

From the President



The Waco Symphony Council members are still hard at work this year.

The Belle and Brass Presentation is March 21st, at the *Classical Rainbows All Orchestral* concert. This group of young women and men attended several seminars and events that have allowed them to make new friends, to develop leadership skills, and to achieve an appreciation of classical

music. We are grateful for their support of the *ZooTunes* service project. And Barbara Powell and her committee are proud of this group of outstanding Belles and Brass that they guided this year.

The members of the Preview Parties under the guidance of Peggy Borders have done a wonderful job of hosting four Preview Parties. The most recent one was at Louise and Norman Hay's home. We appreciate our hosts opening up their homes to the Waco Symphony Council. Maestro Stephen Heyde is always present to educate us and entertain us about the upcoming concert. It is a delight to listen to him give the "inside story." The next Preview Party will be April 3, at the home of Jeannie and David Dickson. We hope you will attend.

MaryAnn Parks and Betty Kaga did a wonderful job with the Patron Party on January 15. They and their committee gave a very elegant party at the Ridgewood Country Club.

Stephanie Cooney and her committee did an excellent job with the *Sunday Sounds* this year. They hosted three different Sunday Sounds and provided delightful refreshments.

The TASO Conference is April 16-19 at Abilene this year. Marsha Green will attend as TASO president. Other attendees are Lydia Bratcher as TASO 2009 Juanita Miller chairman and Board member, Debra Burleson as Board Representative and TASO Newsletter chairman, Linda Hatchel as President elect of WSC, Betsy Reeder as 2009 President-elect and myself as WSC President. We plan to return with fresh ideas for this next year.

Remember to attend the Installation Luncheon May 21.

~ ~ *Dianne Sawyer*

Waco Symphony Council President, 2008-2009



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Remaining Concerts in the 2008-2009 Subscription Series

All-Orchestral Concert
with the Presentation of the
Symphony Belles & Brass
Saturday, March 21, 2009

Robert Bonfiglio, harmonica
Playing the harmonica, classically
Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Preview Parties

Council Members, we enjoyed seeing you on Thursday, March 19th, for the lovely luncheon the committee planned for you at the home of Norman and Louise Hay. {see photo on page 2.}

On **April 3rd** David and Jeannie Dickson are graciously opening their home for us to come to a Wine and Cheese Party. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail soon about it. Our Symphony calendar for March and April are very busy with the concerts so close together! What a delightful way to have fellowship and great music!

~ ~ *Peggy Borders, 3rd Vice President*

2009 Waco Symphony Council Showhouse

Our 2009 Showhouse is coming along nicely. {photo at left} See exciting details on page 3 of this newsletter. Thank you to The Alford Company for their work!



CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM NOTES

The Waco Symphony Youth Orchestra had their spring concert on March 1st at Jones Hall. After the concert, ten graduating seniors were honored with medals for their time playing for the WYSO. **Philip Whitney**, cello, was honored as the winner of the 2008-09 WSYO Concerto Competition.

Graduating seniors are also: **Garrett Jaynes**, double bass; **Keith Lightfoot**, trumpet; **Collin Norkiewicz**, double bass, violin; **Priscilla Powell**, viola; **Samuel Stanton**, violin; **Kalle Tiihonen**, cello; **David Tipton**, trumpet; **Aaron Wharton**, French horn; and **Gabriel Zayas**, cello. Congratulations to all these talented students and best wishes.

Planning is underway for the 2009 *ZooTunes* concert to be held in the fall at the Cameron Park Zoo. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Betsy Reeder or Anna Holland.

Next year is the 63rd annual Children's Concert that brings live music to over 5000 area elementary students. If you are interested in helping organize this, contact any WSC board member.

We will soon be awarding the Waco Symphony Council scholarship to a music student at Baylor University. Watch for more details in the next issue of this newsletter.

