

JACKSON ^{THE} *Symphony* LEAGUE

June, 2016

Dear Symphony Supporter,

The Jackson Symphony League is a volunteer organization dedicated to the support of the Jackson Symphony through fundraising, education and social activities while fostering an appreciation of music throughout West Tennessee.

I am very excited to begin serving the Symphony these next two years as the League President. Even though I have been a League member for many years, I have never taken an active role in the leadership of the League till now. I have been very involved with the Jackson Symphony Association since 1995 and have served as President of that Board twice. Because of that involvement, I believe I have the ability and confidence to lead this wonderful group of supporters who love the Jackson Symphony as much as I do.

As we begin our 55th year as a League, I want it to be the best year ever. We have a long legacy of past Presidents who have served us well and are still very involved with us. To all the members and leaders who have made this organization so special, I offer a big "Thank You". By becoming involved with the League and serving together, we not only help strengthen the Symphony to make our community a better place to live, but we also make lasting friendships that are invaluable.

Attached you will find the 2016-17 Membership Form. Please complete and return the form no later than August 31st along with your dues as either an active member or a contributing member. Our membership year runs from July 1st through June 30th each year. I want us to reach a membership goal this year of 150 League members. By becoming involved it is a great way to have fun, meet new friends as well as promoting and supporting our Jackson Symphony.

The new officers have been in preparation and have outlined a great year. We are going to have 6 general meetings this next year, with a variety of meeting times to allow for maximum involvement. Two will be a Saturday morning brunch with our conductor, Peter Shannon, and musicians; three will be in private homes and then our Spring Luncheon next April. We will once again be feeding the musicians during their rehearsals. We are planning two major fundraisers; the first being a Christmas Bake Sale at the December 3rd Christmas Pops concert; and then we will be sponsoring the Crystal Ball event in January, 2017. The Color of Music project in our area schools has been vital to our mission and thanks to Christi Haynes for her work in this area in the past. Finally we will be assisting in several other efforts such as musician housing, ushering the open rehearsals for area students and any other needs that the Symphony has for us to serve. As you can see there are many ways that your help is needed.

I look forward to leading this organization into a strong future and getting to know each of you personally. I hope you will join us and get involved to help us accomplish our mission. Thank you.

Leonie Hefley
Jackson Symphony League President;
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2016-17 Membership Form

New Member _____ Renewal Member _____

\$50 Active Member _____ (Participation in one committee,
Christmas Bake Sale & one other activity)

\$75 Contributing Member _____ (Participation optional)

NAME: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone #'s: _____ Other: _____

Email Address: _____

Employer, if any: _____

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Committee Choices: (top 2 choices of 3 possibilities- see list for descriptions)

1st choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Activity Choices: (choose a minimum of 1 below- see list for descriptions)

****EVERYONE is to provide items for the Christmas Bake Sale**

Hospitality: Orchestra Rehearsal _____ Meeting _____

Ushering at an event _____

Housing a Musician _____

Help with Ambassadors Activities _____

RETURN FORM BY AUGUST 31st

MAIL TO: Jackson Symphony League; PO BOX 10433; JACKSON, TN 38308



Committees for 2016-17

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE Committee:

Purpose: To assist in helping to plan all facets of the Christmas Bake Sale to be held at the Civic Center for the Christmas Pops Concert on 12-3-16;

Duties: Decide on the Signature recipes to be mass produced; organize what is being made by each of the membership; Get full League participation; organize the planning, set up and execution of day of the sale details. Get Bake Shops organized; Manage the pre-sale process

CRYSTAL BALL Committee:

Purpose: To assist in this major fundraising event, which will be the signature event for the League to be held in January, 2017

Duties: Assist with the multiple tasks involved with the production of this Fundraiser; Decide on location, entertainment, decorations, and food and drinks for the event; includes set up, engaging the publicity committee, managing cost for maximum profitability

COLOR of MUSIC Committee:

Purpose: To assist in providing & managing this Educational program in area schools

Duties: Help distribute information to area schools; collect artwork, get it judged and assist with display and awards presentation.

Activities for 2016-17

MEETING HOSPITALITY Activity:

Volunteer to bring food to at least one of the 6 membership meetings (All but the Spring Luncheon next year)

Two will be at lunchtime; Two will be Saturday brunches; One will be an early evening meeting

ORCHESTRA HOSPITALITY Activity:

Volunteer to bring food & refreshments for Symphony musicians at rehearsals

Volunteer to stay and be a hostess during this time and clean up at specified Symphony rehearsals

(4 Breakfasts; 2 Suppers & Valentine Lunch)

USHERING Activity:

To assist at the Open Rehearsals with ushering the school children as needed;

HOUSING Activity:

Agree to host a musician at your home when they are in town to play for the concerts. This will typically be the same musician every time. They typically will need to stay 2-3 nights at a time; This saves on hotel expenses for the Orchestra and it is a wonderful way to build a relationship with a musician.

AMBASSADOR Activities:

There are multiple needs in this category beginning with helping at the Ambassador Social on August 14th.

There are needs of chaperoning the Ambassadors at the concerts; be on a Poster team to help distribute posters as needed