

From the President

Dear HSLBA Members and Friends,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Houston Symphony League Bay Area (HSLBA) season. This marks our 41st year of promoting quality music, education and enrichment in area schools and also encouraging music appreciation through our affiliation with the Houston Symphony.

We have an exciting year ahead as we offer special music education programs to grades 2 through 5 in our 26 Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) elementary schools and provide special support for all of our 5th graders to travel to Jones Hall to hear the Houston Symphony in concert.

HSLBA will continue to hold our monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month September through November, January, and March through May. The month of February will be a special evening meeting featuring musicians from the Houston Symphony. You will have the opportunity to enjoy wonderful music programs performed by outstanding musicians at every one of our meetings. Your dues support the operations of HSLBA and we look forward to seeing you and your friends as we enjoy this music together. And don't forget, there is also an opportunity to for HSLBA members and friends to travel together by bus to Jones Hall to experience the music making of our wonderful Houston Symphony.

Mark the dates now for this year's HSLBA Special Events. On October 25, come to *Music at the Museum* sponsored in collaboration with the Bay Area Museum Guild. The *Holiday Brunch* will be December 14 and our spectacular *A Day by the Bay Home Tour* will be April 1 and 2 with a pre-tour party on March 31. Our Home Tour is our major fund raiser each year and all the proceeds from this event go to support our music in the schools programs.

There are many fun opportunities to volunteer with HSLBA. Volunteers introduce our programs in the schools and they are the backbone of the Home Tour. Each year our volunteers also join with volunteers from the Central Houston Symphony League to support the Houston Symphony League Youth Concerto Competition and Ima Hogg Concerto Competition. I hope each of you will participate with our volunteer teams in some way this year.

It will be a full and enjoyable season. I look forward to the opportunity for us to work together to bring music education and music appreciation to our students and to our community. Thank you for your support and I look forward to a great year.

Mary Voigt
President
Houston Symphony League Bay Area