

Mu Phi Epsilon

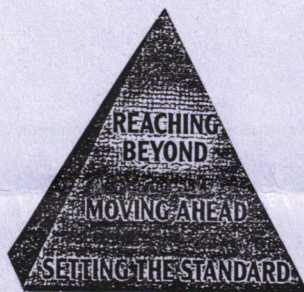
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PALOS VERDES PENINSULA ALUMNI CHAPTER

Newsletter

May 1998



Notes from

Retiring President

PEARL KIM

This triangle of goals has guided all Mu Phis in this triennium. As I approach the end of the third year of my 2nd term as president, I want to thank you for putting your trust in me. I have learned much during this time and discovered latent abilities that have amazed me. I would never have known this much about myself if the challenges and responsibilities of being a leader had not come my way.

With your support, encouraging words and actions, and Mu Phi love, I hope we have SET THE STANDARD, MOVED AHEAD and are now REACHING BEYOND into the next century. Our chapter is nearing its 34th year - a great age for people and organizations! I commend to you your new president, Barbara Hammer, and know you will continue to support her and all your new officers as they lead you into the millennium. It's really exciting to see music, friendship and harmony enrich our lives for "the living of these days"!

MUSICAL MOSAIC

Huge and heartfelt THANK YOU'S to:

- Chairperson Lenée Bilski for managing the million details involved with such aplomb...
- Neeltje Gingerich for offering to be treasurer when veteran treasurer Thyra Snyder died 1 week before the Mosaic...
- Pat Harpole for stepping in with less than a day's notice to accompany the vocalists when Eunee Yee broke her knee cap...
- All the musicians whose unique talents provided a memorable program...

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not returned to the theatre had to be paid for, and furthermore, every ticket whether sold or not is assessed a 50¢ printing fee.)

- Bob Gifford whose patience and computer skills produced a great program booklet...
- The special friends whose generous donations overwhelmed us...
- The hostesses who served, and all who provided food for the reception...
- The Vlaseks for the on-stage and reception table decor...
- All of you, named and unnamed. We couldn't have done this without your help.

Enclosed are (1) a program for those unable to attend and (2) a review by Clarence "Bud" Anderson who was so impressed by the program that he sent the review to the PV News even though chances for seeing it in print were slim.

If you've never been to a Musical Mosaic program, now you know what a quality concert we present, at such a bargain price, and for such a good cause!

Our dear sister Thyra Snyder passed away on March 15. A memorial service was held at Forest Lawn Wee Kirk of the Heather, with Neeltje Gingerich representing Mu Phi in a eulogy. Thyra was a past president of our chapter and was currently serving as treasurer. We will miss her.

A memorial recital is being planned for her.



Thyra Snyder
1920 - 1998

May 11 MEETING

There will be a general meeting at the home of Darlene Vlasek on Monday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. Pianist Anli Tong will perform and will speak on Music Education in Taiwan. Bring white elephants for a sale.

Darlene's address is 23912 Newstar Dr., RPV. To reach Newstar from Hawthorne Blvd., go east on Crest Rd, turn left on Whitley Collins, right on Scotwood which swings around and becomes Mistridge. Newstar is a left turn from Mistridge.

June 7 MEETING

Our patron and scholarship winners evening will be held at the First Baptist Church of Palos Verdes, on Sunday June 7, at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at a cost of \$15 per person, and reservations need to

be made by May 31. Vegetarian dinners may be ordered. The telephone committee will be calling, or you may call Pearl Kim (378-2480).

The church is behind Rancho Vista School on Moccasin Lane, which is one street east of Hawthorne, off P.V. Dr. North.

IN MEMORIAM

Lester Kim's brother died March 15.

Mary Feyk's sister and brother-in-law died March 25.

The husband of Lee Clement Meyer (former International President) died recently.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF THE SOUTH BAY

Our chapter subscribes to four season tickets, which are divided between our members. Call Pearl if you would like tickets (at a 15% discount). Concerts will be as follows:

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| Oct. 25, '98 | Malcolm Bilson, forte-pianist |
| Dec. 6, '98 | David Weiss, oboe and Miwako Watanabe, violin |
| Jan 24, '99 | Robert Thies, piano |
| March 7, '99 | Cynthia Phelps, viola |
| April 24, '99 | Tamaki Kawakubo, violin |

NOTES ON OUR MEMBERS

Barbara Hammer, incoming president, is attending her second Mu Phi Convention. She was a collegiate delegate in 1942, at the convention in Columbus, Ohio. She remembers sitting up in the overnight train and getting lost in the train station in Chicago. She wore a red hat with a feather. We hope this convention is just as exciting, Barbara!

Did you see the article in the April 27th Los Angeles Times about Frank Yee and his video maps project?

Two Multicultural Musicals have been hosted by our members. Bee-de and Sam Lim's home was the site of a musical featuring a Chinese chorus coached by Lenita McCallum and accompanied by Lois Tai.

Pearl and Lester Kim hosted another musical where four generations of Joanna Nacheff's family performed. Then the audience moved outdoors for a drum dance performance.

Alan Mendenhall is recuperating well from a minor stroke.

Ramona Gifford had a luncheon meeting at the MENC Conference in Phoenix with several national officers, collegiate members and alumni, including Wynona Lipsett and Rosemary Ames. She reports that a new collegiate chapter has been installed in Phoenix.

Barbara Hammer and Beth Howell will be representing PVP Alumni Chapter at a Scholarship Tea at El Camino College.

MUSIC THERAPY HOURS

If you have provided music therapy during the year, please report the hours, including transportation time, to Pearl Kim.

COMING EVENTS

"The Secret of My Success", a children's musical, will be performed at St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church on May 10, at 9:00 and 10:30.

Los Cancioneros will present "Time for Tony" On June 14, at 7 p.m. at the Armstrong Theater. The program will be songs from Tony Award musicals.

This year's scholarship winners will provide our program. They are:

Deoksang Yu, tenor (El Camino College)

Anthony Hughes, string bass (Gamma Sigma)

MU PHI COOKBOOK

Did you ever wonder how to make candied violets, toad-in-the hole, or Dutch pea soup? These and many other mouth-watering recipes are in the new Mu Phi cookbook, which will be available at the May 11 meeting (or from Pearl). It costs \$6, and proceeds go to the 2003 Centennial Fund.

CONVENTION

PVP alums will be well represented at the convention this summer. Angela Cholakian and the singing team of Lenita McCallum and Ann Grennan will be music delegates. Eunee Yee will accompany the singers. Frances Steiner will be present to receive the Elizabeth Matthias Award. Our Convention Business Delegate is incoming president, Barbara Hammer. Also attending the convention will be Pearl Kim and Neeltje Gingerich.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF THE SOUTH BAY

The Chamber Orchestra of the South Bay, conducted by Frances Steiner, has received a prestigious award from the National Endowment for the Arts. We are proud indeed of their professional recognition.

MU PHI MOTHER'S DAY



Martha and Lenée Bilski



Yolla Medawar and Joanna Nacheff