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**SOUTH BEND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE NEWSLETTER
 SEPTEMBER, 2011**

“We care, therefore we share”

from your President

Dear Friends of the Symphony Orchestra,

I feel privileged to be addressing you as the President of the SBSO League. My return to South Bend in 1991 brought me to the League as a new and enthused member, and I have enjoyed my membership throughout the years. I have admired the many Presidents who preceded me, and I now look forward to following in their footsteps.

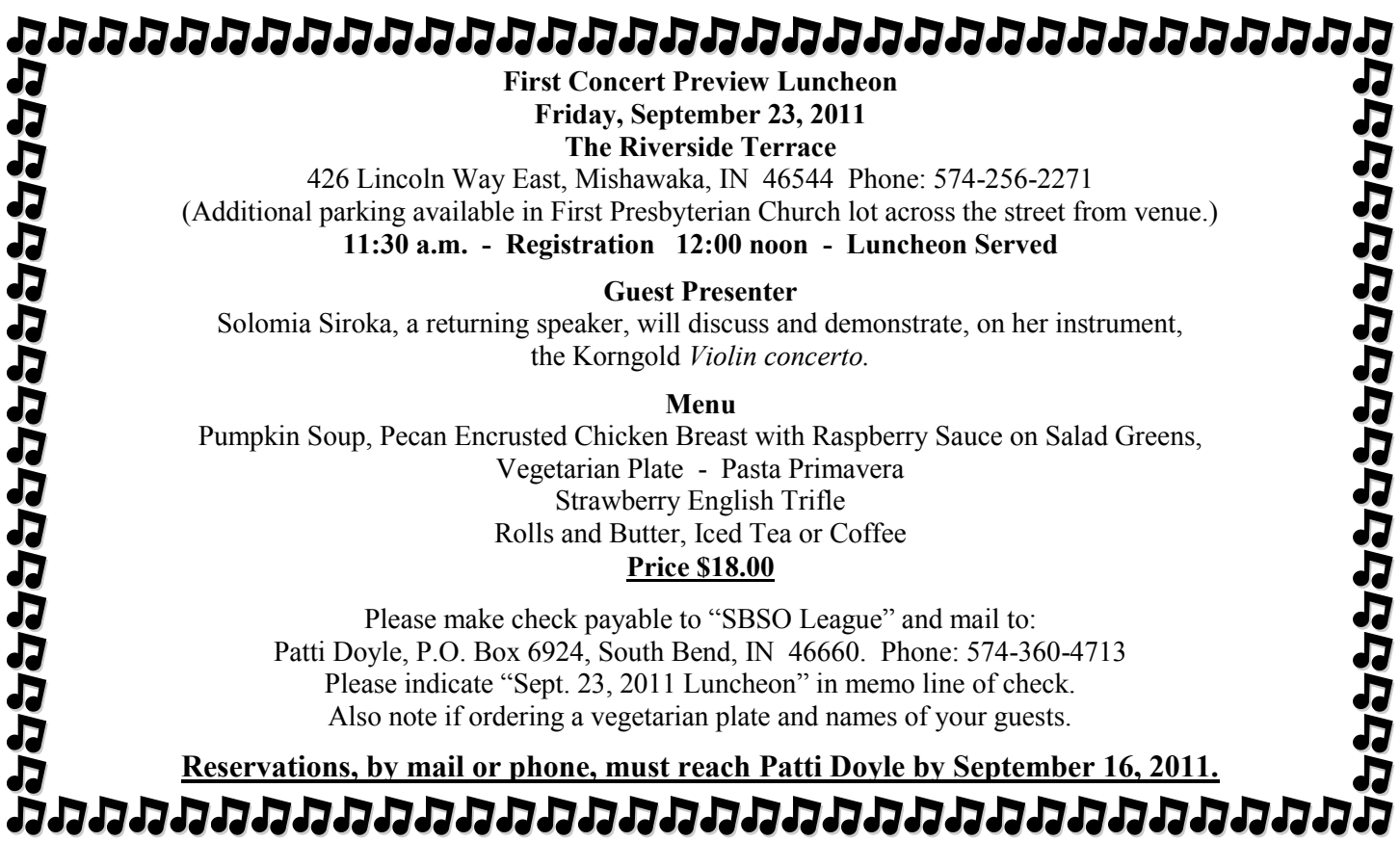
Our League is excited to announce that we have 19 members who have joined us since the Fall of 2010. We have mentioned them by name in previous newsletters, and we are hopeful they will enjoy participating in our numerous projects and activities. Please help them feel welcome when you meet them at any of our League and Symphony Orchestra events. Just remember how you felt when you were the newcomer!

