

# NOTEWORTHY NEWS

## Women's Association of the Columbus Symphony

### President's letter

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you. I hope 2016 brings you much joy, lots of wonderful music and the good health to enjoy it all.

WACSO had a very busy autumn. The pecan/walnut sale was successful and involved people beyond Vivace Unit because CAPA allowed the sale of the nuts before concerts and during intermission. I offer my thanks to CAPA and to those who sold. We made \$2,519.40.

Helen Nutis, a longtime, enthusiastic member, generously remembered WACSO in her will. Louise Swanson's sister-in-law Judy Ross, who has a tag-sale business, agreed on short notice to organize and hold a tag sale for us. We made more than \$1,700 from the sale and are awaiting appraisals for art pieces. Thanks to Denise Rehg and Sandy Osterholtz for their hard work in making the sale possible.



Our December Quarterly Meeting held at Scioto Country Club was especially beautiful with all the holiday decorations. Mary Lou Kable planned the luncheon and, with her daughters' help, provided lovely favors. Joan Foucht joined her fellow choristers from the AAUW to entertain us with some traditional and some less common songs of the season, all artfully sung.

On December 13, we held Seasonal Splendor at the amazingly and beautifully decorated home of Al Waddell and Allen Baker. More than 80 people enjoyed an exceptional party with wonderful food (carefully prepared by our members under the direction of Jan Wade); lovely seasonal music played by a quartet of CSO musicians; Christmas carols led by Ross Bridgman and Mike Malone from the CSO Chorus (who knew how well we sing together); good wishes from Santa, and a camaraderie unusual for these types of events. We made more than \$5,200. Thanks to all who helped make this party a grand success and who, I hope, had a good time in the process.

WACSO won't be slacking off in winter and spring. The pansy sale will soon to get under way. The Special Projects committee will present the Side-by-Side and Chorus Reception, and the Education Committee will provide support for the Young Musicians' competition. Also planned are a Sunday Assembly featuring symphony musicians April 10 at Spagio in Grandview, the Musicians luncheon in April and Passport to Vienna on June 12.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be March 19 at the OSU Golf Course, a new venue for WACSO. I'm sure Mary Lou Kable and Joan Foucht will plan a wonderful lunch and an entertaining program. Mark your calendars now.

Profits from all our events go to support the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and, as part of our mission in 2015-16, will help get the CSO musicians into the local schools. Your donations of time and money to WACSO are essential and very much appreciated! As those who participated in our autumn activities know, we enjoyed deepening our friendships and had a lot of fun. Won't you actively join us?

All the best in 2016,  
Susan Mancini

# Milanov talks about future of symphony

When Maestro Rossen Milanov arrived at the WACSO fall quarterly meeting, he circulated through the room, making sure he met every person at the luncheon. He escorted longtime member Mary Long to the podium to receive her Honorary Membership.

The Columbus Symphony's new music director also spoke about expanding the orchestra's audience.

"How do we relate to our audience? How do we create experiences that are meaningful?" he told the gathering at the Worthington Hills Country Club.

In addition to the Master Works and Pops concerts, the Happy Hour concerts will continue. "We have to opportunity to develop listeners," he said, primarily those younger than 40.

Some concerts will be projected on screens in Columbus Commons for anyone to see. He also wants to take the symphony out into the community. Three concerts planned at the Columbus Museum of Art will match music to the featured art, such as Russian artists, Vienna in the 1900s and Hollywood in the 1930s.

Collaborations with the opera and ballet are planned. "Very few cities have that level of cooperation," Milanov said.

His passion, however, is education. Milanov's goal is to reach 50,000 students. He wants to work with a lot of the city schools, he said. Giving students an opportunity to bring an instrument to the Ohio Theatre and perform with the orchestra is part of the plan. "I've been in touch with so many of these children, working with their parents, also."

He even compared what he's doing to football. "The success of the football team creates a sense of community," he said. "Symphony concerts are very much the same thing. Concerts develop a sense of community."



The Maestro even delivered coffee to some WACSO members.

