



The Smyrna Opera House

Spring 2011 - The Limelight

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NEW GROWTH ABOUNDS!

By David M. Keller

Happy Spring! The springtime has always been my favorite time of the year. I am invigorated and energized when I see trees blossoming in full vigor, saplings protruding from the ground, flowers blooming in vibrant colors and all of nature's furry, little creatures scurrying about full of zest and purpose after the bitter cold of winter. It seems silly but I enjoy gazing out of my bay window doing nothing but peering at the squirrels, rabbits, robins and other feathered friends as they hustle and bustle within inches of my abode. A plethora of activity right under my nose! Bear with me for a moment but all of this reminds me of what is currently transpiring at the Smyrna Opera House. The state-of-the-art facility is a place where thousands of people come together and gather each year to experience music concerts, theatrical performances, arts classes, workshops, family matinéés, and other children's activities. We also welcomed *Fitness Made Fun* this past January and are now offering a variety of dance classes through this newfound partnership. As I reflect on the past season, I am happy to report that the Opera House had three sell-out performances and one was 100% sold-out a day before the concert! I feel extremely blessed to be leading an organization that the community actively supports and that seems energized by the high-quality arts experiences taking place within our friendly confines. Because of the dedicated work of the Board of Directors, volunteers and staff and the donations and attendance by our loyal patrons, the Opera House continues to be nurtured, which creates sustainability and the ability to grow as an organization. The more entrenched our roots become, the more the Opera House can blossom through the offering of arts enriching activities for the public to enjoy! And, the upcoming 2011-2012 season is a perfect example. The Programs Committee is working hard to assemble a number of new events including: the children's musical, *The Magical Pied Piper*; stand-up comedian David Ferrell; *Sandy Shalk & Friends* featuring Sandy playing guitar; *Smyrna's Got Talent* where artists will have an opportunity to showcase their eclectic skills; the bluegrass group *Remington Ryde*; and, an endearing holiday play entitled "Holiday Spirit" by yours truly. And, we also are working to secure a few more tribute bands as they seem to be a huge hit! Thank you for your continued patronage, and enjoy this beautiful spring weather where new growth abounds!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Cindy Crookshank—Office Manager/Bookkeeper



After working as a legal secretary for many years, both in Miami and then Philadelphia, I moved to Las Vegas in 1995 and went into the hospitality industry, first at Caesars Palace and then for a large event production company. I moved to Smyrna last year to be close to my daughter, son-in-law and my two awesome granddaughters, ages 10 and 12. Working part time at the Smyrna Opera House has been a perfect fit for me, as it has given me time to spend with my beautiful family, and still stay active in the hospitality industry. I like the variety of tasks that I am responsible for – from answering the phones to staffing the box office to creating show fliers and much more – and I enjoy being challenged with new projects. Everyone here – the staff, the Board of Directors, and the many wonderful patrons – have all made me feel welcome and at home in Smyrna. Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported me during this past year. In my spare time, I love to read, enjoy cooking and entertaining family and friends, and am happy to be so near the beach in the summer time!



If you are interested in serving as a volunteer please call the Box Office. We always are in need of additional assistance!

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Nothing But Good Ole Southern Charm! By Jaci Hugg

That is exactly what was going on at the Smyrna Opera House on February 12, 2011. "Gone With the Wind" was the theme with a Southern hospitality that made the evening unforgettable. Some came in stunning period attire while others donned beautiful dresses, suits or tuxes. The SOH Arts Cotillion Committee put on one of the best Cotillions yet with entertainment by *The Draw*, southern food catered by the famous Becky's Catering, and wonderful auction items donated by many generous people and organizations. The event raised almost \$18,000 for the Smyrna Opera House to operate for the year. Thank you to



everyone who helped make the 2011 Arts Cotillion a rousing success! Make sure you purchase your tickets early for the 2012 "Hooray for Hollywood" theme as this year's Cotillion was a sell-out! I look forward to

seeing everyone on Saturday, February 11th walking down the red carpet – the question of the evening will be "and who are you wearing this evening" with special attention on the dress! Not to mention the excitement of who will be going home with an Oscar! Also, be on the look out this fall season for a variety of classic holiday movies leading up to the Cotillion. The December feature will be "It's a Wonderful Life!"



RECENTLY ADDED!

Frank Sinatra Tribute Concert -

"Come Dance With Me"

Featuring Sean Reilly

Sponsored by Wilmington Trust

Saturday, June 18, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Advance tickets: \$15.00

Online & Day-of tickets: \$17.00

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Hill

The Smyrna Opera House has had many wonderful shows this season. The Board of the Opera House has so many people to thank for this success. Without the volunteers, Board members and committee members we could not function the way we do. We also had many performers that gave hours of their time for the community and the Opera House.

This year we welcomed a new group at the Opera House. *Fitness Made Fun* has found a home here and provides the community with Zumba dance classes and other exercise programs several times a week.

In the 2011-2012 season many attractive functions are scheduled. Please try to attend as many shows as possible as this supports our organization and the Opera House.

Thank you very much for your support now and in the future.



Be on the look out for a donor and member recognition gathering this coming autumn! THANK YOU for your support!!

