

SOMERSET AUXILIARY
of the
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary met at the Georgian Inn in Somerset on November 13, with 23 members and guests in attendance. Gay Reed welcomed the members and guests:

Special guests: Maestro Istvan Jaray; Dennis McNair, JSO Board President; Brooke Welsh, JSO Executive Director; and Pat Hofscher, JSO Orchestra Manager.

SAJSO members: Syd Bowersox, Beckie Bracken, Sam Hanson, Ruth Hofmaster, Daryl Jones, Louise Majesky, Esther Michaud, Betty Pyle, Gay Reed, Jo Shockey, Jane Sotomayor and Linda Thomas.

Member Spouses: Ed Bowersox, Bob Hanson, Tom Jones, Bob Pyle, Don Reed, John Sotomayor.

Gay Reed stated that we have two good reasons to congratulate ourselves today (1) for having a great "Taste of the Laurel Highlands" fundraiser, and (2) This is the 50th Anniversary of the SAJSO.

"Taste of the Laurel Highlands": Our Treasurer, Syd Bowersox, told us how we did with this fundraiser, which enabled us to contribute \$7,000 to JSO. Our special thanks go to Natalie Cornez -- the event was her brain child at the beginning. She is in Florida right now and cannot attend. Special thanks also go to Teresa Marafino, for letting us use Green Gables and her staff for our event. We are giving her a gift certificate to thank her, for \$100 at the Georgian Inn.

50th ANNIVERSARY! It actually started in 1964. Current member Esther Michaud, who was then President of the Johnstown Auxiliary, came to Somerset and helped the first four ladies start the SAJSO. They were Margo Beech, who is still a current member, Helen Bowen, Thelma Friedline and Lu Hauger. The last few years the Auxiliary was kept going by Eleanor Schrock and Jane Sotomayor—we can't thank them enough for their energy and guidance. Esther Michaud spoke a few words explaining how our auxiliary was started. Brooke Welsh passed out several fund raising coupons for all to enjoy, including a 10% coupon from Chili's for the amount of your check on November 16 (JSO Auxiliary fundraiser). Dennis McNair spoke and so did Istvan, who told us about the upcoming Symphony "A Night with Amadeus" Mozart. A photographer from the Daily American photographed the presentation of our check to Dennis McNair.

The next SAJSO meeting will be on December 11, at the Somerset Country Club, at noon. Please RSVP to Gay Reed.