

SUN CITY VITOSO HAVURAH GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 2009

President Norma Brewster called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed everyone. She recognized and congratulated those who celebrated birthdays or anniversaries recently. New members, Min and Bernie Greenapple, were introduced and welcomed. President Brewster was sad to announce that members Edie and Bob Muhlrad and Florence and Milton Chinitz are leaving Sun City.

Minutes of the October meeting were accepted as posted on the website.

Program chairman Bebe Lewis introduced Mr. Harry Clark, whose topic for the evening was "Historical Fiction: What is it?" Mr. Clark has an extensive musical and creative history that serves him well in his current undertaking as artistic director, scriptwriter and cellist for Southwest Chamber Music Plus. Mr. Clark's partner is Sanda Shuldman who plays piano for the performances. She was unable to attend this evening.

Mr. Clark described the evolution of his career that began in the fourth grade when he became a cellist. He now writes original scripts that combine with classical music for the unique offerings of SW Chamber Music. He spends a great deal of time researching information for the scripts and uses his creativity to enhance the stories. Many well known actors have performed his stories of composers, musicians and other accomplished artists. He explained how his scripts tied together the reasons for composers doing what they do in a unique and entertaining format.

At the conclusion of his talk he was thanked by Ms. Lewis and President Brewster and warmly applauded by the audience.

The business meeting that followed began with a report by treasurer Eileen Sevy. She reported a balance of \$4,575.00 in the treasury and a total of 101 members.

In the absence of Corresponding Secretary Claire Weinstein President Brewster reported that a thank you note was sent to Rabbi Sharff in recognition of his program last month and a get-well card went to Letty Margolis who was in the hospital. A good luck message was sent to Florence and Milton Chinitz.

Program Chairman Bebe Lewis reminded the membership of the combined brunch and Hanukkah latke party on December 6th. Tickets will be sold in the social hall on December 1st from 10 to 12 AM. The theme of the January luncheon will be a Mediterranean cruise and attendees are encouraged to wear their cruise wear. Tickets for that event will be sold on December 6th, 17th and 21st and will cost \$10.00. The next cultural evening will feature David Druckman on the Dreyfus affair.

Shirley Chorney gave an update on the planned brunches for the season. All events have sufficient volunteer help. Elise Asch and Aviva Kamen will host the March brunch. Ms. Chorney also pointed out there needed to be an increase in the brunch price which has not been changed for many years and she proposed a price increase to \$10.00 per person. The motion was seconded by Larry Reba and approved unanimously by the members.

Paul Chorney continues to update the Havurah website and President Brewster expressed the appreciation of the members for his outstanding work.

Havurah participated in the club fair and President Brewster thanked those who helped in the effort.

Candle lighting for Hanukkah will be in the social hall from December 11-18 at 5:00 PM and all are encouraged to join in the event.

Co-chairs Ester Leutenberg and Paul Chorney gave an update of the members' only event that will be in the evening of January 30th. The first meeting of their committee will be this week. Mr. Chorney proposed that the club subsidize the cost to members at \$6.00 per person as has been done in the past. The motion was seconded by Lee Kreida and approved by the members.

Rhona and Marvin Handler arrange new member coffees and would like volunteers to host the events. Members are requested to let them know if you are interested in attending.

Corinne and Mike Kulick helped with hospitality for the evening. Next month Merle Briefer and Arlene Schneider will help.

The next board meeting is at the home of Eileen Sevy on December 7th. The next general meeting is on December 21st.

President Brewster adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM with good wishes for Thanksgiving and safe travel to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Schnyer

Recording Secretary