

# Guild Notes

*Aug/Sep 2020*

*Keep the Live Music Playing*

## From the Presidents' Desk

Hello Guild Members,

I hope everyone is staying safe and well during this challenging year.

As I indicated in an email earlier this summer, the COVID-19 virus has brought us some difficult challenges to work through this year. It appears that those challenges will continue to impact us, at least, through the end of this year and we will need to make some adjustments in our operations. Our first concern will always be in keeping the Guild membership safe and well during this COVID-19 crisis.

With that in mind, the Guild Board met, by teleconference, in late August and discussed our options for the upcoming Fall Symphony season. Taking into consideration that the Peace Center is currently closed and the Symphony does not anticipate any concerts there in the near future, we have decided that we will put on hold any of our volunteer activities during the September through December timeframe.

Also, the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee have decided to reduce the Guild office hours from 4 days to 3 days. This will take effect the week of September 14th and go through December. The office will be open Monday through Wednesday. This is a temporary situation and we anticipate the hours will be returned to normal after the first of the year.

We are hoping to be able to hold the Gala in March and the Condo Rondo in May. However, in case that is still not an option in the new year, we are working on alternatives to achieve our fundraising goals. As we come up with more details, we will keep you informed.

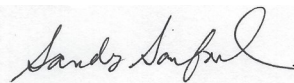
Based on our By-Laws, we are required to hold five Board meetings a year and a minimum of two Membership meetings a year. We will hold our first Board meeting this fall on October 26th by conference call. I will send out details for the call closer to the date. We are also working on when to hold the two Membership meetings and will provide that information at a later date.

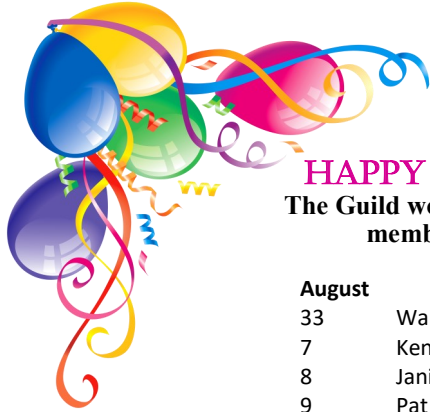
We have also been working on our new membership directory which we anticipate coming out in late September. We have given everyone a little more time to respond due to the ongoing issues.

But in an effort to watch our costs during this time, the directory will be available on-line only at our website: [www.guildGSO.org](http://www.guildGSO.org). Everyone will be notified by email when the directory is available along with instructions on how to access.

I appreciate your patience and support during this difficult year. I truly believe that we will come out of this year stronger and ready to achieve our goal to "Keep the Music Playing".

Thank you again for your support.





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY GUILD MEMBERS!**  
The Guild would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to our members with August/September Birthdays!

**August**

33 Walter Gerus  
7 Ken Kwochka  
8 Janice Dickenson  
9 Pat Ferro  
16 Shirley Keller  
17 Tish Lasley  
18 Sandy Sanford  
21 Shirley Littlefield  
26 Nancy Powell  
28 William Patterson  
29 Sharron Glickman

**September**

1 Carolyn Beckie  
17 Julie Garrett  
19 Donna Comstock  
20 Ron Ferrell  
20 Dick McDonald  
23 Beth Lee  
23 Pat McDonald  
24 Ruth White  
29 Nancy Teachey

