



Hi everyone!

Do you remember a year ago last March when we were asked to stock up on a 30 day supply of necessities, since we might be in isolation for a month? Who would have thought, a year later, we would still be sheltering in place, wearing masks, social distancing, and refraining from gatherings or theatrical events! There IS light at the end of the tunnel, though. Many of us have gotten our vaccinations, and restaurants and other businesses are beginning to re-open. The Harris Center has been working with a consultant to determine what needs to be done to improve the venue so that it will be in compliance with recommendations to re-open. As mentioned before, we, and the Harris Center, are keeping your health and safety as the primary concern. Hopefully, the improvements will be in place before the end of the year. And as soon as the venue re-opens, we will begin having concerts again. In fact, we are already beginning the process of artist selection for our next season.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED:

INSTRUMENTS: Some of you may remember when we donated refurbished instruments to the schools. We would like to start that up again. During the pandemic, many of you are cleaning closets, garages and storage sheds, and may find something you no longer use. Does anyone have a guitar or a banjo? A violin? A flute or a clarinet? A trumpet or a trombone? ANY easily transportable instrument would be GREATLY appreciated, and put to good use! (But please, no accordions) Your donation will also be tax deductible.

BIG DAY OF GIVING: Thursday, May 6, 2021 is Sacramento's the Big Day of Giving (BDOG) We know this is the time of year many of you make your donations to the Folsom Concert Association. You can donate directly to us by mail via check, addressed to:

**Folsom Concert Association
PO Box 1473
Folsom 95763-1457**

You can also donate online at <https://www.bigdayofgiving.org> There is a search screen in the upper right hand corner of the website, and you can enter FCA or FLCCA and it will route you to our page. Remember, again, your gift will be tax deductible. You may begin donating as early as April 22, and as long it is in by May 6, we will get credit. We'd like to be recognized as the top local recipient in the category of Music and Arts and you can help! Thanks to Board Member, MaryEtta Hamzawi for leading our BDOG efforts!

FEEDBACK? We'd love to hear from you! PLEASE contact us If you enjoy the newsletter, if there is something you'd like us to feature, or if you have questions. Did you enjoy the word search? To those of you who've already let us know you like hearing from us, THANK YOU!



GET TO KNOW OUR BOARD MEMBERS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2021

Executive Officers

President	Craig Burnett
Executive VP	Marc Dubin (Scholarships & Venue Manager)
VP Membership & Subscriptions	Sharon Burnett
Secretary	Bobbi Schmidt
Treasurer/CFO	Paul Schmidt (Donations Chairperson & Outreach Coordinator)

Directors:

Yvonne Gordon-Hendry	Sponsorship Assistant
Dave Burnett	Lobby Manager
Mary Lee Dunn	Historian
Jessica Bowman	Social Media Support & Sponsorship Coordinator
Mary Etta Hamzawi	Big Day of Giving Chairperson
Dianne Burnett	Artist Selection Chairperson & Publicity
Ila Dubin	Artist Hospitality
Kathy Cunningham	Newsletter, Webmaster & Social Media Support
Patrice Gau Johnson	Sponsorship Assistant

Volunteers:

Dr. John Hendry	Newsletter Assistant
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Emeritus Board Members:

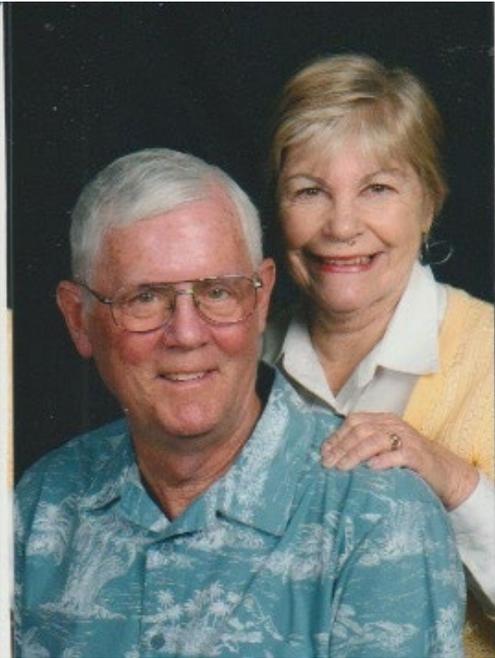
Dick Merz (deceased Dec 2019)
 Steve Mykytyn
 Doreen Mykytyn

Past Presidents:

Sandra Burvant Jul 2006 – Jun 2011
 Buder & Merz Jul 2005 – June 2006
 Mary Lee Dunn Jan 2005 – Jun 2005
 Denny Wiemers Jul 2002 – Jan 2005
 Bea Buder Jul 1998 – Jun 2002
 Richard Merz May 1995 – Jun 1998 Emeritus (Deceased)



During this time of pandemic, since we are lacking in “news”, we are taking time to let you know some of the Folsom Concert Association (FCA) “back stories” so that when we re-open, you will have a better sense of what is involved in arranging and presenting the concerts for you, and to know what else we do in the community. We hope you are enjoying the stories and the information we are giving you.



