



# SYMPHONIC TONES

SEPTEMBER 2020

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

First and foremost: I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well as we confront the uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, we're all living life a bit differently now — different concerns and joys, different ways of working and being social. Our work goes on, even as we work remotely from our homes, and our commitment remains the same—ensure that TFO remains strong. Our fundraising events will not be presented in its “normal” form, but we will still move forward in creative ways. As the year unfolds, we will adjust to the circumstances. What is important is to remain engaged and stay active. A lot will be asked and required, and we appreciate your support now more than ever.

Having said all that, I am thrilled to be President of this amazing organization and look forward to the challenges of this unprecedented year. At our first meeting on Monday, September 21, the meeting will be a Zoom meeting—Board meeting at 11:15 a.m. (with access at 11:00 a.m.) and the General meeting at 12:15 p.m. (with access at noon). At our General meeting, TFO President & CEO Mark Cantrell will give us an update of the orchestra's activities. Look for upcoming instructions via email to participate in both meetings. For those of you who do not have a computer and would like to participate in the General meeting, the telephone number to call and join telephonically is 1-301-715-8592. If prompted, the Meeting ID is 838-1390-7581, Passcode 418011. Looking forward to connecting with all of you then!

**Susanna Bellafante**

2020-2021 FOG officers:

President	<b>Susanna Bellafante</b>
1st VP (Ways & Means)	<b>Jan Green</b>
2nd VP (Membership)	<b>Lois Ancona</b>
3rd VP (Volunteers)	<b>Rosemary O'Connor</b>
Recording Secretary	<b>Karen Winiecki</b>
Corresp Secretary	<b>Marci Jacobs</b>
Treasurer	<b>Cathy deHaan</b>
Assistant Treasurer	<b>Charlene Miller</b>

**FOG MEETING—MONDAY, SEPT 21** via Zoom  
Mark Cantrell, President & CEO of TFO to speak.

What is the latest news about our beloved Florida Orchestra? Connect to our September Orchestra Guild Zoom meeting\* on your computer (or phone) and hear the latest news from Mark Cantrell. Mark is not only the CEO of The Florida Orchestra, he is an Artist with wood, creating a table with a drawer for the silent auction of North Suncoast Associates Bravura Brunch! He also has participated in Alaskan sled dog races! Now, he is meeting the challenges of The Florida Orchestra in what is being described as a Fluid Future. Join our TFOG Zoom meeting\* and hear the latest Florida Orchestra news from the man who is meeting the challenges of TFO in pandemic mode!

\*Connect through Susanna's email the day of the meeting within 15 mins. before the meeting.

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11:15 Board Meeting

12:30 General Meeting



53rd Annual Golden Baton Award Dinner  
Honoring Marcy and Bob Shuck

Since the pandemic news has not been positive, and in an abundance of caution, the Florida Orchestra Guild has postponed the Golden Baton Awards Dinner from October 20, 2020 until Fall of 2021. We have not set a date for the dinner but will do so as soon as it appears safe to begin planning. We look forward to the presentation of this Award and the opportunity to honor the work of Marcy and Bob Shuck. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

**Susanna Bellafante, Chair**

## HOLIDAY HOME TOUR - December 2020



There will be NO direct homes to tour this year. Look for a letter being sent in October with information on how to support our wonderful Orchestra with this fund-raising Holiday Homes event. There will be some surprises for the sponsors and many ways to take part in this most unusual year of the pandemic. We shall be following the CDC guidelines, of course.

Stay safe and wear your masks!

**Emily Gillespie**, Co-Chair

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thank you all for sending in your dues over the summer to renew your membership in the Florida Orchestra Guild. We currently have 128 members. Unfortunately, 14 members did not renew. Last season we picked up 16 new members so let's work on finding more music lovers to join us! If you have information about a prospective member, I can send you a Membership Application or you can ask them to download an application on our updated website. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest member, Carolyn DeCarbo. She joined before the new Directory was published so her information can be found in the Directory. Welcome Carolyn!

**Lois Ancona**, VP/II, Membership

## WEBSITE

If you haven't checked out our website lately, go online to check out all the updates – [www.fogsp.org](http://www.fogsp.org) You will find current information about our meetings and proposed events. I welcome any ideas on how to best present our information. When event information has been finalized, it will appear on our website.

**Lois Ancona**

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY MESSAGE

Please contact me if you know of a Guild member who has recently lost a loved one, is not well, needs a word of cheer or a thank you note. As your Corresponding Secretary, I will be happy to send a card on behalf of our members.

**Marci Jacobs**

727-896-5097 [marcijac@gmail.com](mailto:marcijac@gmail.com)



## QUEEN OF HEARTS

Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, the Queen of Hearts Ball has been cancelled for 2021. It was normally scheduled to take place in February.

**Maritza Smith**

**NAME TAGS** - If you would like a FOG name tag please contact **Diane Ward** 727-803-6949

## AMSOV – Association of Major Symphony Orchestra Volunteers

Some of you are aware that the Guild joined AMSOV just prior to their 2019 Biennial Conference in Dallas and I attended as our delegate. TFO is one of 28 member orchestras in the organization; however, like us, many orchestras have more than one volunteer group. The next Conference was scheduled for Washington DC in June 2021. However, because of the pandemic, that date has been changed to 2022. The following is from Carmen Stull, VP and Chair of the Conference.

“As we contend with an epidemic that varies by state and is evolving at different rates across the country, it was decided by the AMSOV Board to move the June 2021 Conference in Washington DC to Spring 2022. The health, safety and overall well-being of our members is our top priority. Further details about the Conference will be announced in due course. Until then, please stay safe and well. We look forward to re-connecting with all of you soon.”

Dues for AMSOV are paid after each Biennial Conference and cover the following two years. AMSOV has extended all payments a full year until Spring 2022.

For more information regarding AMSOV, you can go to their website – [www.amsov.org](http://www.amsov.org)

**Lois Ancona**

## DATES TO REMEMBER Meetings and Events

Monday, Sept. 21 FOG meeting via ZOOM  
11:15 Board 12:15 General Meeting