

*Sierra Vista Symphony Association*  
***Season 25 Annual Report***  
*FY 2019/2020*



*Membership Meeting*

*July 25, 2020*



# Sierra Vista Symphony Association

## Annual Membership Meeting

July 25, 2020

9:30 am

Indochine Restaurant

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*The Sierra Vista Symphony Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting a high-quality symphonic orchestra in order to bring live music to sierra Vista and surrounding communities and to serve as a focal point for musical education and artistic excellence in the area.*

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## **2020 – 2021 Board of Directors**

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**AGENDA**  
2020 Annual Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Establishment of Quorum
3. Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting
4. Reports:
  - a. President's Report – Richard Laszok
  - b. Office Manager's Report – Susan MacGregor
  - c. Treasurer's Report – Lynette Nowlan
  - d. Proposed Program – Toru Tagawa
  - e. Education Committee – Kathy Marvin
  - f. Fundraising Committee – William Tucker
  - g. Advertising Committee –
  - h. Marketing and Publicity Committee – Deb Koltveit
  - i. House and Auditorium Committee – Kevin Enright
  - j. Special Events Committee – William Tucker/Barry Smith
5. Presentation and Vote on Proposed Changes to By-laws
6. Other Business and Questions
7. Election of Board Members by Association Membership
8. Adjournment
9. Election of Board Officers by New Board Members

## President's Report

### 2019 – 2020 Annual Report

This year, our 25<sup>th</sup> season, was our fourth under the leadership of Maestro Toru Tagawa. Our planned concerts were *Silver Jubilee*, *Winter Jubilee*, and *Spring Jubilee*. We performed our first two concerts, but restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to cancel the third concert.

Our first concert, *Silver Jubilee: 25<sup>th</sup> Season of SVSO* included *Don Giovanni Overture* and *Symphony No. 25* by Mozart and a Tuba Concerto with David Morgan of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra soloing.

Our second concert, *Winter Jubilee: Pictures and Nutcracker* included music from *The Nutcracker Suite* and *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Also, on the program was Leroy Anderson's *The Typewriter*, featuring our very own Thom Martin on the typewriter.

Our third concert, *Spring Jubilee: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of WWII* would have been great, but it was not to be. It included *Victory at Sea*, *Lincoln Portrait* and *Fanfare for the Common Man* by Aaron Copland, and *1812 Overture*.

At our annual Children's concerts, we had over 850 5<sup>th</sup> graders in attendance. Toru had the kids eating out of his hand with *The William Tell Overture* and *The Typewriter*. We were able to have two concerts this year due to the success of Mary Mueller and Susan MacGregor in winning grants for the symphony.

We have had eight resignations from our board: Judy Hector, Danielle Stehling, Zanetta Boughan, Wafaa Smith, Ed Swenson, Debbie Craig, Bill Howard, and Gary Watkins. Lynette Nowlan was appointed to the board as treasurer after the resignations of Bill Howard and Debbie Craig. We have two new individuals, Bill Tucker and Lynette Nowlan, who are up for election to the board this year. Their biographies are on page 22. We will also entertain nominations from the floor. We will hold officer elections immediately after our annual meeting.

We had our Gala in November 2019 but COVID-19 restrictions forced us to cancel Men Who Cook. In September 2019, we had a "Music at Twilight", hosted by Cal and Mary Downey at their home, but were forced to cancel our June 2020 performance. The performance will instead be performed on 26 Sep at Discovery Gardens and will feature musicians from the Cochise Music Teachers Association.

We appreciate all your support for our fundraising events and our musicians. If it weren't for them and their hard work (not just practicing for concerts, but years of lessons and practice) we wouldn't have anything to raise funds for.

We look forward to our upcoming 26<sup>th</sup> season with its exciting programs and overall theme *The Fantastic Symphony*. We hope you will join us for what will be a Fantastic (sorry, I couldn't resist) season.

Our 24 October concert, *Emperor*, you will hear Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro Overture*, Schubert's *The Unfinished Symphony*, featuring Kyungsun Choi on the piano for Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No 5 "Emperor"*.

Our 16 January 2021 concert, *Magnificent*, will include Copland's *Appalachian Spring Suite*, Morricone's *Once Upon a Time in the West*, and Gershwin's *An American in Paris*.

Our 17 April concert, *Fantastique*, will consist of Saint-Saens' *Danse Macabre*, Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*, and Berlioz' *Symphonie Fantastique*.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L Koltveit  
President

## **Office Manager's Report**

### **2019 – 2020 Annual Report**

Kate Markland, the office manager at the start of the 25<sup>th</sup> Season, moved on and I took over the position on October 28, 2019.

We've started a series on the symphony Facebook page, Musician Mondays, which highlights a member of the orchestra. Each video or write-up with photo is posted Monday morning. Toru started off the series with a video and was followed the next week by our concertmaster, Debbie Dinkel. Please check our Facebook page for these and other members of the orchestra.

We've also started a Facebook fundraiser on June 2, 2020, which continues through August 31, 2020. We've received donations from as faraway as Japan and Korea. As of July 15, we've reached \$1,560.

The Season 26 membership drive started in May. As of July 15, the Association has 30 members with a membership value of \$13,190.

In the office, the Association purchased new credit card processing equipment. The old equipment was outdated and security updates were discontinued on June 30, 2020. I also updated the filing system and purged outdated and unnecessary files.

I look forward to Season 26 concerts and events.

Susan MacGregor  
Office Manager



## **Treasurer's Report**

### **2019 – 2020 Annual Report**

Like other Performing Arts groups across the country, the Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra's (SVSO) twenty-fifth season was abruptly shortened due to the Corona Virus. With only two of the three concerts and Children's concert being held and two of the fundraising events canceled, financial results continued to show the Member and Community support. Even though fund raising and other special events were not as financially successful as in prior fiscal years and did not meet budgeted expectations, total revenues for the fiscal year came in at 99.56% of the budget. Total expenses came in at 98.59% of budget. The accompanying financial exhibit reports both revenues and expenses for the completed fiscal year.

The accompanying financial exhibit also includes a SVSO Board of Director's approved proposed budget for the twenty-sixth season. While there is still much unknown about the impact of the Corona Virus on the next season, there is optimism in the proposed budget that music will play again and therefore, the SVSO will continue its sound financial position.

The SVSO completed the prior fiscal year with \$89,225.23 in assets with both the endowment fund and "operations fund" maintaining a balance over \$30,000.00. The two funds are managed at Edward Jones and while it has been a tumultuous time for investments, the two funds continue to experience small gains.

Even though the twenty-fifth season did not end as we all would have liked, the music will play again and we are looking forward to a twenty-sixth season.

Thank you for your continued support of the Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra.

Lynette M. Nowlan,  
Treasurer

Sierra Vista Symphony  
(Accrual Basis)

Sierra Vista Symphony Association  
Proposed Budget  
Fiscal Year 20-21

	FY18-19 Approved Budget	FY18-19 Actuals	FY19-20 Approved Budget	YTD Actuals thru 06-30-20 (Bottom Line)	FY20-21 Budget	Year over Year Increase /Decrease 19-20 to 20-21
<b>Revenues</b>						
Memberships	55,000.00	54,226.62	55,000.00	\$56,937.57	55,000.00	0.00
Donations, Gifts & Sponsorships	10,000.00	13,977.16	10,000.00	16,183.47	15,000.00	5,000.00
- Endowment Fund Donations	0.00	1,295.00	0.00	617.86	0.00	0.00
Fundraising/Special Events - Net:						
- Gala	11,000.00	8,452.38	11,000.00	4,757.97	8,000.00	-3,000.00
- Men Who Cook	10,000.00	6,999.73	10,000.00	2,052.52	8,000.00	-2,000.00
- Music At Twilight	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00		5,000.00	-1,000.00
- Jim Click Car Raffle	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	400.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00
- All Other Fundraising	0.00	4,116.03	0.00	3,819.57	3,000.00	3,000.00
- Casino Night	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Subtotal - Net Fundraising	32,000.00	19,568.14	32,000.00	10,630.06	26,500.00	-5,500.00
Concert Ticket Sales	14,000.00	16,245.00	14,000.00	9,509.00	15,000.00	1,000.00
Program Advertising	10,000.00	9,205.00	10,000.00	10,750.00	10,000.00	0.00
Grants	2,000.00	20,825.00	2,000.00	17,825.00	7,500.00	5,500.00
All Other Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>123,000.00</b>	<b>135,341.92</b>	<b>123,000.00</b>	<b>\$122,452.96</b>	<b>\$129,000.00</b>	6,000.00
<b>Expenses</b>						
Concert Expenditures:						
- Musicians' Compensation	70,000.00	81,126.18	70,000.00	\$57,012.50	70,000.00	0.00
- Maestro's Fees	7,200.00	9,300.00	7,200.00	8,200.00	8,200.00	1,000.00
- Concert Hall Rental	6,600.00	6,311.00	6,600.00	6,580.00	6,600.00	0.00
- Music Purchase/Rental		1,644.18			2,000.00	2,000.00
- Event Advertising	1,500.00	1,332.92	1,500.00	2,647.18	2,000.00	500.00
- Program/Ticket Printing	4,100.00	3,363.46	4,100.00	1,061.86	1,200.00	-2,900.00
- All Other Concert Expenses	2,250.00	1,073.41	2,250.00	2,953.13	2,250.00	0.00
Subtotal - Concerts	91,650.00	104,151.15	91,650.00	78,454.67	92,250.00	600.00
Administrative Expenditures:						
- Personnel & Related	12,000.00	13,973.05	14,440.00	\$19,175.11	18,000.00	3,560.00
- Office & Related	6,040.00	12,111.18	3,600.00	10,761.80	8,500.00	4,900.00
- Accounting, Tax & Bank Fees	5,300.00	5,543.44	5,300.00	5,770.84	5,500.00	200.00
- Insurance Fees	4,000.00	2,486.80	4,000.00	2,224.67	2,500.00	-1,500.00
- All Other Admin Expenses	4,010.00	2,068.02	4,010.00	4,878.32	2,250.00	-1,760.00
Subtotal - Administrative	31,350.00	36,182.49	31,350.00	42,810.74	36,750.00	5,400.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$123,000.00</b>	<b>\$140,333.64</b>	<b>\$123,000.00</b>	<b>\$121,265.41</b>	<b>\$129,000.00</b>	6,000.00
Net Revenue/Expenses	\$0.00	(\$4,991.72)	\$0.00	\$1,187.55	\$0.00	0.00
Net Investment Income	0.00	2,702.23	0.00	2,075.55	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$2,289.49)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,263.10</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	0.00

## Season 26 Proposed Program

Toru Tagawa, Artistic Director and Conductor

*Season 25*

### *Fantastic Symphony*

October 24, 2020

#### *Emperor*

Mozart: *The Marriage of Figaro Overture*

Shubert: *The Unfinished Symphony*

Beethoven: *Piano Concerto No. 5 "Emperor"*

Pianist – Kyungsun Choi



January 16, 2021

#### *Magnificent*

Márquez: *Danzon No. 2*

Copland: *Appalachian Spring Suite*

Morricone: *Once Upon a Time in the West*

E. Bernstein: *Magnificent Seven*

Gershwin: *An American in Paris*

April 17, 2021

#### *Fantastique*

Saint-Saens: *Danse Macabre*

Debussy: *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*

Berlioz: *Symphonie Fantastique*



**Membership and Development Committee**  
2019 – 2020 Annual Report

This year, we had 120 members with \$59,250 in membership fees, nearly \$4,250 more than our budget estimate of \$55,000. As you know, much of our membership drive is fueled by word of mouth and mailing brochures.

We are cautiously optimistic for the upcoming Season 26, in spite of the COVID-19. Please, invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join you at concerts and hopefully as members.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Richard W. Laszok*, Chair

## Education Committee

### 2019 – 2020 Annual Report

The Education Committee for the 2019-2020 Season consisted of five members: Renae Humburg, Gary Watkins, Kathy Marvin, Cristina Reinert, and Barry Smith.

Although music education is limited in schools, there is an important part of the music curriculum that the Sierra Vista Symphony provides for students in Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties by presenting The Children's Concert. We complete the following Arizona Music Standards as stated by the Arizona Education Committee, Revised in 2006:

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|--------------------------|--|
| Goal 2 <u>Relate</u> :   | Describing the cultural influence of music on daily life and culture.<br>Describing origins and development of instruments.<br>Classifying different musical careers.          |
| Goal 3 <u>Evaluate</u> : | Listening to analyze and describe music.<br>Listening attentively while others perform and showing appropriate audience behavior for the context and style of music performed. |

On September 20, 2019, a letter was sent to Principals and Fifth Grade Teachers in public, private and parochial schools and home schools in Cochise County and Santa Cruz County. The letter included an invitation to fifth grade students and their teachers to attend the annual Sierra Vista Symphony Children's Concert to be held on January 10 at 9:15 and 10:30 am. The letter also contained the selection of pieces to be performed under the direction of Toru Tagawa.

There was a request for a response by October 30, 2019 to ascertain if they planned to attend the concert and how many students and adults would be coming. The Education Committee would be contacting them by phone as a follow-up call to inquire if they planned to attend and the Symphony Office would send Teacher Information Packets available from our web page. The letter also explained that Mrs. Kathy Marvin would like to visit the schools and present a 30 to 40- minute lesson to prepare the students for the concert. She would be emailing the teachers to set up a time for the lessons.

We had anticipated that 1200 students and adults would be attending according to our responses. However, there were only 850 people that attended. Next season, we will make follow-up calls the first of January to verify the attendance.

The 2020 Winners of the Children's Symphony Contest in Art and Writing:

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|-------------|--|
| ART AWARDS: | 1 <sup>st</sup> place: Layloni Tercero, CAS School                 |
|             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> place: Ava McCann, Town & Country School           |
|             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Meredith Lynn: Veritas Christian School     |
|             | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place: Caitlyn Bonbright, Huachuca Mountain School |

WRITING AWARDS: 1<sup>ST</sup> Place: Mary Evershed, Huachuca Mountain School  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Logan Barajas, Veritas Christian School  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Caitlyn Bonbright, Huachuca Mountain School  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Meredith Lynn, Veritas Christian School

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:  
Bella Vista School: 1 quote and 3 pieces of art  
Huachuca Mountain School: 2 pieces of art and 2 quotes  
Naco School: 5 quotes and 3 pieces of art  
Pomerene School: 3 quotes and 1 piece of art  
Veritas Christian School: 3 quotes and 2 pieces of art

Because of the Pandemic and school closures, these awards and children's art and writings will be returned to their schools in August when school starts, along with the awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place winners. It has been a difficult year for us and the contest winners because of the COVID-19 virus.

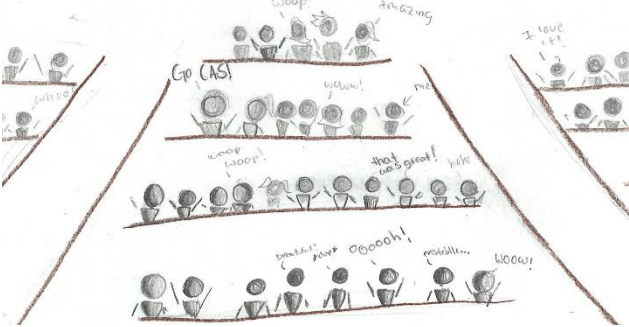
We have had some resignations from the Education Committee, and we are looking for others to help with this important musical education for the students of Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties. We also need someone step forward from the Symphony Board to chair the Education Committee.

Mrs. Kathleen Marvin  
2019-2020 Education Committee Chair

## 2020 Children's Concert Art Competition



2<sup>nd</sup> place: Ava McCann, Town & Country School



1<sup>st</sup> place: Layloni Tercero, CAS School



3<sup>rd</sup> place: Meredith Lynn, Veritas Christian School

## Fundraising Committee

### 2019 – 2020 Annual Report

### Fundraising Events

**The Sierra Vista Symphony Association Gala.** The Gala was held in November at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center. We had a net profit of \$5,242.75 (2018 profit was of \$8,363); attendance and profits have declined over the last several years. Thank you to all who attended; and many thanks to the entertainment, the sponsors, the in-kind donations from many individuals and businesses, and the staff of TMAC. The fundraising committee is looking into other events to replace the Gala. If you have any ideas please suggest them.

**Men Who Cook.** A “fun” fundraising event unique to Sierra Vista is Men Who Cook. This event was scheduled to be held in March at the Columbian Hall with twenty “celebrity” Chefs of Sierra Vista’s fine restaurant chefs or home cooks. We were all set to make this event happen; however, COVID-19 issues canceled all group events. Tickets sold were refunded, exchanged for 2021 tickets, or donated to the symphony. Also, donations from sponsors were either donated or will be applied to a future MWC event. Thank you to all worked on the preparation functions and cancelation notifications and attended all the meetings with chefs, the entertainment, the sponsors, and the in-kind donations from many individuals and businesses. Please plan on attending the 2021 Men Who Cook event; there will be great food and music.

