



*Notes from Symphony East*



*Wearing 1950's attire would be cool!!*



**Symphony East's  
Special April Presentation!**

**Monday, April 17, 2023**

at the Lamplighter Restaurant, 6566 William Penn Hwy., Delmont, PA 15626

*Socialize from 11:00 a.m. — Business Meeting 11:30-11:45*

— *Lunch 11:45 — 12:45*

Program will begin immediately at 1:00 p.m.

*(The students are on a tight schedule because of the school bus schedule.)*

**Cast members of Franklin Regional High School's 2023 musical will entertain the Symphony East audience with selections from**



**The FRHS Musical website tells us that Book, Music, and Lyrics were by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey.**

"Here is Rydell High's senior class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby sox and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950s in this rollicking musical.

Head "greaser" Danny Zuko and new (good) girl Sandy Dumbrowski try to relive the high romance of their "Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such songs as "Greased Lightnin'," "It's Raining on Prom Night," "Alone at the Drive-In Movie" recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard, and Elvis Presley that became the soundtrack of a generation.

An eight-year run on Broadway and two subsequent revivals, along with innumerable school and community productions place *Grease* among the world's most popular musicals."

**The Franklin Regional Production Staff:**

Director - **Mark Wolfgang**; Vocal Director - **Kelly Newsted**;

Choreographer - **Jenn Probola**; Orchestra Director - **Nick Nutter**;

Costumer - **Nancy McCormick**; and Student Director - **Celia Beyer**



*Reservations for lunch and program: The luncheon meal will be served as a buffet. Dessert is included for each meal.* The restaurant needs to have a count of the number of persons having lunch, so please send your completed reservation form and check for \$30.00 per person - made out to Symphony East - to Dee by the deadline date.

► ***This special event will allow for walk-in attendance for the performance. A \$10.00 donation is requested.*** ◀

►► ***President's message:***    *Our spring fund drive begins on April 17<sup>th</sup>!*

In the tradition of our “no-show tea” and “share-a-slice-of-pie” events, this year’s fundraiser, to be described in a brochure distributed to our members at the April program and by mail, asks members to make their annual donation to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, AND, if they so choose, to honor a friend or family member who has served, or is currently serving, in any branch of the military.

Just before Memorial Day, our May program “Letters From the Front” will feature Rick Purcell performing music popular during years of war, accompanied by the words of soldiers written from the front lines. This fascinating program was the inspiration for our fundraiser.

At the conclusion of the May program, everyone making a generous donation to our fundraiser, will receive a 8”x12” flag, tagged with their honoree’s name and service branch. Donors may take their flags from the displays after the performance. The names of donors and those they wish to honor will also be listed in the May luncheon program.

Please make your donation promptly upon receipt of the fundraising brochure. The names of all honorees are due on May 5<sup>th</sup> to allow our committee time to prepare the flags for the event.

Make this Memorial Day special for your family by honoring a service member, supporting the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and using the commemorative flag for your Memorial Day celebration.

*Pat Frick,* President, Symphony East

►► **Election of Symphony East’s Officers** – The following slate of officers for the 2023-2024 season was presented to and elected by verbal vote of the members at the March meeting. Installation of these officers will take place at the May meeting.

**President Pat Frick, Vice president Diane Kaufmann, Secretary Romaine Miller, and Treasurer Lynn Staab**

**Congratulations and thank you!** ◀◀



***An April shower of information for your interest:***



►►► **Symphony East notes more activities in 2023:** 🎧 🎵 🎶

🌻 🌷 🌷 🌷 **Letters From the Front (Words of Warriors)** - Monday, May 15, 2023 - presented by Rick Purcell, Donna Groom, and Mark Groom. A brochure explaining the fundraiser associated with this event will be sent by SE’s Fundraising Committee.



► **PSO & PSA News:** <http://www.psa75.org> Newsletter: *Staccato Notes*


A reminder concerning subscriptions to the PSO concerts:

- ► SE members are entitled to the 25% subscription discount. It is not retroactive, so you must mention that you are a SE member when you get the subscription or renew.

**The 2023 Sweepstakes is in progress;** it is PSA’s signature fundraiser. The logo has become recognizable to the thousands of cultural arts supporters in the Pittsburgh area. The fabulous prizes include a \$5,000 first place cash prize and a Seven-concert PSO subscription for two. Did you receive your form in the mail? **Postmark deadline: 6/1/23.**



**Reminder:** There is a Symphony East section on the PSA Web site.

 A resource for musical (including PSO concerts) + other cultural events:  
<http://www.wqed.org/cultural-calendar/month>



**Another reminder: By-laws Article II, Section 2 C regarding dues notes that “New members admitted after the March meeting shall pay for the following fiscal year.” (Normally, dues are payable in September.)**



**RESERVATION FORM for**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_]

*Our Special April Luncheon & Program!*

**At the Lamplighter Restaurant, 6566 William Penn Hwy, Delmont, PA 15626 (724) 461-1031**

***Monday, April 17, 2023 - 11:00 A.M.***

**Deadline is Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

**I/We will Attend** \_\_\_\_\_

First Name

Last Name

**My guest(s) will be:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**This will be a buffet and the usual array of Lamplighter desserts and beverages.**

**Number of attendees @ \$30.00 per meal:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total payment** \_\_\_\_\_

**Although I cannot attend, please accept this contribution to benefit the PSO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this reservation form and check payable to *Symphony East* by *Wednesday, April 12*, to:  
Dolores Gallagher, 140 LaVale Drive, Apt. 404, Monroeville, PA 15146**