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Dear Members:



We have had two wonderful Pacific Symphony League events so far this season, and I am glad to say that they were well attended. The first of the two was our Salon Series event. Thank you to those who joined us and a large thank you to our hosts, Susan and Sam Anderson. Their lovely home on the water made it conducive for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres being served on the patio. Enjoying wonderful conversation, watching the boats go by and later being treated to Barry Perkins, the Symphony's Principal trumpet musician, playing a beautiful and soothing trumpet concert was magical. Afterward Barry took questions from the guests about the instrument and was very informative, patient, and respectful of our members when listening and answering their questions.

If you missed our September League luncheon, you missed another fantastic afternoon with our Pops Conductor Richard Kaufman and his wife Gayle. We all discovered what a comedian Richard is during his talk with us. He certainly kept us enrapt with his stories of his experiences throughout his career. His wife has had a very interesting show business career as well as a dancer, actress, and singer. Gayle started her career at the age of 14 performing in Las Vegas with Connie Stevens. She performed in many shows including the musical "Promises, Promises," appeared on "The Carol Burnett Show," "The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour" and numerous specials. She was part of the Johnny Mann Singers on "Stand up and Cheer," a member of the cast of "Solid Gold," and danced on the Academy Awards show five different times. She was in the motion picture "New York, New York" and played the part of Liza Minnelli's daughter in the hit Broadway musical "The Act" directed by Martin Scorsese. Richard and Gayle have been married for over sixteen years. She told us a few stories of her show business days that were very entertaining. They are certainly two very talented people and a joy to witness.

The food was one of the best we've experienced in a while thanks to Gwen Williams and her many years as a member of Big Canyon Country Club and her personal involvement in choosing the menu. The architecture and decor of the newly built Club House was very luxurious. The ambience of the high beam ceiling with beautiful large chandeliers, and tall windows looking out onto the golf course added to our comfort and enjoyment.

Stay tuned and make your reservations early for our Pacific League events. They are very special occasions and even though our purpose is to support the Symphony through these functions, we get so much in return. Please join us at the next luncheon on November 14th at the beautiful Sherman Gardens in Corona Del Mar with Carolyn Riley, Pacific Symphony violist and Class Act Teaching Artist. With beautiful indoor dining and a delicious menu planned, it will be a pleasant afternoon.

I thank all of our volunteers for their dedication and hours of service in support of the Pacific Symphony this past month, and if you want to serve in any way, please call the office and let them know when you are available to donate your time and what you would like to do.

Regards,
Dorcas Preston
Pacific Symphony League President

Members and guests enjoy the September members' luncheon at Big Canyon Country Club with guest speaker Richard Kaufman, conductor of the Pacific Symphony Pops.



Left to right: Terrie Kerley, Donna Brantman, Patsy Gehl, Dorcas Preston, Gayle Kaufman, and Richard Kaufman



Jacki Williams introduces special items from the Symphony Shop while other members and guests enjoy the Symphony League history books, prepared by **Sandra Brown**.



The League Welcomes Back Jennifer Greenwalt

The Pacific Symphony League welcomes back Jennifer Greenwalt. Since leaving her position as symphony liaison to the League a year and half ago, she's served as Manager of Ticketing Services for Pacific Symphony, worked toward her Master's Degree in Education, and had a second baby boy. She returns now on a part-time basis to support League activities until January when she will begin student teaching to complete her degree and teaching credential. Jennifer will work from home and can be reached by email at jgreenwalt@pacificsymphony.org ♦

November 14 Luncheon at Sherman Gardens

Gwen William announced that the November members' luncheon will be held at Sherman Gardens in Corona del Mar. The Symphony's Class Act program will be featured with Carolyn Riley, Symphony violist and Class Act Teaching Artist.

It will be a "You Are There" experience demonstrating what happens at a Class Act school lesson.

All are invited. Call Jennifer Greenwalt at (714) 876 - 2374 before November 10. ♦

News from the Symphony Shop



Symphony Shop at Saturday Family
Musical Mornings!

