

SOMERSET AUXILIARY
of the
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The October meeting of the SAJSO was held on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013 at noon at Cafe Fratelli's Restaurant in Somerset. 12 members and 1 guest attended. Members present were Sam Hanson, Ruth Hofmaster, Pat Hofscher, Daryl Jones, Louise Majesky, Esther Michaud, Betty Pyle, Gay Reed, Eleanor Schrock, Lynn Shimer, Jane Sotomayor and Jeanne Wagle. We were honored to have Dennis McNair, new Board President of the JSO, as our guest. Our members introduced themselves and in turn Mr. McNair provided us with a very inspiring introduction to his background, that of the symphony and the importance of music and the JSO to our Pennsylvania region.

The meeting was opened at 12:20 pm. Copies of the minutes from the Sept. meeting were circulated to members and approved as written, including minor corrections by Gay. In Syd's absence and that of a Treasurer's Report it was noted that Atlas Printing was paid for the printing of our tickets to the Taste of the Laurel Highlands. A whimsical candle was provided by Betty for the Sunshine Basket and awarded to Esther.

The order of business was our Taste of the Laurel Highlands fund-raiser scheduled for Oct. 16. Gay handed out snappy new badges to be worn by members during the event. Jeanne Wagle displayed one of two striking paintings she is donating to the silent auction, as well as a lovely jewelry ensemble donated by the Clothesline. It was noted that WindSong Strings, a trio of JSO members, has graciously agreed to provide background music.

It was noted that 15 baskets of differing size and value are being prepared by members for the Chinese auction. Two restaurants will provide baskets for the Silent Auction and there will be 14 door prizes mainly consisting of restaurant gift-certificates. Assignments of duties for the evening were discussed, including a caveat that one-hour shifts be encouraged. Tickets will be sold/picked up/signed at tables by the door. Auction tickets will be sold at tables below the stairs and baskets will be on display in the first room beyond the lobby so they will be ideally visible. WindSong Strings will be situated on the hearth in the big room where they can be heard thruout. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Members enjoyed a very nice luncheon at Cafe Fratelli, including a special with salad and dessert. Delicious Pumpkin Soup was on the menu for the month. The next meeting will be ad hoc on Oct. 15 at Green Gables to set up for Wednesday eve.

Submitted by Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary.