Note Worthy News

Kansas City Symphony
August 2026

In remembrance of Karla Hull, one of our well-loved past members. Her celebration of life will be Sat, Aug 29 at Cascone's at 12:00.

Back to the Symphony Kick-off Party

Wednesday, August 19, 5 – 7 PM at Piropo's Restaurant

$35 + Cash Bar. RSVP by August 11.

Invitations were sent out via e-mail.

Notes from the last Board Meeting:

The new Membership Handbook and Directory pages will be available by mid-August, including the reorganized seating lists. We intentionally eliminated Sept (Officers will host), so that we have fewer tables with more members at each table.

Kudos:

1. Madeline Johnson for organizing our July socials. We had 12 for lunch at Third Street Social on July 2 and 7 plus a guest at Sail Away, July 3.
2. Pam Moore for organizing our August “Back to the Symphony” event. Invitations were sent with the July newsletter.
3. Tami Hayes for volunteering to be a Cabaret Co-Chair.
4. Jane Brown for accepting the Legislative Liaison position. She is a “brand new” member and had not been through orientation yet when she accepted this offer!
5. Silvia Torres for volunteering to proofread documents for us.

Upcoming KC Symphony Events:

We have some exciting things in the works that I wanted to share with you all so you can save the dates. Below is a list of events that we are planning for you to be aware of:

1. **Forte - Thursday, September 24, 5:30 pm at the Symphony House**
   Forte was created to encourage Kansas City young professionals to personally engage with the Symphony and its musicians but is open to anyone. This yearly event is a musical and tasting experience featuring local restaurants, breweries, wineries, and distilleries. Attendees will have the unique opportunity to travel room to room and floor to floor of the Symphony House while also enjoying an intimate evening of beautiful music performed by your Kansas City Symphony Musicians. Tickets will be available for purchase soon
2. **Rehearsal - Thursday, October 1, 1:30 pm at KCPA**
   All three auxiliaries will be invited to attend this afternoon rehearsal! If members would like to, they can also bring treat bags for the musicians and hand them out backstage (the Guild did this last fall)

Volunteer Hours:

Hurray to us! We entered over 6000 volunteer hours this last year. The national value of a volunteer hour in the U.S. is **$36.14,** equating our contribution at $216,840.

Sorry, if we seem to “harp” on this but it is so important that we give ourselves credit for our work for our organization and the K C Symphony. It really matters for grant writing and other publicity. Debbie Herrick will be available for website tutoring, after our October membership meeting. And if you need to continue with the paper version, copies will be in the Handbook or at the September Membership meeting.

Membership Recruitment:

If you have someone that you would like to invite to a membership meeting, they are welcome to attend at any time or any event. Please let Sandi Schmude, Nancy Kole and Cheryl Rittman know prior to the meeting. We welcome new members all year long. Currently we have 51 active members and 16 sustaining members.

Event of Note:

The purpose, as with our Guild mission, is to support and promote awareness of the Symphony via having fund raising events. Our goal is to have at least one Event of Note per year. Last year's Elvis was very successful, in part due to sponsorship of the committee members.

At this point, we do not have any major Event of Note planned for the 2026-27 year. If you have any ideas for an event or have a group that would like to plan an event, please contact Linda Sipes. There are written guidelines, if you are interested in reviewing.

New Member

Jane Brown

Jane is married to Tom Brown (42 years) with three children and six grandchildren, ages three months to 13 years. All live in the Northland.

Jane is currently a Candidate, for 1st District at Large KCMO City Council; She is a retired Judge and Federal Prosecutor, but semi-retired attorney.

Born in Battle Creek, MI, Jane has lived in Kansas City since 1970.

Jane found out about Symphony Guild at a Rotary event during World Cup with longtime friend Sandi Schmude, as were others from my past. They were Symphony Guild members and asked me to join.

A church and school choir member for many years, Jane also played the guitar as a teenager. Jane shared that she loves making lists and organizing things. She is looking for "that committee" that does that for her to join.

PS: Jane has already volunteered to be the Legislative Liaison position this year.

New Member Contact Information

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Save the Date:

1. Wednesday, August 19, “Back to the Symphony” Kick-off Party. Piropos, 5-7 PM. Deadline is August 11
2. Wednesday, Sept 2, 9:30 Membership Meeting
3. Thursday, Sept 24, 5:30 PM “Forte”- Symphony House
4. Thursday, Oct 1, 1:30 Rehearsal KCPA
5. Wednesday, Oct 7 Membership Meeting

Are you reading the Newsletter?

So that Board has a sense of who is reading our newsletter, please send me your name and I will add your name to a raffle gift to be presented at the September meeting.

See you in September!

Cheryl Rittman