwarming event. The BSO really appreciates YOU, too (they said so!)



Musicians enjoying their lunch and swag bags

Our Second Fiddle Shoppes Wowed the Crowd!!

More than 200 folks stopped by Grace UM Church last Saturday to visit the first ever BSA sponsored "Second Fiddle Shoppes" Sale. Show House designers brought items from former Show Houses to sell, our usual boutique vendors brought their wares and the famous Encore Shop set up a large area of gently used items. A 50/50 raffle gave a lucky winner \$100, and door prizes delighted guests! There was a bake table with fabulous goodies, and in the kitchen, hot dogs, chips, and pizza were available for lunch.

The highlight of the day was the performance of a string quartet from the BSO! Gregory Mulligan, Violin, Holly Jenkins, violin, Peter Minkler, viola, and Pei Lu, cello, took time from their day to play for us. We are always grateful for the time and assistance the musicians of the BSO offer us.

We are pleased to report that there were plenty of volunteers from our membership who stepped up and offered lots of help! Everyone seemed to have a great time, and there was lots of talk about having another Second Fiddle Shoppes sale sometime in the future. Stay Tuned!

The Committee would like to thank everyone who worked at the Second Fiddle Shoppes Sale, the designers and boutique vendors who participated and all those who attended to make the first Second Fiddle Shoppes event a great success!



Kitty Allen and Margaret Galambos greeting all and selling tickets



Javier Covina and Larry Albrecht working the BSO Store table



Who can resist Mercedes Sherwood purses?



BSO musicians entertaining the shoppers

June 2019



Chocolatiers and long-time BSA members Barbara and Melissa Larkin



Shoppers busy looking and buying



Susan Hutton happily selling hot dogs and pizza



The Committee giving a big thumbs up to a great day



Beads by Bonnie



Barb Dent with one of the lucky raffle winners



Designer Wendy Appleby setting up

MUSIC EVENTS

The concerts with large audiences requiring many volunteers concluded in April. After the final midweek performance, the BSA held a luncheon for our corps who provide the services for all of the daytime music events. It was well received and much appreciated by all volunteers, staff ushers, ticket office staff, housekeeping and the back-stage support staff. The guest artist for the April event also joined us and gave all who wanted one a personal request cartoon drawing. The last of the side-by-side performances by county music students occurred on Tuesday evening, April 30th.

The season finale concert of the BSYO took place on Mother's Day May 12 at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. All three major ensembles performed that day – the String Orchestra, the Concert Orchestra and the Youth Orchestra. At this event the awards provided by the BSA & the Libby Younglove fund were also presented. This year Runa Matshushita, a 7th grader at Dumbarton Middle School, was the recipient of the Libby Younglove award.



BSYO 2019 BSYO Concerto Competition Winners (L - R)
First Place - Runa Matsushita, Violin; Second Place - Sergey Blinov, Cello; Third Place - Amy Hwang, Flute; Concert Orchestra - Josie Eteme; String Orchestra - Lela Greene

The BSYO is hoping to tour next year. They are actively trying to raise the funds needed to support this endeavor. To that end, they held a 'wine pull' on May 12 and will be holding other fundraisers in the near future. Please help support these talented young musicians.

Work has begun on the 2019-2020 season's events requiring the support of volunteer ushers. Stay tuned for the schedule of events and please sign up to help whenever you can.



Presentation of the Libby Jean Younglove Awards by BSO Vice President & General Manager Tonya McBride Robles, BSA Member Bob Younglove, BSA President Marguerite Walsh, and BSYO Artistic Director Nicholas Hersh.

OrchKids

The OrchKids gave five concerts during the spring including one at the Library of Congress in April before a large and appreciative crowd which included two US Senators. They were introduced by Congressman Elijah Cummings and were guests of Carla Hayden, the Librarian of Congress and former CEO of the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore. As always, the kids put on a fantastic performance!



**Do You Have an Occasion to Celebrate or
Recognize? The Perfect Solution...**

BSA ALL OCCASION CONTRIBUTION CARDS



BSA General Fund

Libby Younglove Education Fund

Baker's Dozen (13) cards for \$30. Cards are available at all BSA meetings and events. For more information contact the BSA office. Associates@BSOMusic.org or 410.783.8023



THE POWER OF ASK

Research has shown that many people don't volunteer simply because they aren't asked. Let's put that to use and start asking – your friends and family, neighbors, coworkers, professional associates. Tell them about the wonderful work that the BSA does and ask them to not only support our efforts but also to join us in this most worthwhile endeavor.

If you know someone who might be interested in joining the BSA, contact the BSA Office Manager (Associates@BSOMusic.org or 410.783.8023). She will be happy to send them an information packet and membership form. The more members we have, the more we can do to support the BSO!



JUST ASK!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATING
FROM JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER**



The BSA happily welcomes the following new and rejoining members:

Anne Duggan

Rita Ennis

It has been my pleasure to have edited News Notes for the past three years. The editorship now passes into the capable hands of VP of Communications Barbara Dent. Going forward if you are at an event and take photos or would like to submit any articles or notices to be published, please send photos and correspondence to bkdent@mac.com.

Freddye Silverman

To all members: if you are attending or working at any activity where the BSA is involved, please take a few photos or ask someone else to and send them to the editor. We can all help make News Notes informative and fun to read!



L Albrecht, M Walsh, S Levine, B Dent, B Kelly, C Stadfeld, M Fallon, B Osterman, J Ruther





SAD TIDINGS

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the following deaths:

Margaret McSherry, former BSA member and chair of the 3rd Symphony Decorator's Show House.

Louis Katz, beloved husband of Mina Katz. Louis and Mina were BSA members from 1986 until 2017.

BSA Directory Updates

No changes since the last issue

If you have not received your 2018-19 BSA Directory please contact the office
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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In memory of **Louis Katz**
Louise Reiner

In honor of **JoAnn and Neil Ruther** – Encore
Gladys Fernandez

In honor of **Encore at Second Fiddle Shoppes**
Jeanne Frenzer

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Tell your friends about the BSA and
the wonderful work we do to support the
Symphony and its educational programs.



Bring them to meetings and activities – and
help the organization grow by encouraging
them to join our organization.

Step Up and Sign Up!!!