



## Sparky's Back to Kick Off September Meeting



Sparky Koerner returns to kick off our new season with his Jazz Express group September 12 at our new location - St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church (see information below). We all enjoyed his virtuoso performance last fall and his Jazz Express is sure to thrill!

Sparky Koerner and his "Jazz Express" are one of the most highly respected musical groups in the Galveston / Houston Texas area. They can be heard in restaurants, local clubs, parties, wedding receptions, social gatherings and any occasion where good musical entertainment is desired. They have a wide repertoire of music that can be performed for any occasion. The Sparky's Jazz Express has a great following of listeners who have been known to support Sparky's music no matter where they perform.

Sparky's Jazz Express was formed when Sparky moved to Galveston in 1980 to work for the Galveston Arts Center. The group developed a reputation for playing at a professional level. They have been one of Galveston's favorite groups for the Galveston Historical Foundation, The Texas Sea Port Museum, The Lone Star Flight Museum, Haak Vineyard & Winery, The City of Galveston, Texas City Arts Festival and at various University of Texas Medical Branch functions over the years. The band performed at the Chelsea Wine Bar entertaining the NASA crowds as a house band during 2009-10. They have also performed at the Kemah Jazz Festival. The "Jazz Express" performed on the Colonel Paddlewheel Boat dock in Galveston during their Dinner/Dance Cruise from 1985-1995. His group will perform a variety of jazz pieces from early Dixieland, Big Band, Latin Bossa Nova, and others and give us a chronological historic perspective of American's own music form – jazz.

## New Member Wine and Cheese Party August 17, 2018

On Friday, August 17, Anita Gale, one of our members hosted the Wine & Cheese membership event at her lovely home in Nassau Bay. Approximately 75+ members and guests attended and enjoyed tasty appetizers and desserts provided by our members. Ann Morgan, VP Membership, planned and organized the evening which included our own Alice Steele's trio called Arcadia. The highpoint of the evening was when seven of the Abreo children, ages 3-15, played

several classical pieces on their violins. After that, the Arcadia and Abreo children played two classical pieces together and beautiful music again filled the home. Bea Stanley, the children's teacher, along with their mother were present. Bea introduced the children and told a little about her experience working with them since they were 3. What an awesome experience! Everyone enjoyed the evening and we're hopeful that the 40 guests will join.



HSLBA President Nina McGlashan and Natalie Ong



Liz Jezewski and Lisa Brandenberger



Hostess Anita Gale, Jean Gray and Julia Guzman



Ann Morgan and Jane Lackow

## Dues are Due!

Our HSLBA Fiscal year drew to a close the end of May. It's time to renew your membership dues, as they are due June 1 each year, so you will be ready for all our exciting Fall programs and will have your name and contact information in our membership directory.

You can pay your dues (\$50 individual/\$75 couple) by mailing a check, made out to HSLBA, to Ann Morgan at 2020 Mission Street; Kemah, TX 77565

Remember to pay your dues by September to be included in our Membership Directory. Please note that check deposits for HSLBA have been delayed due to illness on the part of Carole Murphy, Treasurer.

# Exciting New Location for Meetings



Please join us: Our HSLBA meetings will be held a few yards down the street from Gloria Dei. We'll meet at **ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH (18300 Upper Bay Rd. in Nassau Bay)**. Just drive past Gloria

Dei and some apartments and the church is on your right. The church will provide handicapped parking, easy parking lot parking, a Steinway piano that is slightly easier to see, a beautiful sanctuary, both kinds of coffee in real cups, and a good sound system. It will cost us less. The rector, Mike Stone, is very happy to welcome us. Meetings will start at 10:30 after social time at 10:00 on the 2nd Wed. of the month unless we have a program change for night meetings. So, nothing changes except the location of our meetings. We are very pleased with the reception we've been given.

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## Memorial Service for Isabel Konradi

A Memorial service for longtime HSLBA member, Isabel Konradi will be held October 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the El Lago City Hall Event Room.



## President's Message



Dear Friends,  
After this very hot summer I look forward to seeing you and hearing of your travels and visits. Remember, we are going to be meeting at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church on Upper Bay Rd. just a little further down from where we've met the last few years. Parking is easy and remember to enter the church from the circle drive side, because the school uses the other entrance. We'll have people to help you know where things are. Meeting time for socializing is 10AM and then the meeting will start at 10:30. We enjoyed Sparky playing his trumpets last year, and at this first meeting Martha has arranged for Sparky's Jazz Express to play. I know it will be a toe-tapping upbeat meeting filled with music. Look at the Newsletter online to get the details.

Isn't our Newsletter the very best???? Thank you, Martha! Watch for it around the first of each month.

We've gotten several new members since the Wine and Cheese membership event, and hope to have many more friends join our wonderful group so that we can provide extra professional music educational programs in local schools. We want to bring people to music and music to people.

Take care and see you Sept. 12,  
Nina

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2019. We need a minimum number of riders to keep this program going.  
For more information, contact Jim Moore at 281-461-3623.



## Ride to the HSO Performance



### Favorite Masters - Sunday Matinee

1. Bronfman Plays Prokofiev - September 23, 2018
2. The Seven Deadly Sins - November 4, 2018
3. Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue - January 6, 2019
4. Debussy's La mer - March 10, 2019
5. Carmina Burana - March 29, 2019
6. Beethoven's Eroica - May 5, 2019

Call Houston Symphony: (713) 224-7575 to purchase your concert seats.

\* Bus Ride is \$100 for the 6 concert season or \$20/concert, space available

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