

Welcome to WSL 2016-17

The theme for the 2016-2017 Women's Symphony League's year is "Scaling New Heights". Our organization is accomplishing this on several fronts and I invite you to join us in our endeavors.

The WSL is the largest single source of funding for the East Texas Symphony. Our symphony, under the direction of Richard Lee, continues to push new boundaries in live performance music and appeal to all ages with a diverse array of music. Tyler stands out from other cities its size with such an outstanding Arts community, the ETSO is without question its crown jewel.

Our scholarships provide support for budding young musicians throughout East Texas. It is exciting to encourage these young people as they perhaps begin careers in music or further develop their talent.

Finally, we are proud of our Junior Symphony League. Support from the WSL allows Tyler to have an organization of young leaders that are not only learning about the arts but also are providing a needed role during ETSO concerts and events.

We need you for continued success. Please join us as we "Scale New Heights" in the WSL.

Regards,
Beth Whitney
2016-2017 WSL President

Proposed/New Members:

Please join us!

Spring Fling and New Member Welcome

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Home of Beth Whitney

2601 S. Chilton Ave.

Returning the enclosed forms with your dues payment by June 1, 2016, will signify your acceptance of this membership invitation. During your initial three years of active membership, automatic placements on specific committees

may take precedence over other placement choices you select.

2016-17 Members and Reinstating Members:

June 1, 2016, is the deadline for dues payment. A \$10 late fee will be assessed if paid after June 1st. A member whose dues have not been received by June 2nd must apply for reinstatement to renew her membership. All dues paid are non-refundable.

Please direct membership or committee questions to Leigh Ann Bugg, membership@wsityler.org

2016-17 COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Please select a placement for 2016-17 from the following opportunities, indicate your choices on the enclosed form, and return it by June 1, 2016.

PRESIDENT-ELECT – Sandy Baugh

VP ADMINISTRATION – Jill Campbell

COMMUNICATION

Telephone, text and/or email members about meetings and projects.

HISTORIAN / SCRAPBOOK / ARCHIVES

Document WSL activities, take pictures of events, and collect memorabilia throughout the year. Input historical data into online site.

NEWSLETTER

Collect, compile, and proofread articles for the newsletters, coordinate the publishing and mail out.

WEBSITE

Update and maintain forms on the WSL website

WSL MAILINGS

Maintain the mailing lists on special invitees and underwriting. Label, sort and prepare for bulk mailings. Deliver mail to post office, if needed.

VP EDUCATION – Jamie Brumfield

YOUNG PEOPLES SERIES: SCHOOL CONCERTS AND FAMILY CONCERT
Help plan and execute concerts. Assist with art work, literature creation, & delivery of information to schools & community. Other duties include ushering at concerts, providing meals to musicians, publicity, and working other special events in connection with the concerts.

NOTE: SCHOOL CONCERTS are performed for 4th & 5th grades on weekdays. FAMILY CONCERT is performed for children ages 3 through 10, and accompanying adults, on a weekend during the school year.

TASO YOUTH COMPETITION

Identify prospective competitors & circulate information.

SCHOLARSHIP

Prepare and revise scholarship brochure and forms. Help promote scholarships and evaluate candidates.

VP SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – Jennifer Rippy

ARRANGEMENTS – DAY / EVENING

Serve as a committee member to host WSL board or general meetings. A contribution of \$25 is requested.

ARRANGEMENTS – JOINT BOARD MEETING

Serve as a committee member to host May meeting & luncheon for outgoing and incoming WSL boards. A contribution of \$25 is requested.

ARRANGEMENTS – ETSO CONCERT RECEPTION

Serve as a committee member to host an annual evening reception for ETSO. A contribution of \$25 is requested.

COOKS IN THE KITCHEN

Open your kitchen or simply join other cooks to prepare food for WSL events and concert weekends.

SYMPHONY CONCERT HOST

Provide and serve meals to the orchestra on concert weekends. A contribution of \$25 is requested.

HARMONY INNS

Provide overnight accommodations for musicians to stay in your home Friday evening prior to concert performances.

STYLE SHOW FUNDRAISER

Plan and present the Fundraiser.

SYMPHONY BALL – Co-Chairs Laurie Ann Frank and Meredith Roberts

BALL VOLUNTEERS: Support the ball committee and perform various duties as determined by chairmen.

FRESH APPROACH to the CLASSICS FUNDRAISER

Plan and present the Fundraiser

VP MEMBERSHIP – Leigh Ann Bugg

DA CODA CORE

Identify potential WSL members.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Use Excel spreadsheet to record members' meeting attendance, fundraising support, and placement fulfillment.

