



The Richard Wagner Society of Tampa Bay Florida Newsletter

October, 2005

MEETING!!!!

Date: Sunday, October 30. Time, 2:00 p.m.

Location: The home of Dr. Richard and Marita Rotella
515 161st. Avenue Redington Beach, FL.

Please make your reservation by *Friday October 28th*. and bring a friend (727) 391-2658
Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be provided

Program: *The Flying Dutchman (Der Fliegende Hollander)*

*After a brief introduction we will be showing the DVD of:
The Flying Dutchman. The opera is 2 hours and 30 minutes long.
There will be a short intermission after the first act.*

It is a story of the Dutchman's quest to find redemption from a curse, which compels him to sail the seas without rest or hope, through the loving fidelity of a woman. After many lifetimes of futile search he finally obtains redemption through Senta, a Norwegian maid who sacrifices her life for him. According to Wagner, this opera was his first artwork (he'd previously completed three other operas) which authentically reflected his inner poetic nature.

Report:

A heartfelt welcome back to our members who like to escape the cold weather, to enjoy our Florida sunshine. Our vice president Carmen Wagner and her husband Horst will be returning in November. Carmen will have a lot of Wagner Society work waiting for her.

In Memory

I am very sad to report that a few weeks ago, our friend and member Ruth Hartel passed away from cancer. Every winter Ruth returned from Canada to escape the cold. She has a very special place in the hearts of her friends, including mine. Ruth always told me how much she enjoyed coming to the Wagner Society meetings. She had a very good heart, a great spirit and a wonderful sense of humor, and I miss her.



Membership

I want to extend a hearty welcome to *Sarah L. Loeffel* as our newest member.

If you have not yet sent in your *membership fee* please do so as soon as possible so our roster can be completed.

Membership fees: Full - time Student \$ 10.00 / Regular Member \$ 25.00 / Family \$ 40.00

Lohengrin Circle \$ 50.00 / Tristan Chalice \$ 75.00 / Meistersinger singer Chorus \$ 100.00 / Parsifal Circle \$ 100.00

Nibelung Ring \$ 150.00 / Corporate Sponsor \$ 250.00 or more.

Future meetings

Our meetings are usually scheduled for the last Saturday or Sunday of every month; the day depends on location and availability.

Sunday, November 27th / Thursday December 29th

Holiday Party

This year the Christmas and New Year holidays are on the last two weekends in December so we have scheduled our holiday Party between Christmas and New Year.

Date: Thursday December 29th. at: 4:00PM

The party will be at my home. All other locations are much too expensive for our budget.

Food, drink, and entertainment by performers from the Sun State Opera will be provided for a donation of **\$18.00**. Additional details will be given in your next newsletter. Please mark the date on your calendar, and let me know no later than December 22nd if you are coming.

Input

Feel free to give us your Ideas on how to improve and grow our society, programs that you would like to have, committees that you would like to be involved in, singers, musicians or lectures you would like to hear. And give us your ideas on how to expand our educational program.

Education

Our first session at the Madeira Beach Library is on November 19th.

The Program starts at 1:00 PM. After an introduction of who we are, we will be showing a 50 minute film "*Beethoven Lives Upstairs*". It is an Emmy award winner and video masterpiece. It is pure family entertainment that captures a special friendship between a great composer and a young boy. It is based in part on historical facts and features more than twenty-five beautifully performed excerpts of Beethoven's best loved works.

Hope to see you

Marita Rotella

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