

AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY IN DALLAS

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Dear Members and Potential Members of the American Harp Society in Dallas,

The beginning of the new season of the American Harp Society in Dallas (2020-2021) is almost upon us. As we all make our way through this COVID-19 crisis, the American Harp Society in Dallas is cautiously anticipating a wonderfully active season, with exciting programs and another harp competition in the Spring. You will receive more information about programs for the season in September.

The reasons for this letter are twofold.

- 1) We want to let you know of the new COVID-19 membership policy for this coming season.
- 2) We want to encourage you to take advantage of the AHS in Dallas CARES Grants currently open for application, and due on May 20, 2020.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

In support of our chapter members during this COVID-19 crisis, all members in good standing from the 2019-2020 season will have automatic membership renewal and will be considered current for the 2020-21 season at no cost. You do not need to fill out the form, as your form will be kept on file for this season. If you have address or phone number changes, please do fill out the form and send it with changes.

Any member wishing to pay 2020-2021 dues as a tax-deductible contribution to AHS in Dallas, or to pay for a gift membership for another person, please fill out the form and return by November 17, 2020. If you will be paying for another person, please note on the form in the name line your name first, and then the name of the person for whom you are paying.

If you were not a member of AHS in Dallas during the 2019-2020 season, we welcome your membership. Please fill out the enclosed form and return it by November 17, 2020 to be included in the membership directory.

The AHS in Dallas membership season runs from June through May, so your dues will be renewable beginning on June 1, 2020. A membership form is enclosed.

If you have any questions about your current membership status, please contact our Membership Chair, Cindy Horstman, at cindy@cindyhorstman.com.

Also, please remember that the American Harp Society in Dallas and the national American Harp Society, Inc. are not the same. Our Dallas Chapter is under the umbrella of the national organization. To become a member of the national organization, you must also pay dues to that organization. To pay your dues to AHS, Inc, please visit www.harpsociety.org to join or to renew your membership.

AHSD CARES GRANT PROGRAM

Also, in support of our chapter members during this COVID-19 time, AHS in Dallas has initiated the CARES Grant Program. This program is intended to be of assistance to our members who are in need at this time. The grants are available to anyone who was a member of AHS in Dallas during the 2018-2019 or the 2020-2021 seasons. As a member, you would have received the information in an email on May 1. **The application is due on May 20, 2020**, so please don't hesitate to fill out your application. The application is enclosed in this mailing.

We wish you all the best, and please be safe, stay well, and keep music in your lives!

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the American Harp Society in Dallas
Becky Scherschell, President