

IN THE MOOD!

Dear WSL Members and Proposed Members,

Are you **IN THE MOOD** for some excitement? The man who made that tune a runaway hit during the Big Band Era got excited about music when he was just a boy. Glenn Miller traded his mandolin for a beat up trombone and played it so much his mother worried, "It got to where Pop and I used to wonder if he'd ever amount to anything."

Sixteen years later, in 1955, the Women's Symphony League of Tyler began getting people **IN THE MOOD** for great music by supporting and promoting the East Texas Symphony Orchestra. The dedicated service work WSL has been performing for over 56 years has kept East Texans of all ages excited and educated about the wonderful melodies and harmonies of the world's most inspiring music...and boy, it has amounted to something big!

Couple your heart of service with WSL and be a part of this runaway hit for the 2011-2012 year. Please use the enclosed membership form for indicating your placement preferences to "jump and jive" with the WSL. (During your initial three years of active membership, automatic placements on specific committees may take precedence over other choices you select.) A Junior Symphony League proposal form is also enclosed for those who anticipate proposing new JSL candidates this year. Additional information is located in the WSL Handbook.

The WSL wishes to warmly welcome you aboard for the 2011-2012 year, and remember, "It Don't Mean a Thing, if it Ain't Got That Swing!"

Come join us!

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Proposed/New Members:

To learn more about joining the Women's Symphony League, we invite you to attend our final 2011 General Meeting, **Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 7 PM**, in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 230 West Rusk Street, Tyler. Immediately following will be a short informational meeting for all proposed members. As you consider the invitation for membership, study this brochure outlining your requirements and responsibilities as a WSL member. Returning the enclosed forms with your dues payment by May 1, 2011, will signify your acceptance of this membership invitation.

2011 - 2012 Members and Reinstating Members:

May 1, 2011, is the deadline for dues payment. A \$10 late fee will be assessed to all members whose dues are received between May 2 and June 1st, along with the risk of not being included in the membership handbook. Any member whose dues have not been received by June 1st shall be dropped from membership and must apply for reinstatement should she wish to renew her membership.

Please direct membership questions to Susan Bracken, 903-597-4700, 903-521-5274, or susan@ashleybracken.com.

The following placement & committee options are offered for 2011-2012. Please indicate your preferences on the enclosed form and return it by May 1, 2011.

2011-2012 COMMITTEE INFORMATION

PRESIDENT-ELECT – Amy Cole

ETSO TICKET SALES

Committee is responsible for the coordination of volunteers to assist the ETSO in the annual ticket sales campaign & to staff the WSL information table at ETSO concerts. Placement begins during the summer months.

SYMPHONY BALL – Treacey Smith & Catherine Harrison

BALL VOLUNTEERS

Support the ball committee and perform various duties as determined by chairmen. The WSL Ball is held in March

VP ADMINISTRATION – Angie Coleman

ARCHIVES

This committee will establish, protect, maintain and make available for research the documents and history of the Women's Symphony League of Tyler

COMMUNICATION

Telephone or email members about meetings and projects.

ETSO & WSL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Assemble bulk mailings, mail tickets, and work at the ETSO office. This is primarily a weekday placement.

HISTORIAN / SCRAPBOOK

Document WSL activities, take pictures of events, and collect memorabilia throughout the year.

HANDBOOK (May through August placement)

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

NEWSLETTER

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

WEBSITE

Update and maintain the WSL website

WSL MAILINGS

Label, sort and prepare for bulk mailings. Deliver mail to post office, if needed.

VP EDUCATION – Donna Johnson

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.

SCHOOL CONCERTS are performed for 4th & 5th graders 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 – Kristi Roberts

ARRANGEMENTS – DAY

Serve as a committee member to host a board meeting or general meeting.

ARRANGEMENTS – EVENING

Serve as a committee member to host a general meeting.

ARRANGEMENTS – JOINT BOARD MEETING

Serve as a committee member to host May meeting & luncheon for outgoing and incoming WSL boards.

ARRANGEMENTS – ETSO CONCERT RECEPTION

(June – September placement)

Serve as a committee member to host an annual evening reception for ETSO.

SYMPHONY CONCERT HOST

Provide and serve meals to the orchestra on concert weekends. Requires \$25 fee to be paid during the year.

HARMONY INNS & INVITATIONS

Provide overnight accommodations for musicians to stay in homes the evening prior to concert performances.

FALL FUNDRAISER (June - September placement)

Plan and present the Fall Fundraiser.

WINTER FUNDRAISER - GAMES DAY / NIGHT

Plan and present the Winter Fundraiser

VP MEMBERSHIP – Susan Bracken

DA CODA CORE

Identify potential WSL members.

MEMBERSHIP

Assist with preparation & mailing new member Invitations & membership packets during February and March. Data input of membership information. Maintain meeting attendance and placement participation records.

PLACEMENT

Oversee committee assignments and involvement .

**2011 - 2012 MEMBERSHIP
GUIDELINES AND OBLIGATIONS**

ACTIVE MEMBERS

1. Must purchase at least one (1) fundraiser ticket each year from the following three (3) options: Fall Fundraiser, Winter 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**, and must pay required late or reinstating fees, if applicable.

NEW (FIRST YEAR) MEMBERS

1. New Actives will serve on the Symphony Concert Host Committee their first year.
2. New Actives may choose to serve on more than one (1) committee outside the required placement commitment.
3. New Actives must purchase a ticket and attend one (1) East Texas Symphony Orchestra subscription concert during the 2011-2012 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. 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. You may choose to serve on more than one committee. Please indicate, on the committee selection portion of the form, the number of committees on which you are willing to serve.
3. Please complete all parts of the form.

ASSOCIATE and EMERITUS MEMBERS

1. May participate in any WSL activity, including committee service, except voting.

2. **Associate** - Must pay annual dues of **\$65.00 by May 1**. The same late assessments apply.
3. **Emeritus** (age 80 years or older) Payment of annual dues of \$ 65.00 is **optional**.

JUNIOR SYMPHONY LEAGUE

VP – Connie Greenberg

VP-Elect – Donna Johnson

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 membership. (A candidate is any daughter/son of a WSL mother, grandmother or stepmother.) The deadline for JSL proposals is March 1, 2012.
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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