NEW MEMBER

Facilitate new members orientation meetings and questions. Keep new members requirements.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Preparation of renewal forms, have printed, distributed membership packets to One & done for stuffing, mail renewal packets.

PLACEMENT

Place members in committee of choice by first come first serve, unless preplaced by a committee chair.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Communicate with members that have not renewed. Contact former members from database to enlist re-instating

HANDBOOK (May through August placement)

Coordinate, collect and proofread information, input data into computer, and prepare for mailing of handbook.

ONE & DONE

Receive group text for volunteer opportunities for WSL/ETSO. Complete one 4-hour placement at your convenience

PLEASE NOTE: Some committees have a maximum number of participants. To ensure your selection renew online or return committee form as early as possible for best selection.

2016-17 MEMBERSHIP

GUIDELINES AND OBLIGATIONS

ACTIVE MEMBERS

1. Must purchase at least one (1) Fundraiser ticket each year from the FRESH Fundraiser, Style Show Fundraiser, or Symphony Ball.
2. Must attend a minimum of two (2) meetings each year. The purchase of an ETSO season ticket may count as a meeting.
3. Must serve on at least one (1) placement committee.
4. Must pay annual dues of **\$50.00** by **June 1, 2016**, and must pay required late or reinstating fees, if applicable.
5. Reinstatement as an Active member must occur before January 1, 2016.

NEW MEMBERS

1. New Actives will be placed on the Symphony Concert Host Committee.
2. New Actives may choose to serve on more than one (1) committee outside the required placement commitment.
3. New Actives must purchase one ETSO concert ticket and attend one (1) East Texas Symphony Orchestra subscription concert during the 2016-17 symphony season.
4. New Actives must meet all Active membership requirements, including payment of dues.
5. May join as an Associate Member without initially being accepted as an Active Member. Must pay Associate dues.
6. Both New Active and New Associate Members must attend and participate in New Member Orientation.

PLACEMENT SELECTION FORM

1. If submitting by mail the Active members should indicate 1st, 2nd & 3rd placement choices. The Placement Chairman will make every effort to fulfill requests. Committee chairmen will contact members assigned to their committees. Committee / placement participation is a **REQUIREMENT** of active membership.
2. If you are pre-placed please mark the selection and write the person who asked you to serve on that committee.
3. Please complete all parts of the form.

ASSOCIATE & EMERITUS MEMBERS are non-voting members who may participate in any WSL activity, including committee service. *Associate dues are \$65.00. Emeritus (age 80 years or older) have optional dues of \$ 65.00.*

JUNIOR SYMPHONY LEAGUE

VP – Sandy Baugh

VP-Elect – Stephanie Nickel

The following policies apply when proposing your candidate for the Junior Symphony League:

1. An **Active** WSL member may propose a candidate for JSL membership during the student's sophomore year in high school, provided that the proposing WSL member satisfies requirements for length of Active membership. (A candidate is any daughter/son of a WSL mother, grandmother or stepmother.) The **deadline** for JSL proposals is **January 15, 2017**.
2. When a member proposes her candidate for JSL, she must have been an active member of the Women's Symphony League of Tyler or of a reciprocal league for at least three years consecutively or five years non-consecutively. If a JSL member is to be proposed, please fill in page 3 of this packet and submit it with your WSL renewal and dues.
3. A WSL member must remain an active member in good standing during the years her candidate is a member of the JSL.
4. Parents of a JSL member are required to fulfill JSL parental duties (outlined in the WSL handbook), in addition to WSL active membership requirements.
5. The Executive Board may give special consideration to candidates whose families have extenuating circumstances making it impossible to meet the membership requirements for admission to the JSL. Such considerations must be presented in writing to the Executive Board for a formal resolution by November 1st of the JSL candidate's sophomore year. If admission to the JSL is made due to extenuating circumstances involving the WSL member's years of active service, the WSL member will be required to purchase one season ticket to the East Texas Symphony Orchestra during her candidate's junior year.
6. In the event of death: If the WSL member is in good standing at the time of her death, her candidate will be considered eligible for membership subject to the qualification in Article III Section 1 – JSL Constitution. Another active WSL member who agrees to assume the responsibilities of the JSL mother must sponsor the JSL candidate.
7. In the event of a single Father having sole custody of an eligible JSL candidate, an active WSL member who agrees to assume all responsibilities of the JSL mother may request "special circumstances" and, if approved, may sponsor the JSL candidate.

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Membership Information and Committee Selection