

Somerset Auxiliary
 **JOHNSTOWN**
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 12:30 pm at the Somerset Country Club. The meeting opened and luncheon orders were taken. 24 attendees sat at an elegant table in the main dining room. Three guests from the JSOA, Sharon Spinelli, and Monica & Mike Kozak were welcomed. Board members then were summoned to the grand staircase for a photo of our check presentation to the JSO for \$12,000 -- proceeds from our Taste of the Laurel Highlands fund raiser. The photo appeared in the Saturday edition of the Daily American with a nice caption and article.

The Sunshine Basket was passed around; the Sunshine gift provided by Becki Dickey was admired. It was a beautiful table-top Christmas tree. A drawing was taken for two left-over gift baskets from Taste -- Glades Pike Winery and Somerset Drug. Minutes from the last meeting were approved and seconded as emailed.

Treasurer Bob Hanson reported that we have over \$700 in our Somerset Trust account. He added that he will pay an outstanding invoice to O'Shea's for chocolates bought for the Youth Symphony. Also, it is great that some businesses are now offering to sell chocolates for us at their establishments, thanks to President Gay's efforts. Bob offered to deliver Poinsettias, wreaths and plants for the JSOA Holiday fund raiser in progress.

Teresa Marafino announced that she is still ready to sell tickets for the JSO lottery taking place in March. Ticket sales also are linked on-line. Bob Hanson and Teresa then discussed means of mailing tickets to customers.

President Gay shared that The Georgian Inn has offered a discount on tickets to its High Tea in January or February, from \$24 to \$15. This has been proposed as a fund raiser and could be a nice event, with tea varieties, sandwiches and of course scones with jam! A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to assist. Gay urged members to attend the event and bring friends.

The SAJSO was asked to sell 50/50 raffle tickets at the upcoming December 10 Christmas concert. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to sell tickets

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before the concert and at intermission. JSO Manager Beth Pile highlighted this concert, which features the Symphony Chorus and accomplished soloists in the famous Messiah!

Our next meeting will be at the Oakwood Restaurant in Davidsville on January 5 at 12:30 pm. Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year were extended to all attending!

Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary