

SOMERSET AUXILIARY
of the
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The August meeting of the SAJSO was held on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at noon at Kings and Queens Restaurant in Stoystown. 11 members and 5 guests attended. Members present were Beckie Bracken, Sam Hanson, Ruth Hofmaster, Pat Hofschler, Daryl Jones, Esther Michaud, Betty Pyle, Gay Reed, Eleanor Schrock, Jane Sotomayor and Jeanne Wagle. Pam DePoutiloff, Jo Ann Fox, Gary Hofmaster, and Esther's two beautiful grandchildren, Jackie and Joey, attended as guests.

The meeting began at 12:15. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as circulated by email. There was no treasurer's report as Syd was not present. The colorful Sunshine Basket was provided by Sam and awarded to Jane. A new sheet was circulated to sign up for the Sunshine Basket for the 2013-14 season.

The order of business was our Taste of the Laurel Highlands fund-raiser scheduled for Oct. 16. Gay handed out more fliers to be posted in the community. She also distributed the new tickets, printed and numbered, to sell. The list of restaurants agreeing to participate was updated, including those offering gift certificates.

The meeting was open to further discussion of planning for the event: The question of Chambers of Commerce newsletters and inserting fliers in them was addressed. A walk-in approach to restaurants and requesting gift certificates if they cannot participate was mentioned. Members enthusiastically volunteered to make baskets for the auction.

Kings and Queens Restaurant had already agreed to participate in our fund-raiser. A hearty lunch was enjoyed by all and O'Shea's chocolates purchased for "dessert". The next meeting will be held at the Georgian Inn on Thursday, Sept. 12 at noon, so as not to conflict with Sept. 11. We anticipate the Inn joining our "Taste."

Submitted by Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary.