

SOMERSET AUXILIARY  
of the  
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Wednesday, Feb 12, 2014 at noon at the Gourmet Buffet in Somerset, with 12 members and 6 guests attending. We were welcomed into a bright, cheerful private room of the restaurant.

Members present were Syd Bowersox, Beckie Bracken, Sam Hanson, Ruth Hofmaster, Pat Hofscher, Fran Langley, Louise Majesky, Betty Pyle, Gay Reed, Eleanor Schrock, Jo Shockey and Jane Sotomayor. Member spouses included Ed Bowersox, Bob Hanson, Gary Hofmaster, Bob Pyle, Don Reed and John Sotomayor.

The meeting opened at 12:15 pm. Co-President Gay Reed thanked everyone for coming. The January meeting had been canceled so no minutes were submitted. Co-treasurer Syd Bowersox summarized her treasury report, including the balance as of Feb 1, and total deposits from the sunshine basket and cookbooks.

Co-president Sam Hanson reviewed the Give-Back Fund Raiser at Ruby Tuesday's that she and her husband Bob are working on. Two days in April, April 23 (Secretary's Day) and April 25, are dates being considered. Secretary's Day should attract more patrons to the restaurant. Flier/coupons for the fund raiser will be inserted into the programs at the March 8 as well as April 5 JSO concert, as Pat Hofscher suggested. The March concert theme is popular and selling out fast. In addition, the JSO 2014 Annual Fund Campaign is now underway and Eleanor Schrock and Co-treasurer Jane Sotomayor are making calls to the community on behalf of the auxiliary.

Past-president Eleanor Schrock reminded members that lottery tickets are now on sale. One ticket/calendar provides two numbers for the month of March and is only \$10.00. March 1 at noon is the deadline for sales and dollars should be submitted to Eleanor. Also, Louise Majesky mentioned that we are planning a golf tournament fund raiser at the Indian Lake Golf Club which will take place in August.

Orchestra Manager Pat Hofscher described the end of April as a "pistol" for the JSO, offering many activities in addition to the April 5 concert, which showcases the JSO Youth Orchestra: The April 15 Young People's Concert, Ruby Tuesday Fund Raiser and Bach's Lunch. Following in May are the May 3 concert commemorating the Johnstown flood, the annual JSA fashion show and the Mothers Day concert.

The Sunshine Basket was created by Becky Bracken and won by Sydney Bowersox. It was a fluffy arrangement of various items for fashion and home. Our next meeting will be held at Crazy Alice's Cafe on March 12. Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary.