

LIFETIME MEMBER JEAN HARRISON



Jean and her Yorkie Chewie.

Lifetime Member Jean Harrison served two terms as League President beginning in 1990 when members were instrumental in helping the Symphony perform many of the tasks now carried out by staff. She even had a desk in the Symphony office and spent many hours there helping with tickets, mailings, distributing flyers and even selling program ads as chair of the Symphony Marketing Committee. In addition, she also ushered for the concerts, a requirement for all new members, and served as editor of *The Baton*.

During her presidency, monthly meetings were expanded to include Sunday brunches, dinners, and late afternoon times to accommodate working women who had difficulty attending weekday lunches. The League was also heavily involved in the production and financing of the Christmas Tiny Tots concerts and in the June Pops concert at Sonoma State which she headed for ten years. The Pops concerts also included picnicking, wine and beer tasting, an antique car show and raffle.

“In 1994 Davis Gaines from the Broadway opera, *The Phantom of the Opera*, was guest artist,” she recalled, noting it caused quite a stir. Those were the days when the League decorated a convertible for the Rose Parade in Santa Rosa and had more than 400 members. She first became involved with the League in 1986 after attending a Designer Showcase event. Marilyn Schlangen, the incoming president, asked her and late husband, Jim, if they would allow their newly pur-

chased McDonald Avenue house to be professionally decorated for the Christmas Holidays and open for a walking tour of the area. “We agreed and I immediately became active,” she said,

Among her fondest memories are the Masked Balls at Charles Schultz’s ice arena and filling the concert hall with school children. Other highlights were Corrick Brown’s retirement and the hiring of Jeffrey Kahane which was quite a change for the Symphony and the League.

Music has always been important in Jean’s family life, from her dad’s love of Hank Williams and other old time country singers to her mom playing classical music records. “My sister and I took piano lessons,” she said, adding she briefly played violin but not very well. “I can’t imagine life without music.”

Two years ago, Jean downsized and moved a few blocks north of her McDonald home. She continues to run the small family business, Eco-Save Products, that sells environmentally safe holding tank products for recreational vehicles and marine use.

Jackie Reinhardt

MISSION STATEMENT

The Santa Rosa Symphony League’s mission is to support school and community-based programs of the Santa Rosa Symphony's Institute for Music Education. As volunteers, we strive to make a difference in the lives of young people in Sonoma County by introducing them to the beauty and power of music.

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT
April 2022



Isn't it amazing that the SRS's Youth Ensembles have been providing musicians as young as eight years old (through college-aged musicians) with exceptional orchestral training and performance opportunities for over 50 years? As members of SRSYL, we created our mission to support this level of excellence in Sonoma County that

forms the lives of young musicians in exceptional ways.

I cannot wish for a better education for my kids and a better extended family.

– Zsolt Haraszti, father of an SRSYO musician

The SRS gives every child musician the confidence necessary to excel in every aspect of their lives.

– Kalysta Schwartz, Aspirante Youth Orchestra alumnus

I encourage you to attend at least one or all of these upcoming concerts. Purchase tickets in advance.

April 24, 2022 - Debut Youth Orchestra & Aspirante Youth Orchestra - *A Trip to the Hollywood Bowl*. 3:00 PM at the Jackson Theater at Sonoma Country Day School.

May 9, 2022 - Masterclass with Elina Vähälä, violin. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM at Weill Hall at the Green Music Center. Tickets are free but required to enter.

May 14, 2022 - Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra - *Great Concertos*. 3:00 PM at Weill Hall at the Green Music Center.

June 14, 2022 - Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra - *Bon Voyage*. 7:00 PM at Weill Hall at the Green Music Center.

Happy Spring!
Liz Bippart
President

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2021-2022
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MUSIC EDUCATION

There is no new report from Wendy Cilman this month, but we will run the listing as a reminder to attend any of the performances that you can.

Here is the updated calendar of events. As we all know, dates are (still) subject to change.

April 24 Debut Youth Orchestra & Aspirante Youth Orchestra 3:00 pm CONCERT at Jackson Theater

May 9 Masterclass with Elina Vähälä, Violin 4-5:30pm Weill Hall, Green Music Center (free – reservations required)

May 13 Simply Strings Recital 6:00 pm place TBD

May 14 Memorable Melodies Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra 3:00 pm CONCERT at Weill Hall, Green Music Center

June 14 Bon Voyage Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra 7:00 pm CONCERT at Weill Hall, Green Music Center

SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMY

July 11- July29

(Performance Academy Concert July 30)

Santa Rosa Symphony Music Academy offers an exciting three weeks of in-person music immersion for youths ages 7-23, led by professional musicians, including members of the Santa Rosa Symphony.

Workshops

For ages 7+ with 0-3 years of experience
Violin, Viola, Bass, Guitar, Woodwinds, Brass, Choir

Includes: Music Fundamentals, Rhythm and Movement

Performance Academy

For ages 9-23 experienced instrumentalists
Prelude, Intermezzo, Chamber Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Film Music, Gaming Music, and more!
Includes: Conducting & Composition Improvisation

Registration opens April 1, 2022

Visit www.srsymphony.org

We follow all state and county COVID-19 Health & Safety protocols.



The Russian River Ramblers

WE'RE BACK WITH FESTIVAL OF PARTIES

The league is happy to announce our first music party since the shutdown. The Russian River Ramblers will present an afternoon of New Orleans Jazz in the Secret Garden at Dry Creek Vineyard. Dave Stare, the founder of Dry Creek Vineyard, is our host and the banjo player. Enjoy the music, Dry Creek's award winning wines and light appetizers. Join us May 22 from 2-4. Ticket information will be up on our web site and e-blasts sent out soon. Tickets can be purchased by a check made out to the league and sent to Julia Wilkinson at 6529 Stonecroft terrace, SR 95409.

Julia Wilkinson

REMEMBER TO VOTE

Ballots for the upcoming election of the Symphony League's Board of Directors for 2022/23 will be e-mailed to you the first week of April. Please remember to vote! Members without e-mail addresses will receive their ballots by mail.

Here's the slate of officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee:

President: Julia Wilkinson
Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Kern
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VP Music Education: Mary Lange
VP Support Services: Beth Holden and Linda Varrow
President Elect: Marilyn Chiotti



SCOTT CHOATE, PRINCIPAL TUBA

Scott Choate joined the Santa Rosa Symphony in 2015. A native of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Scott received his bachelor of music degree from Arizona State University, where he was a student of Sam Pilafian, and attended the San Francisco Conservatory of Music as a student of Floyd Cooley. He is a full-time professional musician, keeping a schedule which includes private studio teaching and performing with orchestras throughout California. Scott has performed with the San Francisco Symphony, San Francisco Ballet, and also records with Skywalker Studios. Currently, he is Principal Tuba with the Fresno Philharmonic, Oakland East Bay Symphony, Vallejo Symphony, and Stockton Symphony, and is acting Principal with the Berkeley Symphony. Scott is Professor of Tuba and Euphonium at the University of the Pacific Conservatory, and has also taught tuba performance at Fresno Pacific University, UC Davis and San Jose State University.

Highlights from Scott's career:

One of my favorite concerts was being able to play with Weird Al Yankovic. Growing up in the 80s he was a hero of mine! From "Eat It" and

"Jurassic Park" through "White and Nerdy," he has managed to combine music and comedy in a unique way that never fails to bring me joy and make me feel like a child again. In the words of Homer Simpson, "He who is tired of Weird Al is tired of life." If I could go back in time and tell my ten-year old self that I would one day be performing those songs on stage with him, I would have lost my mind. Over the years I have been blessed to be able to work with incredible artists like Burt Bacharach, Carlos Santana, Plácido Domingo, The Canadian Brass, and Bela Fleck to name a few.

Favorite Music:

This is a tough question to answer, and certainly changes from week to week. Tears For Fears' "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" is definitely at the top of my list. Eva Cassidy singing "Over the Rainbow," Victor Wooten's "Amazing Grace," there's simply too much beautiful music in the world to choose a favorite! Of course, as a tuba player I should mention Prokofiev Symphony No. 5, also known as the "Prokofiev Tuba Concerto." If you haven't heard Dirty Loops and Cory Wong's recent cover of "Thriller," it is substantially good! Some of my favorite artists include Regina Spektor, Low Roar, Elvis Costello, Tom Waits, and Metallica.

Other interests:

When I'm not in the practice room, I'm an avid exerciser, I love devouring new books (Stephen King is my favorite author), finding new albums (Tears For Fears released a new one just yesterday!), or some good old fashioned Netflix binge watching (currently working through a SyFy show called "Eureka"). I follow the tech and gaming world closely - I am currently CompTIA A+ certified, and am working towards the "trifecta" with Network+ and Security+ which I hope to complete this summer. At the end of a long day, I like to make an absolute mess of my kitchen, and then find random documentaries to watch online

MEET BOARD MEMBER JACKIE REINHARDT

Jackie Reinhardt is a leader, a changemaker, a businesswoman, and a League powerhouse ... and we can thank Florence Boxerman for recruiting her.

Throughout her nine-year tenure with the League Jackie has served as historian, VP Ongoing Fundraising, VP Public Relations, and has led us as President from 2018-2020. She is now VP Membership Development.

“I was relatively new to the community when I joined, and I found the League a wonderful way to meet interesting women with whom I have a lot in common.”

Born in Texas, Jackie grew up in New Mexico and served as press secretary for her U.S. senator in Washington D.C. during the Johnson Administration when the civil rights bill and Medicare became law. It was there that she met her husband, Michael, who persuaded her to relocate to Los Angeles where she applied her PR skills to public health issues such as promoting awareness of long waiting lists for kidney and other life-saving transplants. She lobbied the California legislature to allow organ donor stickers to be placed on California driver licenses and oversaw a public education series, *Teaching You Better Health*, which won the Public Relations Society of America’s highest honor. She has a B.S. degree in journalism from Kansas University and an MBA from Pepperdine University.



Jackie and her beagle Chloe.

“I seemed to have good timing since I frequently landed in jobs when there were major happenings,” says Jackie. She was senior executive for Communications for the State Bar of California during the televised trial of O.J. Simpson, and she was VP, Public Relations for a large architectural/engineering firm when they restored the state capitol in Sacramento. Jackie’s most satisfying job was the one she retired from – as President and CEO of Easter Seals for Northern California. “It was a good feeling helping children with disabilities and working with people who cared deeply about them.”

Now living in Oakmont, Jackie is a regular contributor to the *Oakmont News* ... and to *The Baton*. She and Michael have travelled extensively as home exchangers and as former RV owners. They also play duplicate bridge.

Jackie’s connection to music is as a listener. She admits not to be able to carry a tune. “Over the years, music has been a stress-reliever. In Washington D.C., I used to lie on the floor and listen to Debussy’s *Afternoon of a Faun*.”

When asked to tell us something most people don’t know about her, Jackie doesn’t hesitate: “I never learned to cook until two years ago. My mother wouldn’t let me in the kitchen except to wash and dry dishes. Michael was the family chef for 50 years in addition to working as a stockbroker. Now that it’s my turn, I’m totally absorbed in menu planning and cooking.” Then with an air of accomplishment, she adds, “Michael has lost 30 pounds on the healthy meals I cook.”

Elizabeth Kern

FRIENDS OF THE LEAGUE 2021-2022

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John Bippart
Liz Bippart
Healdsburg Kiwanis
Virginia Pitts
Bill & Mary Louise Reinking
Denise Scaglione
Jon & Terry Stark

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Joanne Enemark
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Jennifer Webley

Orchestra [\$300-\$499]

Elizabeth Kern
Jackie Reinhardt
Jane Rosenberg & Steve Deas
Linda Varrow

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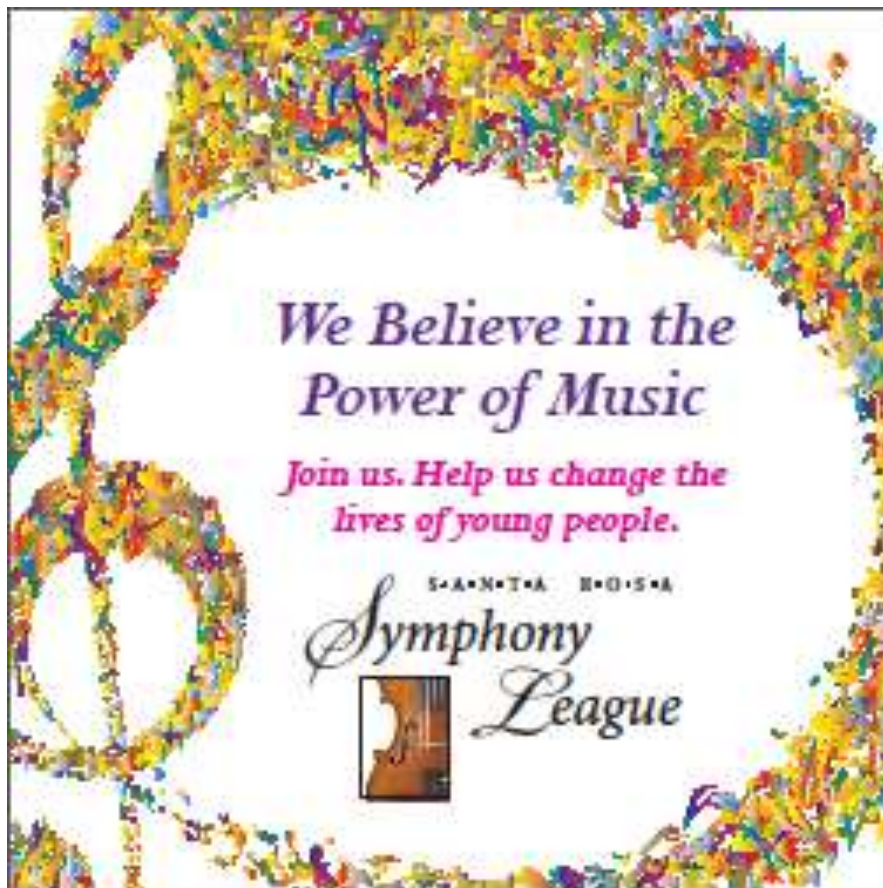
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Calendar of Events for April 2022

April 7 SRS League Board meeting at the home of Elizabeth Kern
April 24 Debut Youth Orchestra & Aspirante Youth Orchestra CONCERT
(see page 4 for each of these)

COMING EVENTS

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“Valley of the Moon”
(More next month)

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