



Vol. 8 No. 6 Summer 2014

2014-2015**FRIENDS MEETINGS**

David Cohen Hall
Van Wezel Way at Blvd. of
the Arts & 10th St.
2:00 p.m.
September 18th
November 20th
January 15th
March 12th
April 23rd

TENNIS BASH

Saturday Nov. 8th - 1:00 p.m.
The Meadows Country Club

2015 GALA

"Hooray for Hollywood"
Wednesday Feb. 25th
at Michael's On East

2014-2015 OFFICERS

Jane Riggin, President
Olivia Swaan, 1st Vice-President
Yvonne Sultan, 2nd Vice-President
Thom Suddarth, Treasurer
Helen Beljean, Recording Secretary
Antonette Cunningham, Corr. Sec'y
John Halstead, Member-at-Large
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President's Message from Jane Riggin

Dear FRIENDS Members - HAPPY SUMMER



I hope you are excited to receive our first ever Summer *Accents*. We want to keep in touch and remind all of you how much we value you as members of this special organization. You will find news of the Artist Series Concerts' new season, meeting dates and a SAVE THE DATE for our fabulous GALA. Just a reminder that our 2014-2015 Membership dues are now payable. On the new Membership form, there is also a new opportunity for you to add a gift to help defray the costs of our meetings at our new venue, the David Cohen Hall. Your Board of Directors met on August 1st for a day of brainstorming and focused on how we can better serve Artist Series Concerts and all of our membership. We are making our theme for the year: **SHARE: Support, Help, Attend, Reach Out, Energize.** I hope you will join us in this theme and share your many talents to make this a year to remember. For now, relax and enjoy all that summer in Sarasota has to offer! SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER. Fondly, Jane



Lee
Dougherty Ross
Artistic Director

A Note from Lee**THE 2014-2015 SEASON**

You are sure to enjoy our wonderfully varied 2014-2015 season of programs!! Our Classic music series includes a trio, a violinist, a cellist, a quartet and a singer. And you'll be smiling as you hear the Pops programs with fabulous entertainers. Gilbert and Sullivan's music will make you want to sing along. Our popular Luncheon series at Michael's On East includes excellent instrumentalists and singers and the lunch to follow is always very delectable. Don't forget the Broadway Holiday Christmas program and our new Grieg Festival. You'll of course love the Soiree Series, bringing "From the Top" young artists. You may even want to drive down to North Port for our new series at their Performing Arts Center. What's not to enjoy...See you there!

The purpose of Artist Series Concerts FRIENDS is to provide essential support to the activities and projects of Artist Series Concerts while offering FRIENDS members a nurturing, rewarding, and positive volunteer experience.



Save the Date

Edvard Grieg Festival Jan 9th - 11th 2015 'A Competition for young singers and pianists'

Want to be a host family for a contestant at the Festival?

Call **Julia** at 941-375-6922.
For more info please visit:
www.griegfestivalinflorida.org

2014 ANNUAL MEETING

Our membership elected by acclamation the new Officers which are listed on page 1. Jane announced the following

Committee Chairs:

ACCENTS Newsletter:

Linda Heller

Ambassadors:

Karen Iezzi & Joan Suddarth

Gala:

Mary Cook & Yvonne Sultan

Greeters:

Carol Von Allmen

Historian:

To be Announced

Hospitality:

Vicki Thompson-Jones

Membership:

Joan Zacchini

Membership Communication:

Don Britt

Volunteer Coordinator:

Julia Dadekian

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Aline Blanchard

Donna & Douglas Callaghan

Carol Erickson

Marion Freund

Renee Hamad

Maribeth Jergens

Charlotte Perret

Nancy Reichl

Bobby Sanders

Barbara Schott

Irene Shatz

Maureen & Stanley Siegel

Renewal notices have been mailed and we ask members to renew their membership at this time. See you on Sept. 18th. at our next FRIENDS meeting.

SAVE THE DATE



Celebrate an evening of glamour and glitz at the

FRIENDS

2015 GALA

'HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD'

February 25th at Michael's On East

Dinner and stage show including a fabulous Live Auction

Come and enjoy the Second Annual **FRIENDS** Tennis outing at the Meadows Country Club.

Social Tennis (all levels welcome), food, music, and fun. Be sure to mark your calendar and

SAVE THE DATE!

TENNIS BASH

**Saturday
November 8th**

1:00 to 4:00

END OF SEASON PARTY

We all enjoyed a very festive party, hosted by our President, Jane Riggan at her lovely home, filled with FRIENDS members, music and fabulous food.



Carol Von Allmen, Dave Byrne and Lee Dougherty Ross

