



QUARTER NOTES

FASO'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear FASO Members,

Season's Greetings to all of you! I hope this finds you warm, healthy, and happy.

FASO had a very busy fall! We started the season with a wine-tasting fundraiser at Great Frogs Winery in late September. It was a beautiful day, perfect



for relaxing and sipping wine to benefit the ASO. Our major fundraiser, the Concert of Tastes, was held on November 2. We ate and drank through a wonderful evening at the DoubleTree Hotel and raised over \$9,000. And on November 18 we ate for the cause again at the Smokehouse Grill. The Smokehouse contributed 10 percent of the food sales to FASO. These fundraisers allowed us to make a donation of \$12,000 to the ASO in December.

Besides raising funds, many FASO members volunteered their time to help at the Opening Night ceremonies in October, as well as providing a coat check room at the concerts in Maryland Hall. FASO members also provide food and beverages for the ASO musicians at the Tuesday night rehearsals before the concerts.

We have more fundraisers coming up throughout the next few months. First on the agenda is an evening at Carrol's Creek Care on January 27, 2015. The restaurant will donate 20 percent of food and beverage sales that night to FASO. Please come, say you are with FASO, and enjoy a delicious dinner with a view of the Annapolis harbor. Many thanks to Anna Greenberg for arranging this special dinner.

FASO is once again selling raffle tickets for a luxury trip for two. The winner has a choice of Santa Fe or Sonoma Valley. We are selling tickets at the ASO Holiday Pops Concert, and will continue through April. The winner will be drawn at Champagne Sunday on April 12. Please take many chances!

I invite you all to participate in our events and volunteer to help with any that interest you. You can always contact me by email (paula.abernethy@gmail.com) or phone at (410) 703-3554.

Thank you for your support, enjoy the holidays, and hope to see you soon.

Paula Abernethy, President

A NIGHT AT THE CONCERT OF TASTES



The Nov. 2 gala was a lot of fun; the ballroom at the DoubleTree looked wonderful. The food was fabulous; we had 20 restaurants and caterers who really outdid themselves. Their “tastes” were bounteous and delicious. And the restaurant people said they had a good time and hoped to be invited to come again.

Everyone enjoyed the two open bars, thanks to Port Tack in Arnold, our loyal and indispensable annual donor. The Golden Chance raffle generated real excitement and raised serious money for the symphony. One of the donated prizes was a valuable print of Annapolis Harbor by Paul McGehee. The artisans who sold their original works in the concourse donated lovely items as well. Thanks to all who made it work.

We had just the right number of restaurants and vendors to make the room look attractive and work well. As noted by our treasurer, we netted about \$9,000, which is \$500 more than last year.

We wish we had had more guests! Some regulars were absent, in part because they had attended the ASO’s two-day Opening Night celebration just two weeks earlier, a successful new event which also benefitted the symphony. It replaced the annual spring gala. Now that the ASO is adjusting its annual calendar, we will have to schedule our next Concert of Tastes at a more opportune time.



Pictured above are former FASO presidents Anna Greenberg, left, and Judi Tanner, right, joined by David Tanner, enjoying the Concert of Tastes. Judi is wearing a hat in tribute to her late mother, who was a fan of the Concert of Tastes.



Also pictured: At left, ASO staffer Heather McMunigal reacts to receiving one of the raffle prizes from Joan Russell and Paula Abernethy. At right, Gary Brow offers a “taste” of Galway Bay’s specialties. Gary also won a raffle prize.

Below, the publicity photo that ran in the Capital. That’s board member Larry Innis’s little MG, posed at Great Frogs Winery. Photos by Don Dement.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN: The Concert of Tastes has many, many moving parts and involves many FASO volunteers. My thanks to every board member who pitched in, to Port Tack Wines and Spirits and all the participating restaurants and artisans, to the DoubleTree Hotel for being totally cooperative, to the Chesapeake Greys for their fun big band music, to Martha Miller for making the signs and donating the McGehee print, to Wegmans and Grauls who sent not only food tastes but also cash donations, to the many other cash donors -- you know who you are -- and to all of you who came and, by having a good time, raised more than \$9,000 for the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra.

The best way to thank the restaurants and caterers is to give them your business. They are: Annapolis Ice Cream Factory, BAROAK at Loews, Brio Tuscan Grill, Broadneck Grill/Cantina, Cakes and Confections, Company’s Coming Catering, DoubleTree Hotel Annapolis, Galway Bay Restaurant, Graul’s Market Catering Department, India’s, Jack’s Fortune Chinese Restaurant, Level Small Plates Lounge, Lin’s Cuisine, Luna Blu, O’Loughlin’s Restaurant, Port Tack Ltd. Wines and Spirits, Reynolds Tavern, Sweet Hearts Patisserie, The Inn at Pirate’s Cove, Wegmans Catering. Our artisans are: Becky’s Baskets, Nectar Silks, FireLight Art Glass, Ornament Scribe, Praxis Place Pottery, Shop Murano, Ambiance Silk, Yan’s Art Studio, Janis Kramer.

■ Carol Richards, Concert of Tastes chairman

And here's what we did with the profits:



Here, José-Luis Novo, music director of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra, accepts a check for \$12,000 from Paula Abernethy, FASO president. The check represents earnings from the Concert of Tastes, the Great Frogs Wine Tasting, dining out at the Smokehouse Grill, FASO volunteer work at the Maryland Hall coat room and donations from our members.

Photo by Don Dement

MARDI GRAS PARTY! Here's something to look forward to after the holidays wind down and winter stretches on: The annual Mardi Gras fund-raising party thrown by FASO board members Tessie Ballard, Ginger From and Bernadine Crosby. The menu includes home-made seafood gumbo, jambalaya, chicken-sausage gumbo, followed by King's Cake with bourbon sauce. The party will be on Feb. 7 at Tessie's house. Interested? Call Tessie, 410-798-8234.

Save these Dates

Dec. 19, Holiday Pops. 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

Jan. 27. Carrol's Creek Café Dinner/Fundraiser. 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. 410 Severn Ave. FASO gets 20 percent of food and beverage sales. Invite your friends!

Feb. 7. Mardi Gras Dinner/Fund-raiser. See above, call for information.

Feb. 7. Family Concerts, 2 and 3:30 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

Feb. 27 and 28, Lexus Classic Series 3, Ravel, Concerto for Piano in G Minor; Bax, the Garden of Fand; Strauss, *Ein Heldenleben*, 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

Feb. 29, repeat of Feb. 27-28 concert, matinee, Strathmore, North Bethesda.

Mar. 27 and 28, Lexus Classic Series 4. Elgar, the Sanguine Fan; Prokofiev, Concerto for Violin No. 2 in G Minor, op. 63; Shostakovich, Symphony No. 9 in E-flat major, op. 70. Vadim Gluzman, guest violinist. 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

May 8 and 9, Lexus Classic Series 5. R. Schumann, Manfred Overture; Lieberso, Neruda Songs; Sibelius, Symphony No. 5 in E-flat major, op. 82. Kelley O'Connor, mezzo-soprano. 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

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