



National Society of Arts & Letters
Clearwater / Tampa Bay Chapter
January 2017

From the President:

Happy 2017, Dear NSAL members!

While the rest of the country has had horrible cold and snow, we have had the sun in Florida to keep us warm. We have had the fun of NSAL luncheons and the joy of our December Holiday Gala to keep us active. Our luncheons have focused on this year's dance competition. The next one on February 8th, Judy and Carol have in store for us a very different, no less fun, focus on pottery. Find in this newsletter the reservation form and mail it now while you are thinking about it.

Thank you very much to Robin Schneck for organizing an evening of true cheer and good tidings at the Holiday Gala in December. The Largo High School Madrigal singers sang a cappella with exquisite tonality and harmony that enraptured us all. Dinner was delicious. At one point in the evening, I just listened and could hear laughter and comradely 'round the room. We are such a compatible group.

That fun and compatibility will take us now into these next very important months leading up to our competition. Please acquaint yourself with our mission and download (from the website) competition applications. If you even drive by a dance school go in and talk to the owner, tell them about the opportunity, and leave the applications there. We all are PR for NSAL! If you know of anyone, even one person who might be eligible get the information out to them. The most difficult job we face, believe it or not, is finding young people who can gain from this wonderful award. Wish us luck in finding the dancer who will take us to the top at National!

On a personal note, I would like to say thank you to those who called and sent cards to ask how my husband, Robert, was doing after his suddenly needed bypass surgery in late October. Your support has kept us both going and believing that miracles do happen. Rob is doing great!

Yours fondly,

Leslie



January News Update:

- The Board has accepted the resignation of Suzanne Ruley due to health reasons. It is our hope that she will be back with us again soon.
- Denna Shiben has graciously consented to take on the task of Community Awards Chairman in Suzanne's absence.
- The May-June National Conference will be held in Boca Raton. Call the hotel to make a reservation as they will fill up quickly. Please tell the reservations desk that you are booking for the National Society of Arts and Letters event to receive the \$109 nightly rate. The dates are May 30 - June 3, 2017.
Renaissance Hotel
2000 NW 19th Street
Boca Raton, FL
561-368-5252

- Remember to pay your dues. Annual dues are payable during the month of February. Please make your check in the amount of Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) payable to NSAL / Clearwater Tampa Bay Chapter and send to our Assistant Treasurer:
Mrs. Sue Bowles
2701 Regency Oakes Blvd., N512
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Membership Corner:

We welcome new member:

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NOTE: Jack Holloway, our 2009 National Drama Competition winner directs "Lend Me a Tenor", February 2-12 at the Murray Theatre at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Let's support him!

Drumroll Please...

Notes from our Chapter Winners:

From Regan Moore:

I'd love to share with you what's been going on since American Stage! After my role in "One Slight Hitch", I moved to Dallas, TX to attend Bible College for a year. While in Dallas, I've begun to attend open mic and short workshops in Stand-Up Comedy at the Dallas Comedy House and Backdoor Comedy Club. I became a Political Science Major at Dallas Baptist University while honing my comedy skills and plan to start a career in Stand-Up and improvisational comedy once I graduate. The PolySci aspect of my education is preparing me for my main goalto educate people through comedy about state government and politics, much like Stephen Colbert and John Oliver do, but on a state level as opposed to a federal level.



From Brianna Mooney:

Just recently, I finished my 2nd to the last semester of my senior year. Over the summer, after the competition, I was involved in two professional shows at the Montgomery Dinner Theatre. I was in "SideShow" and "Catch Me If You Can." After this wonderful season, I came back to school and was cast in The University of Tampa's "Nice Work If You Can Get It" as the lead Billie Bendix. Recently, I have been auditioning outside of school for American Stage and Florida Repertory Theatre. So far, it's been a great year and I can't wait for the next adventure in the amazing field of musical theatre!



Website and Facebook:

National Website: www.arts-nsal.org

Chapter Website: www.nsal-clearwatertampabay.org

Facebook: facebook.com/NSALclwr.tampabay

In memory of our friends:

Longtime Clearwater Chapter member Browder Rives died Friday, October 21, 2016. She was a native of Mobile, Alabama, and moved here in 1967. She was a member for more than 25 years of the Clearwater chapter and served many years as chair of its Community Award that honors arts advocates. She was a life-long devotee of the arts and programs for children. She was a past Regent of the Clearwater chapter DAR and a past member of the Belleair Country Club. Survivors include a son, Edward Bagley of New Port Richey; a daughter, Grace Boykin of Fairhope, AL; a stepson, Howard P. Rives III, of Largo; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



David Irwin, one of our chapter advisors, died last summer of cancer. He gave our chapter members an unforgettable program on woodwind instruments and served as a judge of the 2014 woodwind competition. He and several colleagues performed in concert at one of our holiday parties. A professor of music at Eckerd and St. Petersburg colleges, he “was one of the finest musicians we ever met or worked with,” said Eckerd professor of music Joan Epstein. “His clarinet playing was nothing short of sublime.” “Students and faculty alike are likely to remember David first and foremost for his sociability, sense of humor, deep humanity and exceptional skill as a raconteur. His extensive experience with famous composers, performers and directors was impressive.” Both colleges celebrated his life with special concerts.



National Society of Arts and Letters Member Luncheon

Wednesday, February 8, 2017
11:30 AM Belleair Country Club

Jacqueline McDonough, an instructor at the Dunedin Fine Art Center, will be our special guest. She is a potter and teaches many interesting clay techniques. By adding small pieces of paper to stoneware the clay is thinner, more flexible and lighter. It can have the appearance of flower petals. Jacqueline explores different techniques through her classroom demonstrations, including the use of an extruder, which is like a giant cookie press. This will be a fascinating program you won't want to miss!

ENTRÉE CHOICES

1. Lettuce Greens with sliced Grilled Chicken Breast, Dried Cranberries, Maytag Cheese, Toasted Almonds, Hearts of Palm, Diced Beets with Candied Walnuts, Grilled sliced Apples with Vinaigrette Dressing
2. Shrimp Scampi over Angel Hair Pasta
3. Vegetarian Choice: Entrée Salad, no chicken

***** Please respond by February 6th*****

Please send reservation with your check made out to NSAL for \$26.00 per person.

Mail to: Sue Bowles
2701 Regency Oaks Blvd. N512
Clearwater, FL 33759

Please note meal choice on check

Or call her 727 418 4093

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Number attending _____

Name _____ Guest _____

Check the entrée of your choice.

_____ Chicken Breast Salad _____ Shrimp Scampi _____ Entrée Salad, no chicken