

Report from the Executive Secretary/Treasurer

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LOST SHEEP

"We're poor little lambs who have lost our way . . . " What is a "lost sheep?" These are people who are, or have been, members of the Society that I have sent first class mail that has been returned. Our members are a very transient group and changes of address come to me every day. Once in a while, someone forgets to send that change of address and the post office loses track of them. This is where our lost sheep list comes in. I depend on our loyal members to check this list and help me to locate the missing. If you know someone on this list, and know an address for them, please contact me. I would very much appreciate the information.

OVERSEAS MAIL

I understand that some of our overseas members are experiencing difficulties in receiving their issues in a timely fashion. This is very distressing, but at this time there doesn't seem to be a good, cost effective, solution. The best I can suggest is that you pay to have your issue sent by airmail. Please contact me if your issue is not arriving. Our overseas mailing takes four to six weeks to arrive at final destinations.

MAILING LABELS

This is a rerun, but it's so important that I think you should see it again.

If you live in the United States, you may have seen a change in your mailing labels. Falls Printing is now using an automated mail merge system. Please check your label very carefully to make sure that the information has transferred properly. I have received several copies of the last issue from the post office with apartment numbers left off, or strange transpositions of numbers and words. If your last issue had a problem, but you still received it, please let me know what corrections need to be made.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The post office has just installed some very hungry equipment. These new machines seem to be eating our membership cards. Many of you have alerted me to the fact that you have received damaged cards. If your card has been eaten, mangled, or molested in any way, please let me know and I will be happy to replace it.

HONORARY MEMBERS

This past month, two of our very distinguished honorary members celebrated noteworthy birthdays. Lady Evelyn Barbirolli was honored at her 90th birthday celebration in London. Our oboe editor, Dan Stolper, was fortunate to be with her and to extend good wishes from all of us.

Laila Storch celebrated her 80th birthday with a memory book prepared by her daughter and tokens from her friends around the world. Our very best wishes go to both of these outstanding women.

On a sad note, we mark the passing of one of our honorary members, a giant in the field of bassoon playing and reed research and development, Don Christlieb. Don was known throughout the double reed world for his work in developing tools and methods of bassoon reed construction, as well as his incredible career as a studio musician. During his career, Don played for 20th Century Fox for more than 29 years in many of the most significant films of the time. He was also extremely active in the chamber music scene in California. If you missed Don's stories of working with Stravinsky, you missed some real gems. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his devoted wife, Pearl, and sons, Tony and Peter.