Our Symphony Orchestra season promises to be exciting with a balance in music from Mozart and Shakespeare to Phantom of the Opera and Hollywood romantic songs from the 1930's. You still have time to subscribe to one of our series - Masterworks, Pops, or Chamber series. If you do, you will enjoy the best seats, best prices and have the privilege of free exchange of concert tickets.

Our first luncheon will be Friday, September 23, 2011 before our Masterworks I Concert on September 24, 2011. I urge all of you to attend the luncheon, and I especially invite our newest members to join us. The food is always delicious, and we enjoy the musical knowledge passed on to us by our Guest Presenter.

I am so pleased to tell you that we raised just over \$1000 this summer due to the dedication of members who worked at the “Old2Gold” sale at Notre Dame. What a great opportunity we had, and our hope is to have even more members involved next year. Our mission as a League continues to be to support the Symphony Orchestra as volunteers in both the work we do and the money we raise. Please help us accomplish that goal.

*With warmest regards,
 Cathy Lower*



**First Concert Preview Luncheon
 Friday, September 23, 2011
 The Riverside Terrace**

426 Lincoln Way East, Mishawaka, IN 46544 Phone: 574-256-2271
 (Additional parking available in First Presbyterian Church lot across the street from venue.)
11:30 a.m. - Registration 12:00 noon - Luncheon Served

Guest Presenter

Solomia Siroka, a returning speaker, will discuss and demonstrate, on her instrument, the Korngold *Violin concerto*.

Menu

Pumpkin Soup, Pecan Encrusted Chicken Breast with Raspberry Sauce on Salad Greens,
 Vegetarian Plate - Pasta Primavera
 Strawberry English Trifle
 Rolls and Butter, Iced Tea or Coffee

Price \$18.00

Please make check payable to “SBSO League” and mail to:
 Patti Doyle, P.O. Box 6924, South Bend, IN 46660. Phone: 574-360-4713
 Please indicate “Sept. 23, 2011 Luncheon” in memo line of check.
 Also note if ordering a vegetarian plate and names of your guests.

Reservations, by mail or phone, must reach Patti Doyle by September 16, 2011.



Thank You To Our Volunteers!!!

Charlotte K. Ford
Remembering a Grand Lady ...
In early May of this year, a member of the Orchestra League departed our ranks. We do miss her, but we retain good memories of her many years as a member of the League. Charlotte Ford, fondly known to us as "Char," was an early member of "The Women's Association" serving as its President in the late seventies and again in the mid-eighties. Char, of course, served not only this organization but also the SBSO Board of Directors as its President. Additionally, she was active in several other organizations in the visual and performing arts arenas and literary societies. Char was a devoted member of her church and worked tirelessly on its behalf. Char and her devoted late husband, Burt, had been friends in Central High School, but their romance developed after graduation. They stayed in the area and devoted their time and assets in supporting the South Bend Symphony, the Fischhoff, and the Women's Art League, among others. When she was asked "Why?" Char responded, "Because I enjoy it and have been able to do so. I have always volunteered. Every one of us is exposed to visual and performing arts." We have a better community because of Char Ford. Thank you!

HONORING ONE OF OUR OWN!!!

