

Somerset Auxiliary
 **JOHNSTOWN**
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, **February 2, 2017** at the **Pine Grill Restaurant** in Somerset. President Gay Reed opened the meeting at 12:40 p.m. with a warm wish for a happy and short winter! She then welcomed our new Executive Director of the JSO, Mike Walther. Mr. Walther spoke briefly thanking us for all that we do in support of the symphony. He mentioned that our efforts are vital to the JSO and promised to attend as many meetings as possible!

Members and guests then introduced themselves around the crowded dining tables. Lunches were ordered and came quickly. Twenty-one members -- and guests Mike Walther and Bob Wagle -- were in attendance. Minutes from the January meeting were approved and seconded as emailed. Treasurer Bob Hanson reported that our auxiliary contributed \$1,000 to the Symphony Annual Fund Drive now in progress!

Vice President Beth Pile passed out JSO donor information cards to members for the Annual Fund. Each card denotes the history, name & contact information, and has a space for notes on each call made. Members were encouraged to take a stack of cards and begin calling for donations to the 2017 Annual Fund Drive! In addition, Mike Walther described the Costume Contest planned for the March 11 concert -- The Music of John Williams. He asked for our assistance in procuring \$25-\$30 gift cards (5-6) to be used as prizes at the concert.

Preparations for the Afternoon Symphony Tea at The Georgian Inn have been finalized! The date is set for Saturday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m., \$25 for adults and \$12 for children. Elegant posters and tickets have been designed. The Tea Party Committee is making charming centerpieces and favors for everyone. Tickets for members to buy and sell were passed around. President Gay has additional tickets and encouraged members to bring new people and friends to attend.

The 25th JSO Fashion Show is scheduled for May 2 and there will be two fashion makeovers offered as part of the event, one from the Auxiliary. The JSOA is asking for a volunteer from our group. Louise Majesky volunteered. ♦ The JSOA is also offering a bus tour to Pittsburgh on April 4 and a flier on this trip was passed out.

The Sunshine basket at this meeting was provided by Wanda Byrne and won by Jane Sotomayor. It was a wine-scented Yankee candle packaged in a lovely box. Leslie Custer and Mindy Forry will provide the Sunshine Basket for the March meeting. Chocolate candy bars and lottery tickets for the March lottery are still for sale. All tickets must be turned in by 12:00 p.m. March 1.

The venue for our next meeting will be the Somerset Country Club on March 2, at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary