

Letter from the Presidents

Volunteers don't just do the work—they make it work - Carol Pettit

Happy New Year!

Thank you to all our members who work so hard throughout the year! Your service to the Music Guild and our community is meaningful and impactful.

Peter and the Wolf is already scheduled into the spring semester and touching the lives of first graders in Albuquerque. Just think, many of these young people will never hear a violin until we meet them again in 4th grade at a Popejoy Concert! This spring our Popejoy Concerts occur on May 13, 14 and 15th.

We rejoice with the news of 15 competitors at the JYMAC on **February 15th**. Keller Hall on UNM Campus is once again accommodating us and is the perfect venue for a competition. It is also a special year with our new increased awards for our winners! Mark your calendar and plan to attend.



The next membership luncheon is Wednesday, March 19, at Seasons Restaurant in Old Town. The March Membership Luncheon is an important one for us. At the meeting, we'll be voting on the slate for our 2014-2015 Board of Directors. Also, we will vote on two by-law changes. First, the current Board has approved a plan to expand the Board of Directors by adding three Vice Presidents. These new V.P. positions will be the Chair of JMYAC, Señorita Ball, and Grant Selection Committees.

Last, but in no way least, is the vote to establish the JMYAC Investment Savings Account with the proceeds from the Doug Montgomery concert

and a commitment from the Guild to annually contribute a minimum of \$10,000 through 2016. This proactive initiative is to ensure the sustainability for the JYMAC.

The Señorita Ball is right around the corner. **March 29th** at the Marriott Pyramid is where we will celebrate with our 35 Senoritas who have completed our year-long program. Our Ball Committee has worked tirelessly all year to make this year's ball a success. Please consider a donation to help with underwriting the live or silent auction—but most importantly attend!



We look forward to a wonderful new year and look forward to seeing you as a *Peter and the Wolf* docent, volunteering at Popejoy Hall Concerts, at the exciting JYMAC, the March Luncheon, and at the Señorita Ball!

Your Presidents -

Dr. Jackie Tobias and Karen Hopkins

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Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings

We are rapidly moving toward the fifteenth of February. That is the day that fifteen of the most talented young men and women in New Mexico will compete at Keller Hall, on the campus of UNM, in Albuquerque. That is the day when you'll hear everything from Mozart to Prokofiev being performed in the hope of capturing a share of the \$6,500 in prize money and the dream of performing with the New Mexico Philharmonic on Sunday, March 16th, at 3 P.M. at Central United Methodist Church, 201 University Blvd. NE. Please contact the New Mexico Philharmonic www.nmphil.org for ticket information.



All of our contestants have received their final notifications and "Thank-yous," and questions have been flooding in from students, parents, and teachers alike. Members of the JMYAC committee have been contacting judges, who this year will come from Phoenix, Florida, Fort Worth, Houston and Massachusetts.



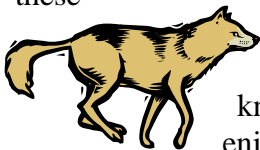
This competition has truly garnered national attention. We have been designing advertising, programs, and posters. Let's not forget those who are meeting with volunteers, arranging food donations, and soliciting monetary donations. All of this preparation still needs one ingredient.

You! You are the ones that build the adrenaline within a competitor to give the performance of a young lifetime. You are the ones who are needed to complete the excitement on February 15th. You complete the picture. Why not plan to be at Keller Hall at 8:55 AM for the start of the piano competition and 10:10 AM for the string performances. With fifteen performers we have the largest number of competitors that have ever participated in this event. Come and join in the fun! Prizes will be awarded at 1:15 that afternoon in Keller.

Donations are always most welcome; please contact Karla Bressan at bressanabq@comcast.net. If you would like to join our volunteer team on competition day, please contact Linn Furnish at swimsew@comcast.net.

And the beat goes on...More Education News from Roz Cohen

Peter and the Wolf is in gear for the second semester. Schools in the Northeast and Southeast Quadrants are already booking presentations with us for their first-graders. In addition, we are collaborating with Festival Ballet Albuquerque, one of our grantees. Patricia Dickinson Wells, Artistic Director, is anxious to have her dancers work their magic in conjunction with some of our presentations, by giving school-wide dance performances of *Peter and the Wolf*. Our first such collaboration was last May and was most enthusiastically received. How special it was for the children to see and meet the dancers after their performances. Presenting to these



little ones is such a rewarding and enjoyable experience, and the teachers continue to heap praise upon our award-winning program, now in its fourth decade. Please consider joining us, as a docent. All materials are provided, and training is quick and easy. No musical knowledge is required; just a desire to give us an hour of your time once or twice a month for an enjoyable morning with eager children. Contact Rosalyn Cohen at mroboe@hotmail.com for more information.

YOUTH CONCERTS FOR FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS

Popejoy Concerts -- MAY 13, 14, and 15th

Assisting the Popejoy Hall ushers with these inspiring New Mexico Philharmonic Youth Concerts is a twice-yearly pleasure. The spring fourth grade concerts will be held over the course of three days. We will be helping out on Tuesday, May 13th; Wednesday, May 14th; and Thursday May 15th from 9:15 to noon at Popejoy Hall. Involvement is easy and fun plus you get to hear a New Mexico Philharmonic concert. The morning always begins with a light brunch in the Donor Lounge at Popejoy. We hope you will consider being part of this Guild project, as we need ten volunteers for each of the three days. Rosalyn Cohen at mroboe@hotmail.com





March 29, 2014
Marriott Pyramid North

*Looking for an elegant evening out with your special sweetie or
looking for an evening out with your lady friends at the ladies table?*

Join us at the 57th Annual Music Guild Señorita Ball, 6:00 p.m., on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the Marriott Pyramid. The Ball is the Guild's largest fundraiser of the year. In the last two years we have given \$150,000 to dozens of music organizations throughout New Mexico.

The evening is filled with much excitement. Watch the presentation of the Music Guild's 35 beautiful Señoritas, enjoy a gourmet dinner, have a chance to outbid someone else who wants those Southwest Airline Tickets, find a worthwhile item at the silent auction, and dance the night away to the music of the Pink Flamingos. No one wants to miss the "Wine Raffle Dart Board." This is a fun event for the wine lovers in the crowd and is something for the men to be a part of at the ball. Also, we have added this year some other new features for your enjoyment.

Talk up the Ball to everyone you know and invite a friend or several friends. The Ball is the best kept secret in Albuquerque! Has it been awhile since you have been to this Ball? If it has, join us again for an elegant evening out and be part of fulfilling the Guild's mission of promoting and encouraging musical organizations to educate, enhance, engage, and enrich the quality of our New Mexico community.

The Marriott Pyramid (near I-25 and Jefferson) has on-site free parking and is easy to find. The Marriott has a block of rooms for our guests and it is ready to take reservations. Go to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/senoritaball2014> (no need to enter a passcode). This link will give the \$99 rate before the cutoff of 3/07/14. Or call Marriott directly for reservations at 1-877-622-3056 and ask for the 57th Annual Ball to receive the discount.

Feel free to go to www.musicguildofnewmexico.org to purchase your ball tickets or watch for your invitation in late February. Cost of the tickets is \$150 per person.

The Auction Committee is still looking for auction items. Please contact Diana Whitehouse dwhitehouse03@comcast.net 363-6119 or Judy Gilman judymgilman@gmail.com 401-0562 if you have questions or can give a donation.

We would love to see you there. Consider joining us! Your support insures success!

Your Señorita Ball Chairs,

Diana Whitehouse dwhitehouse@comcast.net
and Judy Gilman judymgilman@gmail.com

Señorita Program

Saturday, March 29, at the Marriott Pyramid North, our 2014 Señoritas will be presented to the community. It has been a year filled with many activities. On Sunday October 27, the Señoritas went to three agencies to do a Community Service Project. We had a group at Presbyterian Pediatrics Unit, UNMH Children's Hospital and Joy Junction. The girls helped the kids make trick or treat bags or helped decorate t-shirts. They were so kind and compassionate to all the children they worked with. Some even signed up to volunteer on a regular basis.

We then gathered at Silva Bowling Lanes to meet the dads for some friendly competition with a costume contest and bowling as well. The costumes were amazing! Check out all the photos at the Guild website. In November, Officer Trish Hoffman from APD gave a presentation on self defense and discussed how to be cautious especially on a college campus. Mary Martinez, a registered dietician, discussed healthy eating and how to navigate your way through college dining halls.

In December, the girls helped provide Christmas for a family that had been homeless, including a single Mom and two boys. The girls brought Christmas decorations, holiday food and gifts for Mom and her sons. The family was overjoyed and so thankful to the girls. We also helped with the Title I program through APS with gifts for 16 children. In January, we will have our Presentation meeting with the families. The end of the month we will have another Life Skills event and then off to Sephora for make-up tips for the Señorita Ball.