June H. Edwards, a three-time past President of our League, has been selected for a very prestigious award - "The Governor's Art Award." Award recipients in the state are chosen for their commitment to the arts in their communities. June is the first individual to receive the award in the South Bend area. She has had a huge impact on our local arts community through her generous patronage and personal support. She is a member of the South Bend Symphony League as well as the Art League. Because of her support, the South Bend Symphony chamber Music series bears her name. Her donation to the South Bend Museum of Art, the largest ever made up until that time, created the wing of the museum that bears her name. Marvin Curtis, dean of the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts at Indiana University South Bend, said it well when he described June - "She's a lady of quiet grace whose whole focus has been to bring the arts to her community so that everyone can enjoy them."

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU JUNE!

"Old2Gold" - We were so happy to receive a check in the amount of \$1,088.84 for our efforts at the annual "Old2Gold" sale this year at Notre Dame. We especially thank six of our members who generously donated their time: Cathy BonDurant, Durleen Braasch, Judy and Hugh Kuzmich, Nancy Jo Pinney and Sandy Soper. Nancy Jo even worked with a broken arm. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Volunteer Opportunities

I'm sure you share our enthusiasm about the upcoming SBSO season. Many opportunities are being offered for members to help Our Symphony have a great year. Please look over the suggestions and consider giving some time to help. It is a great way to meet new friends.

Liz Burnham, SBSO Director of Sales and Marketing, would like to have two members present at each concert to represent the Symphony League. No labor necessary, just **meet and greet Symphony attendees**. Also, the **Phone-A-Thon** will be held October 3—14. Barb Henry, SBSO Annual Giving Manager, is asking for members to make phone calls from the Symphony Office to remind donors of the importance of their contributions.

The Young People's Discovery Concert is scheduled for October 20—21, 2011 to better accommodate the school year activities. It will be held at O'Laughlin Auditorium at St. Mary's College, and volunteers will be needed to help check in schools and usher students into the building and into their seats. It offers time for the volunteers, along with the students, to enjoy our Symphony performance.

Poinsettia Sale - This sale is our major fundraiser and will be held on November 29 and December 1, 2011. Please save those dates! We will need many helping hands to set up on the days of the sale as well as deliver plants. We will also need donations of snacks and drinks for the workers on the sale days.

If you can help with any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact **Judy Kuzmich at 574-272-5739 or jkuzmich@sbcglobal.net**.

DIRECTORY IS ON ITS WAY!

Our League Member's Handbook and Directory for 2011-2012 will soon be in the mail to you. Joyce Anne M. Kidd generously gave many hours of her time this summer updating all of the information before sending her finished product to the printers. We are very grateful for her dedication in accepting this project again this year, and we thank you, Joyce Anne. Please check your Directory, and if there are changes, please contact **Joyce Anne M. Kidd at 243-2537 or joyceannemariiek@aol.com**.

Susan Shank, Violinist

With a B.A. from Goshen College and fresh out of the Master's Degree Program at the University of Michigan, Susan, a native of Goshen, joined the Peace Corps. She was assigned to Bolivia to teach and play in The National Symphony in LaPaz. A year later found her in San Salvador, El Salvador.

As a 9 year old, she thought the French Horn would be fun to play, but she soon found a violin tucked under her chin. Susan's parents, both music lovers, had reached for a violin, long stored in the closet, so she could take advantage of the stringed instrument instruction at her school.

Spending two summers at the Interlochen National Music Camp during high school gave Susan just a glimpse of the talented musicians sharing her passion for instrumental music.

Susan also works part-time in the Literacy and Outreach Services Department of the St. Joseph County Library. For nearly 25 years she has enjoyed meeting and working with people who need assistance due to language barriers as well as physical, developmental, or learning disabilities.

She has taught violin in public and private schools, given private lessons and has played in several neighboring orchestras. She has just completed her 30th season with the South Bend Symphony!

Submitted by Sandy Soper