## Gift of honor

A meaningful way to honor a family member a friend, or a dedicated WACSO member is through a gift to the Columbus Symphony. So far this year, Treasurer Barna Graves said, we have had four gifts to honor special events and two gifts in memory of people who have died for a total of \$400. The two memorials were from Melody Unit for Virginia Hull and Carl Nourse, husband of Mary Nourse.

## Thank you

Dear WACSO members,

On behalf of Mary Long and her family, I want to thank all of you for your generous donation to the Columbus Symphony Orchestra in honor of our Mother's 100th birthday. She also appreciated the lovely ornament from Bethlehem. Your organization has been very special to our Mother for many, many years.

Sincerely,  
Diane Long-Liefeld

Anne Highland has a new email address:  
[ahighland42@gmail.com](mailto:ahighland42@gmail.com)



## Seasonal fundraiser filled with splendor

The beautifully decorated home of Al Waddell and Allen Baker was the setting for the first Seasonal Splendor party, held on a mild Dec. 13. Scrumptious savory appetizers and sweets prepared by a team of WACSO members created a bountiful, attractive table for the event that drew about 80 people.

Led by Jan Wade, the catering squad produced more than 1,000 bite-sized bits of food to accompany wine donated by Lisa Ryan and Denise Rehg, as well as other beverages. The hosts set a magnificent stage with their fine china, stemware and dramatic floral centerpieces.

The day was so warm that several people spent time on the veranda with their food and beverages.

While many of their colleagues were busy accompanying a BalletMet performance of "The Nutcracker," four string players from the CSO welcomed the Seasonal Splendor crowd with sounds of the holidays. They were Wei Fischetti, Paula Korak, Mary Davis Featherstone and Jocelyn Hach. And as the sun set on the late-afternoon party, Ross Bridgman and Mike Malone from the CSO Chorus led the party-goers in a sing-along of favorite Christmas carols.

Despite December being his busiest month, Santa Claus left his workshop to sample the delicacies and check out the atmosphere. He left WACSO with a very nice present because Seasonal Splendor raised over \$5,200.

Everyone went home with their own piece of splendor, hand-made Christmas ornaments celebrating the sounds of music.



# It's time to order pansies

In less than 2 months, spring will be here along with WACSO's beautiful pansies. The terra-cotta bowls have 8-9 flowers, while the baskets have about 11, each costing \$12. Two order forms are included: one for

taking orders and the other for submitting the order total. Donna Gerhold is spearheading the fundraiser while Anne Highland, committee chairwoman, is caring for a sister who is having open-heart surgery.

## ORDER FORM 2016 PANSY SALE

Sponsored by the Women's Association of the Columbus Symphony  
**All proceeds benefit the Columbus Symphony**

**Using the form below, your order must be submitted by March 4, 2016.**

**Pick-up Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2016, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ --- \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the pick-up location most convenient for you:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Susan Mancini    5835 Olentangy Blvd., Worthington, 43085    614/846-5807
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jan Wade    3120 S. Dorchester Rd., Upper Arlington, 43221    614/488-9401
- \_\_\_\_\_ JoAnne Lang    430 Riley Ave., Worthington, 43085    614/846-4335
- \_\_\_\_\_ Louise Swanson    2519 Fair Ave., Bexley, 43209    614/237-8865

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Pansy **Bowls**    (\$12.00 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Pansy **Baskets**    (\$12.00 each)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed (\$12.00 X \_\_\_\_\_)

**Make checks payable to: WACSO**  
**Mail the top half of this form and payment(s) to:**  
Donna Gerhold, 3097 Dartford Trace, Dublin, OH 43017-2205  
Questions? Call Donna Gerhold at 614/389-6663 or Cell 477-7786

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**TEAR OFF AND KEEP THIS BOTTOM RECEIPT FOR YOUR RECORDS**

Pick-up Date: Thursday, March 24, 2016    Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Pick-up Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PANSIES ORDERED:    \_\_\_\_\_ BOWLS    \_\_\_\_\_ BASKETS

TOTAL X \$12.00    \$\_\_\_\_\_ PAID    CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

