

Welcome from Craig Johnson, Chapter President – October 1, 2015

Dear Pittsburgh Area Harpists:

Welcome to the 2015-16 season of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Harp Society.

It is my pleasure to serve as President of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the AHS as well as the Chapter Treasurer. Thank you so much for electing me and for your support. I look forward to serving you with the other officers: Vice President Melanie Sandrock and Secretary Bill Van Patten. I want to thank Gretchen Van Hoesen and Lucy Scandrett for agreeing to serve on the Board. I am confident that we will all make a good team!

Many thanks to Suzanne Hershey who served as our Vice President for two years, and for Lucy Scandrett who served as President for the past year. We truly appreciate the time, energy, and expertise you shared with Chapter members.

We have exciting plans for the 2015-16 season and I encourage everyone to take advantage of them and participate as much as you can. Our Secretary Bill Van Patten just recently sent out an email to the membership that included important updates and information on a number of items. I don't need to reiterate, but please see Bill's email that included:

- Membership Renewal for 2015-16
- Bunker Harp for Sale – from the estate of Faith Stenning
- Chapter Holiday Ensemble Concert at PPG Wintergarden - December 5, 2015 – [click here](#) for a "sign up" form
- Harp Technicians Tom Bell and Scot Baker coming to Pittsburgh in October
- Discount on performances of Ginastera Harp Concerto at the PSO - October 16, 17, & 18
- Tiffany Concert Series – Flute and Harp Fantasy – March 13, 2016 at 4 PM
- Elizabeth "Beth" Waldron – in memoriam

We also encourage everyone to share harp news and harp-related information on our [facebook page](#). If you haven't visited recently or at all... now is a good time!!

The most important thing that you can do immediately is to join or renew your membership in the Pittsburgh Chapter. You may either download the Chapter Membership Form from the [documents](#) page our website or you may [register online](#). Dues can be paid by mailing a check or by using PayPal. Our dues follow the AHS format of September 1 to August 31. Membership dues have not been raised and are kept to a very modest amount. But we do rely upon membership dues for a significant part of our annual income, and every membership counts!

We also have new levels of Chapter Membership that also follow the guidelines of the AHS - Sustaining, Sponsor, and Patron. All donations support the programs offered by our chapter and are a vital part of what we are able to offer to our members and the community. Donor membership will be recognized in the programs of chapter events. I am grateful for your consideration in becoming a Donor Member.

Thank you again, and I'm looking forward to a great year of harp events in Pittsburgh. Please be a part of it!

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