Many financial and in-kind donations were received from businesses and organizations such as: SSVEC, Landmark Café, Via Elegaté, Ace Hardware, Texas Roadhouse, Dicky’s BBQ, La Casita, Diamondbacks, Clint’s Barbershop, Buena Fitness, and many individuals. In-kind donations are used as raffle items. Thank you for your generous donations.

### Grants

During Season 25 (2019-2020), we continued to seek financial support from grants, foundations, community rewards programs, and businesses sponsorships. We were successful in obtaining \$26,498.42 (Season 25 Foundations/Grants (general operations) \$13,698.42 - Children’s concert \$12,700.00, total \$26,498.42)

Special thanks go to all local foundations and individuals with their continued support for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Children’s Concert and operational expenses of the Symphony:

#### **Grants**

Fort Huachuca Spouses Club  
 Sierra Vista Women’s Club  
 Cochise County Sherriff’s Assistance Team  
 Legacy Foundation  
 AZ Commission of the Arts



Cox Communications  
Just Kids

### **Foundations/Donations**

Just Kids  
SSVEC  
Ellen Grombacher Estate  
Bob and Nancy Hutson Estate  
Many Individuals for children's concert  
Jim Click Car Raffle  
Fry's  
Amazon Smile  
Thrivent financial  
Fidelity Charitable Foundation  
In Memorium Donations

## **Virtual Fund Raising**

To assist with the funding of the Symphony's events a virtual fund-raising donation button has been established on the Symphony's Facebook page. Anyone worldwide can make a donation to the Symphony (you do not need a Facebook account) by going to:

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/2408839126074706/>

Please send the Facebook link to your friends and family. They can read about our musicians and view videos of the Sierra Vista Symphony. This might inspire them to make a donation.

## **Summary**

For Season 25 and Season 26, we continue to sell car raffle tickets associated with the Jim Click Foundation. We average about \$2,000 per year in sales which is applied to the operating budget of the Symphony. Anyone who purchases one ticket for \$25.00 or five tickets for \$100.00 can win a vehicle valued at \$60,000, two round-trip first-class airline tickets to anywhere in the world, or cash of \$5,000. Please help support the Symphony by buying tickets.

We also continue to be associated with the Fry's Grocery and Amazon Smile community rewards giving programs. Through your registration and use of your Fry's VIP card, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the Symphony. The catch is that your VIP card must be registered in order for the Symphony to receive any funds from your purchases. Go to [www.fryscommunityrewards.com](http://www.fryscommunityrewards.com) and provide the requested information. When you shop at Amazon, the Amazon Smile program donates a percentage of the purchase price to the Sierra

Vista Symphony Association. All you need to do is bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0768498> and support us every time you shop.

For the Season 26, our efforts will continue to obtain financial support for the Symphony. We have written many grants and letters of interest to foundations and corporations. However, due to the COVID-19 virus, many are redirecting their giving to other efforts vs music. If you have any ideas of fund-raising events, grants, or foundations, please let us know and we will pursue.

We especially appreciate the sponsorship of our fundraising events, in-kind donations, and those anonymous grants/donations we receive from time-to-time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Mueller  
Vice President SVSA  
Fund Raising Chairman

Season 25 Committee Members. Barbara Arsenault, Paula Baker, Ed Boyles, Pam Enright, Renae Humburg, Deb Koltveit, Kathy Marvin, Susan McGregor, Bobbie Moore, Mary Mueller, Francilia Schofield, and Gary Watkins

## **Advertising Committee**

### **2019 – 2020 Annual Report**

The campaign seeking advertisers for the 25th Season concert pamphlet was very successful. The solicitation period took place from mid-June until the end of August in order to comply with the September printing deadline schedule. Eighteen business owners or managers were contacted by telephone or email and all but one to confirmed their desire to place an ad in the Season 25 concert brochures. One new business in Sierra Vista, Sierra Vista Flowers, placed a first time one-third page advertisement in the concert pamphlet. In financial terms, the benefit of this advertising campaign to the SVSO is over \$11,000 in revenue.

Paula Baker, Chair

## Marketing and Publicity Committee

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The Sierra Vista Symphony Association Publicity Committee's mission is to promote the Symphony with multiple media applications.