We are so proud of our wonderful Señoritas this year, as well as a great group of Auntie Mames.

Pam Berg mpberg5@aol.com and Pam Reardon plreadon61@gmail.com
Vice-Presidents of Señoritas

Halloween Bowling with Dad



Auntie Mames and Señorita Chairs



Photos by Rick Cohen

For more photographs go to www.musicguildofnewmexico.org and click on Señorita Program

DID YOU KNOW?

The Music Guild now has a Junior Señorita Program

The Junior Señoritas participated in a holiday event December 5, at the home of member Teresa Edens. The girls donned handmade holiday aprons to prepare for cooking lessons for several holiday treats and were able to make several batches of easy-to-make goodies to take home to their families and friends. Dinner was served and the girls brought children's books to contribute to the Title I Homeless Children's Reading Program. It was a great way to begin the holiday season. The mothers were also invited to be a part of this fun project.

Pictured L-R: MacKenzie Everett, Emilee Rowe, Kaitlyn Clark, Katherine Curtis, Catherine Campbell



Photo by Teresa Edens

Junior Señorita Program

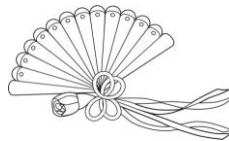
Applications are now being taken for 2014-2015 class of Junior Señoritas. These Junior high school girls have a "prep" year to get ready for the Señorita Program in their Senior year of high school. For more information about this exciting and worthwhile program, contact **Theresa Butterfield Maxey** 505-259-1983 tymaxey@comcast.net



Teri Fahs and Teresa Edens

Title I Children's' Holiday Project

The **Music Guild**, the **Señoritas** and **Junior Señoritas** participated in a very special project this holiday season. The Title I Reading Program included homeless children who are in a federally-sponsored reading project. Many of these children live in homes with no electricity and no running water. Fifty such children benefitted from this effort. They were given a book or two, a toy and clothing of their choice. Everything was gift wrapped by Guild members and distributed by Title I personnel. This was such a large project financially, that several members of Jazzercise Far Northeast Heights also generously contributed.



SEÑORITA CLASS OF 2014-2015

Referrals are currently being accepted for the Señorita Class of 2014-2015!

Do you know a girl who is currently a JUNIOR in high school?

Do you know a family with a daughter who is a JUNIOR in high school?

Do you have a roster of girls who are JUNIORS in high school?

Would you like girls and their parents to receive information about the Señorita program?

Please contact Future Señorita Chair, **Theresa Butterfield Maxey**,

505-259-1983 or tymaxey@comcast.net

New Member Meet & Greet Social - October 16, 2013

Roz and Rick Cohen's lovely home near the Petroglyphs was the venue for new and seasoned members of the Music Guild to get to know one another better. Our Guild members came through again to provide delicious savory hors d'oeuvres, sweet desserts and tasty wine and cider. Rick supplied the entertainment with a slide show of past Guild activities. We enjoyed a circle of sharing our past and present Guild positions, stories, laughs and love of music. New members even got to take home a bottle of wine! A good time was had by all!

Next Meet and Greet is Wednesday, February 12, 5:30pm at the home of Lorna Wiggins. Contact Peggy Way 856-1423 for more information.

Peggy Way, Vice-President of Membership pegretiredway@comcast.net



Photographs by Rick Cohen

Past Presidents' Luncheon - October 18, 2013

The Past Presidents of the Music Guild of NM (previously the Albuquerque Symphony Women's Association and New Mexico Symphony Guild) were hosted by Dixie Burch and Ginger Grossetete at a potluck luncheon on October 18, 2013 at Ginger's home.

Sixteen past presidents attended whose terms were in various years during the decades of the 70s, 80s, 90s, and the 2000s. They were provided an impressive update on the accomplishments of the Music

Guild by the current co-presidents Jackie Tobias and Karen Hopkins. Following lunch, the group discussed the many unique and varied fundraising ideas used during their terms. Many successful events focused on food such as gourmet days, cookbooks, etc.



Thanks to Jackie Tobias for photos



Another gathering of the group is planned for the spring.

Ginger Grossetete
Past President

**"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."
- Plato**

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Sandia Resort provides a beautiful setting for the Music Guild's Holiday Luncheon, Fashion Show and General Meeting.

On December 5, Crissi Letherer of *Chico's* presented Guild members with a beautiful fashion show. Patty Puhl added unique accessories from *Silk Road Connection* to enhance the models' outfits and Kay Rubin of *Mary Kay Cosmetics* did the models' make-up. Thanks to *Chico's* and *Silk Road Connection* for donating 10% of all Guild sales to the organization.

A big thank you to the following Guild members and Señoritas who graciously agreed to model: Carol Cooper-Skopil, Sam Sherman, Jackie McGehee, Laura Mortimer, Señorita Ashlynn Lawrence, her mother, Kelly Lawrence, Señorita Marianne Rogers and her mother, Susan Rogers.

Please note a change in date for the March luncheon. It is now scheduled for Wednesday, March 19 at Seasons Restaurant in Old Town. We look forward to seeing you then.

Denise Lemanski
and Social Committee



Thanks to Rosalyn Cohen for photographs

To see more photographs of the Holiday Luncheon go to: www.musicguildofnewmexico.org



PERSONAL NOTES

Kay Dahl is recovering from a serious fall. She would love to hear from you! Send her a note: c/o Montebello
10500 Academy Rd NE, Rm 6106, Albuquerque 87111

Patty Brewer is proud to announce the birth of grandson, Oliver Nicoll Brewer. Oliver, born to Scott and Paola Brewer, arrived on October 20, 2013 at 7 lbs, 7oz, 19 inches and so handsome!

Rosalyn and Rick Cohen welcomed another music lover to the family. Dylan Jonathan Cohen was born on November 1, sharing a birthday with Grandma Roz.

Congratulations to newlyweds, **Carol Horner** and **Mike Alexander**. They tied the knot on November 1, 2013. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are living happily in Placitas.

Junior Señorita, Mackenzie Everett, performed with the All-State Symphonic Band at Popejoy Hall on January 11th. She plays the French horn. Mackenzie is the daughter of Marie and Scott Everett and granddaughter of NMSG Past President, Phyllis Smith.

WHAT WOULD YOU THINK ABOUT a monthly dinner or cocktail hour, a round robin sort of thing? - PURELY SOCIAL! The groups would change each month, so you would be meeting all new members each time. Anyone who would like to be included, please email Gayle McCormick mccordg5@aol.com

Please be sure to send any info you would like mentioned in the Personal Notes section to Gayle McCormick at mccord5@aol.com

Acompañantes and Brother Escorts Needed

Every year for the **Señorita Ball**, sponsored by the Music Guild of New Mexico, escorts are needed to accompany the **Señoritas** safely across the stage and down those steps! These young men of senior high school and college age are called **Acompañantes**. Brothers of the **Señoritas** are welcome as are any young man with a strong arm! Please call Mrs. Pam Berg at 235-2787 if you know of any young men who would be good candidates for this opportunity.

Coming Attractions!

volunteer opportunities and events you will not want to miss!

February 12, 2014

New Member Meet and Greet

pegretiredway@comcast.net

February 14, 2014

Grant Application Deadline

sdsberman7@msn.com

Saturday, February 15, 2014

Jackie McGehee

Young Artists' Competition

Linn Furnish to volunteer

swimsew@comcast.net

Sunday, March 16, 2014 JMYAC

winners play with NMPHil at Central United Methodist Church at 3pm

www.nmphil.org for tickets

NEW DATE:

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Spring Luncheon &

Election of Officers - Seasons

Restaurant

Check mail for your invitation

11:00 Social

and 12:00 Lunch

Save the Date -

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Señorita Ball and Auction Marriott Pyramid North

Tickets \$150 at:

musicguildofnewmexico.org

To volunteer: Judy Gilman

judymgilman@gmail.com

and Diana Whitehouse

dwhitehouse03@comcast.net

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

(Location TBA)

Luncheon &

Induction of Officers

May 13, 14, 15, 2014

Fourth Grade Youth Concerts at

Popejoy Hall

To volunteer: Roz Cohen

mroboe@hotmail.com

**March 2014 Luncheon & General Meeting
and
Election of 2014-2015 Officers**

**Seasons Restaurant – Old Town
March 19, 2014**

Make your vote count at the Luncheon, General Membership Meeting, Election of Board and proposed By-law changes on Wednesday, March 19, at Seasons Restaurant in Old Town.

Be sure to open your **Friday e-blasts** for additional information, including the 2014-2015 Slate of Officers and proposed By-law changes.

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