DAVE BURNETT

Lobby Manager

SHARON BURNETT

VP of Membership and Subscriptions

Do you recognize the name “Burnett”? It is a name familiar as long time, multi-generational, residents of Folsom, and also the same name as FCA’s current president! In fact, Dave and Craig’s fathers were brothers, so the two of them are cousins!

Dave and his wife, Sharon, were invited to a California Beach Boys Concert in 2009 by Craig and Dianne Burnett. They had never heard of Folsom Concert Association, but being Beach Boys fans, they were impressed, and decided to also attend board meetings as guests. Soon after, they joined the board. Both were recently retired, and it seemed like a great way to volunteer and give back to the community.

Dave serves as Lobby Manager. He brings all the supplies to the events; the pull ups, the brochures, the subscription information, etc. He makes sure the table and chairs are in place, and that the lobby is organized and completely set up for performances. Then, he meets and greets subscribers as they enter.

Sharon started as Hospitality Chairperson. She said it was always fun to meet the performers in the green room (the waiting/relaxation room backstage) before the shows and realize they are just “down to earth folks.” Eventually she became FCA’s VP of Membership & Subscriptions. “I am definitely a people person, and this is the job for me! Basically, I deal with all matters related to membership; current subscribers, as well as the new and potential new subscribers. I keep the member lists up to date and work closely with Harris Center Ticket Supervisor, Lisa Burrage. This makes my job so much easier as the Harris Center issues the tickets to subscribers. I also set aside and distribute the complimentary tickets requested by the performers.

“We both enjoy all of the friends we have made while being involved in FCA. A great group of people. It is wonderful to greet our subscribers before and after the shows. We are REALLY looking forward to the re-opening of the Harris Center!”

WHAT DOES THE FCA PRESIDENT DO?

Craig Burnett, our current president, has been a member of the Folsom Concert Association since 2009 and has served as president for the past 10 years. Craig is the longest serving president in the 26 year history of FCA. He, as well as all FCA Board Members, serve at no pay and volunteer their time and energy to giving back to the citizens of Folsom and surrounding communities. Craig related some of his duties as president.

Once the board has selected the artists for the upcoming season, Craig works with Dave Pier, the Executive Director of Harris Center, to secure the booking of all FCA concert dates and times. It's a very complicated procedure! He also must coordinate the dates with CEO of the Folsom Lake Symphony and the CEO of Carrera Productions. Once the concert dates have been determined, Craig signs artists' approved contracts as required by *Agents/Artists*. As part of the negotiations, he obtains detailed information from each artist, e.g., high resolution photos and videos, program play lists, biographies, etc. and submits this information to Harris Center so that the FCA concerts can be listed on the Harris Center website and so the FCA can also take advantage of the Harris Center marketing.

Craig develops Harris Center's ticketing set up forms for each concert season. Several months before each concert, he must submit a Harris Center Facility Use Agreement. He receives the Harris Center estimated costs for each concert and must review and approve these before each concert.

To prepare the annual 36-page FCA concert program, the president writes the yearly welcome letter, compiles the entire sponsor and donor information with input from Paul Schmidt, FCA Treasurer, makes sure all artist information is individually approved by the artist and/or their agent. Craig also coordinates with Style Magazine, the printer of the FCA concert programs, to provide the artwork.

On day of the performance Craig arrives at Harris Center early to help with set up and to welcome artists when they arrive. Before each concert begins, Craig is in the lobby, welcoming patrons and at the beginning of each concert, he is on the stage, giving updated information to the audience, encouraging patrons to support our sponsors, and finally introducing that day's artist.

In addition to the work directly related to the concerts, Craig reserves the dates and time for FCA Board Meetings at Hampton Inn and Suites in Folsom, prepares Board agenda and action items, conducts the meetings and reviews the minutes before they're sent to Board Members for approval.

He and other Board Members secure sponsors whose advertising dollars support our "Dick Merz Scholarships" for graduating high school seniors and support our outreach performances to senior citizens and to students of all ages.

