

SOMERSET AUXILIARY
of the
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, **March 3, 2016** at 12:30 p.m. at Laurel Mountain Inn on Glades Pike, Somerset. We were seated in their large attractive banquet room. 17 members who attended were Mike Cascio, Leslie Custer, Sam Hanson, Bob Hanson, Gary Hofmaster, Ruth Hofmaster, Pat Hofschler, Rob Hudson, Louise Majesky, Teresa Marafino, Sue Menser, Beth Pile, Gay Reed, Don Reed, Eleanor Schrock, John Sotomayor, and Jeanne Wagle. Guests included Wanda Byrne and Bob Wagle.

President Gay Reed opened the meeting and a motion to approve the February minutes as emailed was made and seconded. Treasurer Bob Hanson reported that \$1,056.29 is in the bank and he detailed the total sales to date for O'Sheas candy at \$475. SAJSO bought 500 bars for \$300 in 2015 so we've netted \$175 and are now selling for a profit! Some restaurants or venues, such as Pine Grill, may be willing to sell candy for us.

Sam Hanson reported that our February golf committee meeting was unruly and speakers could not be heard. She suggested that members stand when talking or giving reports. A motion was seconded to that effect. ♦ Gay mentioned that a press conference for the March 12 JSO conductor James Blachly will be held on Tuesday, March 8 at 10 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, Johnstown. These normally last ½ hour. ♦ Also, the JSOA will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30am on March 9 at the Boulevard Grill, Johnstown. This daytime rather than evening meeting may appeal to some SAJSO members. Gay encouraged all to attend both these events.

Pat Hofschler, now retired as JSO Manager, passed out a report with figures on last year's Bach's Lunch, as well as colorful flyers & sign-up sheets for this year's event. Deliveries are scheduled for April 21. Drop-off point for Somerset and Indian Lake orders will be Green Gables.

Rob Hudson, JSO Executive Director, spoke of Audience Development for the JSO. Rob encouraged individuals to focus on one person to bring to the symphony and/or fund-raising events. Word of mouth is the best way to spread interest and support, he said. We need to introduce new people to the JSO. Ask them to dinner and a symphony or event and educate them on the story of the symphony and our auxiliary. Maestro Jaray will conduct the Mother's Day Concert on May 8 in Somerset, at the Somerset High School and that should be a draw! It is free for Mother's and \$5 for adults.

Stylish brochures on the May 13 JSO Golf Tournament were passed out to distribute.

Rob predicted that golfers should fill up quickly as this is a Somerset / Johnstown event (at Indian Lake Golf Club). Don Reed suggested that Channel 6 TV may be willing to promote it. A Channel 6 sportscaster could be invited to be our MC. It was suggested that it would be great if Arnold Palmer could be involved! There have been two committee meetings so far working on the golf tournament, and volunteers, gifts and sponsors still are needed.

John Sotomayor (aka Jay Anthony) is promoting his newly published fiction book "Keeper's Gift"! He brought samples and talked about the origin and details of writing his book. ♦ Don Reed won the Sunshine basket – a nonfiction book (One Summer: America, 1927, by Bill Bryson) and a CD (Winter's Solstice) provided by Teresa Marafino. Books are a new idea for Sunshine gifts. Thank you Teresa!

Our next meeting will be at Oakwood Restaurant in Davidsville on April 7 at 12:30pm. Unfortunately, some members who play in the symphony concert on April 9 will be unable to attend due to rehearsals that week. Next month's Sunshine Basket is going to be provided by Ruth Hofmaster. The meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary.

P.S. One last note from Gay - please do check our website. It is beautiful and has a lot of current information, including the status of our upcoming Golf Tournament.

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