Our publicity consists of *Herald/Review*, our web page (<http://sierravistasymphony.org>), our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/svsymphony](http://www.facebook.com/svsymphony)), non-profit organizations of Cochise county, SV Symphony *Constant Contact*, the City of Sierra Vista and Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce e-mail blasts, and participating in local events.

Musician Monday on Facebook highlights a different musician each week. They answer questions, talk about themselves and their instruments, and sometimes even play a few notes.

As you're all well aware, we had a truncated season due to COVID-19 restrictions. We first postponed, then later canceled the 2020 Men Who Cook. It will be on Saturday 27 March at Columbian Hall.

We also had to cancel our 6 June Music at Twilight. It will now be held on Saturday 26 September at Discovery Gardens. The gate will open at 6:30 and the Cochise Music Teachers Association will present the program, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Back to the publicity, we placed ads in the *Herald/Review* for both of our concerts and our two main fundraisers, the Gala and Men Who Cook, both digitally and in print. The same ads were posted on our Facebook account, and different ads were on our web page. Posters were printed and posted in local businesses.

*Herald/Review* published articles about the annual *Children's Concert*, and there were three *Herald/Review* employees at our winter Gala.

Events such as *Art in the Park*, the *West End Fair*, and other venues have previously been used to create awareness of the Symphony and sell concert tickets and raffle tickets.

We also participated in Sierra Vista Area Chamber networking events, including "Good Morning Sierra Vista", "Networking at Noon", and "Business at Twilight", which the Symphony hosted in September 2019 as a kick-off to our 25<sup>th</sup> Season, and the monthly Joint Service Clubs of Sierra Vista meetings to promote the Symphony.

We worked with other committees to develop new ideas and venues for promoting the Symphony and our mission. In conjunction with the Education Committee, we planned to conduct classes about music at Cochise College's STEM event—the "Sound of Science", and demonstrate aspects of music that relate to science. Sadly, this, too, was a casualty of COVID-19 restrictions.

The Symphony needs community support, just as the community needs the symphony. We're always looking for new ideas and ways to market the Symphony. Please contact us if you have suggestions or want to volunteer as a member of the Marketing and Publicity Committee.

We're looking forward to the 26th season and have high hopes we will be able to have all our events as scheduled!

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L Koltveit  
Publicity Committee

## House and Auditorium Committee

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Concerts were held at Buena High School in the Buena Performing Arts Center for the season. Dr. Duane Chun, the PAC and the Lighting Techs were instrumental in supporting the Symphony. Ushers were provided by the Buena High School ROTC students.

Free tickets were provided to our Ft Huachuca Service Members and to music/choir students to recognize their contributions to the Sierra Vista Community. This abbreviated concert season averaged 593 individuals and families per concert. Sierra Vista Symphony provides reserved seating by calling the Symphony office or when buying tickets. We continued to provide reserve seating for the pre-concert lecture led by our Conductor, Toru Tagawa. These seminars are focused on music selected for that night's performance.

We want to thank our intermission sponsors, "Brews Brothers"; "Culvers" and "Braxton Coffee", who provided beverages and the Buena Booster Club for setting up and ensuring we had a fresh supply of cookies!! Intermission is a great opportunity to discuss the first half of the performance and meet up with your friends. The SV Symphony Board provided an information table which provides concert goers with information on membership and future concerts.

In closing, we ask that all members reach out and invite their friends and family to attend one or more concerts next season and share the live music experience.

Kevin Enright

Mary Mueller

## Special Events Committee

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The main focus of the Special Events Committee during this past year was the oversight of the Music at Twilight concerts and the Festival of Trees event at the Sierra Vista Mall. These mini-concerts present an opportunity for local concertgoers to meet and to hear performances by individual symphony orchestra musicians or small groups of musicians in an informal and intimate setting.

The Music at Twilight event held on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, was another terrific success. Many SVSO volunteers came together to make this event special. There were two sets of performers: a string quintet, including own music director, Toru Tagawa, played along with wife Laura, Kathryn Asher, Helene Pederson, and Paula Klein; the second half saw a violin/viola duet with Dr. Sancho Manzano and Shelby Walsh. All performers were well received by an appreciative audience. The weather was nice with only a few sprinkles and the hors d'oeuvres and drinks were delicious. Many thanks to the wonderful hosts, Cal & Mary Downey, for the use of their beautiful home and backyard for this event!