The Shop did very well last year, although it was a slow summer season. We are looking forward to the new year and have stocked wonderful new items. Benaya porcelain is back, and we have warm capes with fur around the neck and cute stationary items.

If you would like to volunteer to help in the Shop please let us know; we are always grateful for new volunteers! If you work on a regular concert night you will be given a ticket for that night. Each time you help at a Family concert you will receive one voucher for one ticket to a Summer Festival concert at Verizon Amphitheater. We still need a lead volunteer for the four remaining family concerts.

If you are interested in helping, please call Sharon Stewart at (714) 921-2664 or (714) 904-2664 or email sharonstewart600@gmail.com ♦

League Members Honored at Pacific Symphony annual Meeting on October 11!

Catherine and Jim Emmi were honored for their outstanding generosity and 20 years of Pacific Symphony support. They are shown here with Bob Becker, (center) Principal violist, whose chair is endowed by the Emmis.

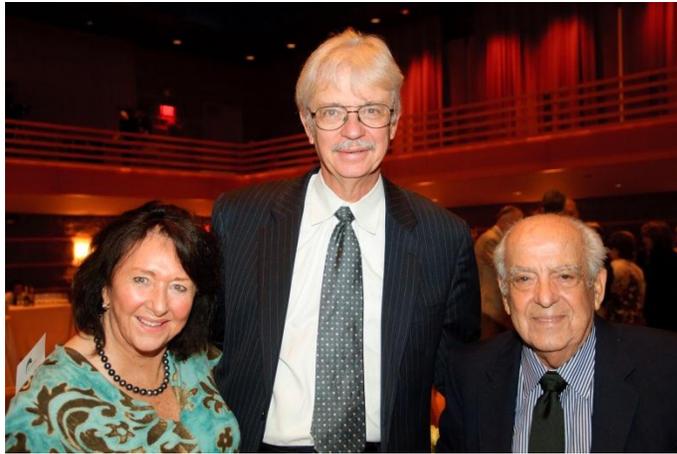


Photo right:

Janice Smith also received recognition for her dedicated work for the Symphony.

All photos by Stan Sholik.



Elizabeth Stahr received the Vesta Curry *Hats Off!* Award for her inspiring leadership of the Pacific Symphony Youth Ensembles Board and her extraordinary efforts in making possible the Youth Orchestra's first European tour to Bulgaria.

Pictured left, are Elizabeth Stahr, Maxim Eshkenazy, and Philip Sheegog who played a cello dedication to Elizabeth.



Vesta Curry, Volunteer Extraordinaire

Salon Series Symphony Principal Trumpet player,

Barry Perkins, was the soloist at the first Salon Series of 2011-2012. It was held on September 11, 2011 at the home of Susan and Sam Anderson.



The Salon Series features outstanding soloists in private homes on Sunday afternoons.

The October event was cancelled. An additional event may be scheduled later in 2012.

The next Salon Series event is February 25 featuring Vadim Gluzman, Pacific Symphony violinist.

Mindy Ball, Pacific Symphony's Principal Harpist is the featured artist for the April 29, 2012 Salon Series. ♦



Pacific Symphony League volunteers worked at South Coast Plaza's Festival of Children in September. Pictured below (left) is Gwen Williams with the young dancers. The volunteers had so much fun seeing the sparkling eyes and excitement the children showed. There were hundreds of children.



This brother and sister experimented with all the instruments, but little brother found the toy xylophone to be the most fascinating.

Membership News: A new category of Pacific Symphony League membership called Opera Focus was recently established with members of Opera Pacific in mind. Opera lovers can join the League for \$50 on a one-year trial basis. The upcoming Symphony's semi-staged opera production of *La Boheme* in 2012 has inspired their participation in the League. According to Laila Conlin, co-founder with Bev Spring, 55 Opera Focus members have already joined the League in this special capacity. The proceeds of Opera Focus events will benefit Pacific Symphony and its opera activities.

Welcome new Active League and Salon Series members: Elizabeth Ton, Minette Carter, Kevin Klein, Stan Sholik, Linda Sholik, Liz Slipeka, Frank and Joann Randall, Cindy Collins

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