Craig works with the FCA Treasurer to develop an annual budget for income and expenses. In coordination with Sharon Burnett, FCA VP for Membership & Subscriptions, he writes the annual subscriber renewal letter. He ensures that the subscriber renewal dates are acceptable with the Harris Center Ticket Office, then has it printed, and delivers it to the Harris Center Ticket Office to be mailed out to the subscribers. Craig also orders FCA letterhead paper and envelopes.

Craig networks with Folsom Chamber of Commerce, the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce, and the Rancho Cordova Community Council Members, all of which FCA is an active member. Craig serves as a member of the Philanthropy Council of Folsom Lake College's Harris Center which supports the youth arts education.

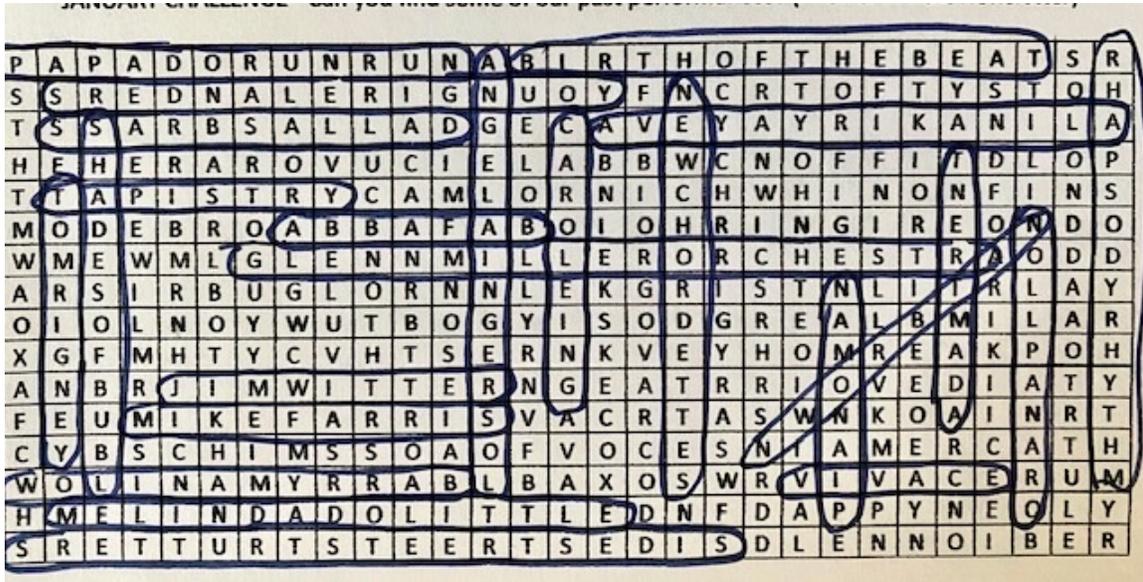
When requested, Craig makes presentations to civic groups about FCA mission of service to our community. He encourages attendees at these events to become subscribers to the FCA, the provider the most affordable concert series at Harris Center.

Craig also thanks all the FCA Board Members and additional Volunteers, as without them he would not be able to successfully serve.

Whew! And all of this is done on a voluntary basis! Make sure to thank Craig when you see him again!

WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

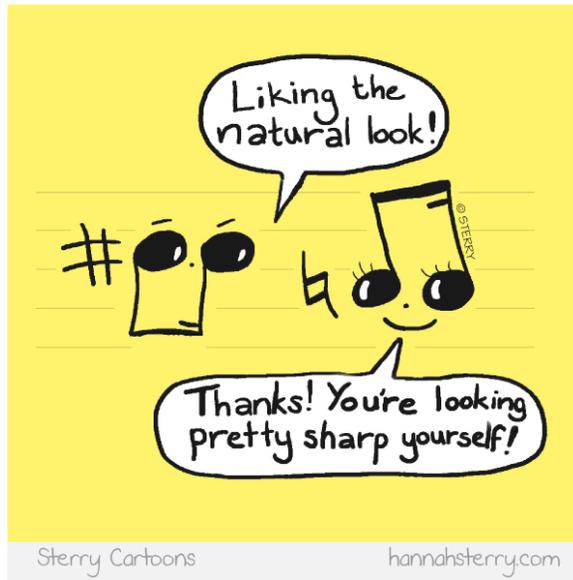
So, how many of you did this? Was it a challenge? (It's good for the brain, you know.) Did anyone find an additional performance that was not on the original list?



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BARRY MANILOW
GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA
NEW CHORDETTS
ANGELA INGERSOL
ALINA KIRYAYEVA
SHADES OF BUBLE

DALLAS BRASS
SIDE STREET STRUTTERS
NOLL PANARO
BIRTH OF THE BEAT
YOUNG IRELANDERS
ADAM TRENT
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