SVSO participated in the Festival of Trees event at the SV Mall on Dec, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. The entertainment to our community included a beautiful violin duet from Zanetta Boughan and Pam Enright. Further rousing Christmas music performed by the Thunder Mountain Brass Ensemble. Unlike Music at Twilight, this was not a fund-raising event, but still a wonderful opportunity to showcase the various talents of SVSO members. Many thanks to the volunteers who worked our table, gave their music (and sound system), and were a joyful face to the people attending the event.

There was a second Music at Twilight concert that was due to be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, but since the pandemic hit earlier this year, we had to cancel this and the September 25<sup>th</sup> Music at Twilight performance at the University of Arizona Gardens. We hope to resume these special concerts and events in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

- Barry R. Smith

Committee members: Barry Smith (Chair), Larry Hampton, Barbara Cayer, Zanetta Boughan

## Proposed By-Law Changes

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The Board of Directors recommends that you vote for the following changes that are identified in *red* to the By-Laws of the Sierra Vista Association.

1. Add this sentence to section Article II Section 2.05

#### Article II Membership

Currently:

Section 2.05 MEETINGS. The annual membership meeting shall be held in June each year. A minimum of 10% of the members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at a membership meeting.

Change to:

Section 2.05 MEETINGS. *The Annual membership meeting shall be held in June of each year. Per a 60% vote by the Board of Directors, the annual membership meeting may be postponed to a different month. A minimum of 10% of the members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at a membership meeting.*

2. Add this paragraph to Article III as a new paragraph 3.08

#### Article III Authority and Duties of Directors

Currently:

None

Add:

**Section 3.08 MEMBERSHIP IN THE SIERRA VISTA ASSOCIATION.** *Membership in the Sierra Vista Association is required by each Director at least at the General Membership Level. This may be given as a one-time donation each year one serves as a Director or in mutually agreed installments during the course of the year.*



## **New Board Member Biographies**

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### **Lynette Nowlan, CPA, Sierra Vista Symphony Association Board Member - Treasurer:**

Lynette is an accountant with over 30 years of experience in governmental accounting and finance. She spent the majority of her career working state government learning to be an auditor right out of college to an Assistant Director at the Department of Revenue. She also spent a few years in county government. In particular, her experience includes auditing, accounting, revenue accounting, managing the implementation of process improvement and technology, tax, and management. Lynette is currently retired but is very interested in using her experience and skills to assist non-profit organizations of all types. She also loves music and enjoys sports as well.

### **William Tucker, M.D., Retired:**

Retired Family Medicine and Trauma physician. Retired COL (Army). Former Commander of RW Bliss Army Hospital on Ft Huachuca (when it was a hospital). Besides degree in medicine, studied management and public health. Undergraduate degrees in English and History. No formal training in music, but have studied it on my own. I can't sing or play any musical instrument, but I love to listen to everything except rap music and so-called Death Metal. Currently minority owner of Tombstone Brewing Company, which will open a brewpub in Sierra Vista in March 2021 (if all goes according to plan).

Sierra Vista Symphony Association  
Board of Directors Meeting (Special Meeting)  
Garden Place Suites  
Sunday, June 9, 2019

Present: Cal Downey, Judy Hector, Bill Hess, William Howard, Renae Humburg, Deb Koltveit, Bobbie Moore, Mary Mueller, Cristina Reinert, Francie Schofield, Barry Smith, Danielle Gilbertson Stehling, Ed Swenson, Gary Watkins

The meeting was called to order by President Deb Koltveit at 4:05 p.m.

Cal Downey, SVSA Nomination Committee Chair, presented the following nominations for the slate of officers for the 2019-2020 season: Deb Koltveit, President; Mary Mueller, Vice-President; William Howard, Treasurer; and Barbara Cayer, Secretary. Those nominated have been the officers during the 2018-2019 season. The slate was approved by acclamation.

Deb distributed two handouts: (1) "Event Planning Checklist" and (2) a guide for developing goals and objectives, organizing a team, budgeting, setting a date, booking a venue, publicizing the event, identifying sponsors or partners, and evaluating success. Discussion followed. No action was taken. The handouts will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cal and Deb welcomed new board members—Judy, Francie, and Danielle.

Meeting adjourned: 4:35 p.m.

The next board of directors meeting will be on Thursday, July 11, at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Renae Humburg, Acting Secretary