~~ Betsy Reeder
2nd Vice President, Youth
Programs

From the Newsletter Editor

If you would like the Council newsletters in a different format, contact Kris Olson at kris.olson@grandecom.net or 756-2505. They are available in hard copy that will be mailed or you will receive an email with a link for each new issue.

Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras

The Waco Symphony Council (WSC) has a long and rich history with the Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras (TASO). One of our own, Marsha K. Green, has spent this year providing leadership and vision as the board president for TASO.

Waco was one of the founding members of the Texas Women's Association for Symphony Orchestras in 1967 and has been an active supporter since the beginning. TASO, as it was renamed in 1984, provides a forum for the exchange of ideas designed to promote, develop and support symphony orchestras.

TASO has quarterly board meetings and an annual spring conference that is hosted by one of the 32 member organizations. In this way, each member organization has the opportunity to see different cities, orchestras and volunteers. Member organizations submit educational, fund-raising and service projects, and nominate a legislator, business, and volunteer for the Award of Excellence, who are recognized at the spring conference.



WSC hosted TASO conferences in 1972, 1986 and in 2005. And we have proudly provided three TASO presidents—**Margaret C. Brown** in 1973, **Reba Campbell** in 1987, and **Marsha K. Green**, the current president, pictured at left.

This year's conference will be hosted by the Abilene Symphony Guild, April 16-19. Once again, the Waco Council will be well represented. Marsha will preside as

TASO President. **Lydia Bratcher** will be attending as the TASO Juanita Miller Concerto Competition Chair. **Debra Burlison** will attend as the WSC Representative and as the TASO Newsletter Chair. Other delegates include **Dianne Sawyer**, President of the WSC, **Linda Hatchel**, President-Elect WSC and **Betsy Reader** as the incoming President-Elect for WSC.

WSC has consistently won awards from TASO through the years. This year WSC had three projects selected that will be presented at the conference. *Sunday Sounds* was selected as a Recognized Service Project (first place) and will be presented by PowerPoint and in roundtable sessions at the conference. The *Children's Concert* and the *Waco Symphony Council Belles and Brass Program* were selected as Commended Projects and will be presented at the roundtable session.

Congratulations to Marsha on a great year for TASO!

Preview Parties

Hostess Louise Hay and the Preview Party committee celebrated spring as they served delicious food that was beautifully presented. {left} Maestro Stephen Heyde provided insights and history behind the music for the upcoming concert. See you on April 3rd for wine and cheese party!





2009 Waco Symphony Council Showhouse

Located in prestigious Hidden Valley, our old world style "Hillrock Manor" 2009 Waco Symphony Council Showhouse will be unveiled this fall! Built by Brad and Nathan Alford of The Alford Company, this splendid home promises to be a true showcase. Under the direction of Lead Designer, Catherine Dolen, ten local designers and decorators are ready to make this Showhouse spectacular in its design and architectural elements. You won't want to miss this exciting fundraising event sponsored by the Waco Symphony Council.

Champagne Preview Party
Thursday, October 1, 2009
6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Ticket required--\$75 per person

Four Dates
October 3-18, 2009
Monday-Saturday
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday
1 p.m.-4 p.m.
Ticket required--\$10 per person

Tea room
Wednesday-Saturday
Two Seatings
11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Reservations recommended
\$15 per person

Designer Tips
Tuesday, October 6, 2009
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
\$15 per person

Champagne Sunday Brunch
Sunday, October 11, 2009
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Ticket required--\$25 per person

Wine Tasting
Thursday, October 15, 2009
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Ticket required--\$25 per person or
\$45 per couple

Patron Ticket
\$350
Two ticket to Champagne Preview Party;
Four tour tickets and Four Tea Room tickets;
Recognition at Preview Party; and
listed in Waco Symphony Program

Silent Auction Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to serve on the Silent Auction Committee, please call or email
Rusty Corwin, Chairman, 772-8732 or txtenski@aol.com.
More volunteer opportunities will be available and listed in Spring membership form.