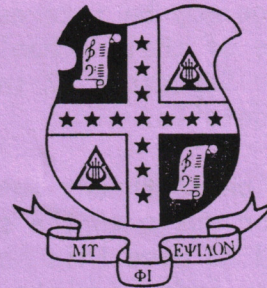


Mu Phi Epsilon

INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL
MUSIC FRATERNITY

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA ALUMNI CHAPTER

SEPTEMBER 2001



September 16, 6:00

**FIESTA de MUSICA
Mexican Dinner \$15
Guests, patrons, spouses welcome**

**Beth and Brent Howell's home
2 Saddleback road, Rolling Hills**

**Short Program
Report on Mu Phi Epsilon International Convention,
San Antonio, Texas, August 3 & 4
Exciting news about the 2003 convention**

**Directions: Palos Verdes Dr. N. and Rolling Hills Rd.
Stop at R.H. gate for entrance permission.
Proceed on Portuguese Rd. Left at first stop,
Saddleback Rd., then to second driveway.**

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

September salutations to all our members, new and old. I hope that you've had a good summer with some recreation time and are ready to move into THE SCHEDULE.

For me, in my role as Mu Phi president, this means seeing the year ahead in perspective and trying not to be overwhelmed. But this also means looking back at what we've accomplished this past year. So many of you and your students performed for us: at meetings, in the Mosaic, in the Young Performer/s Showcase, and also in our SERV activities. We appreciate your willingness

to share your talents. Be ready to say YES when we call this year.

Our chapter theme this year is "Friendship in Harmony". We would like to feature ensembles singing and playing together. Our meeting on October 14 will be ensemble playing of a different form for many of us. A new trend in music education is using ethnic drums for ensembles. Robin Podlaski and Debra Shrader are members who have been actively involved in this genre. The P.T.A. at Dapplegray School has donated many ethnic drums for Debra's music program there, which we will use for our "Friendship Circle". Because of our successful Mosaic fund

raiser, we were able to give \$1500 to Campus Concerts. You may be interested in attending one of their school concerts. The first will be September 12 in Redondo Beach. Call me for details.

\$1000 in the philanthropy fund has been designated for music in the schools. The Board decided to give this money in the form of grants. An individual teacher or school can advise us of its needs, small or large, not to exceed \$500 each. Letters requesting grants may be received up to the deadline, December 31, 2001.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting. Last year's Lebanese meal was so much fun, so this year's welcome back dinner is a "Fiesta de Musica" which was the theme of this summer's convention. It also happens to be Mexican Independence Day, so wear your festive clothes. We'll be on the Howell's lovely deck in Rolling Hills enjoying enchiladas, carnitas, etc. etc. The telephone committee will be getting in touch with you about the dinner reservations and also about some information that we need for the new yearbook. We would like to have e-mail addresses added. We will be asking for your time to volunteer for a hostess spot.. Your yearbook will be waiting for you at the first meeting. Come and see what we have planned!

DUES DUES DUES

At Convention, after much discussion, national dues were increased \$7. Our chapter dues this year will be \$57 for regular members, with life Triangle, \$47. Next year we will need to add the additional \$5. More about this in Ramona's president's report. Please come to the meeting prepared to pay the yearly dues, or mail them to our treasure, Neeltje, in the enclosed envelope. A late fee is charged after October 1. Neeltje will be out of town the last two weeks of September, so if you have questions call Ramona.

YOUNG PERFORMERS' SHOWCASE

Our Young Performers' Showcase will be on December 8. Be thinking about presenting a student or ensemble, level intermediate to

advanced, in this Holiday Recital. In line with our theme "Friendship in Harmony" we encourage teachers to present ensembles, duets, or instruments with accompaniment. Application forms will be sent with the next newsletter.

SUMMER NEWS

Deborah Lynne, daughter of Darlene and Jim Vlasek, was married on July 14 to Kurt Flustos.

New grandchildren were born to Ramona Gifford, Mary Feyk and Carol Kurzrock. Ramona's daughter Valerie and husband Frank are the proud parents of Sage Rhiannon, and Mary's daughter Sue and husband Robert have a new son, Blake. And Carol!! Is it number 10 or 11?

Harold and Phyllis Hall celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on July 21.

Patron Adolf Thiel, husband of member Frances Thiel, died on June 2. He is remembered not only for his outstanding professional engineering career, but also as a patron of the arts.

Frances Steiner was unable to attend the Mu Phi convention in her capacity as International Competition Judge because of the sudden death in Europe of her brother-in-law, Jerry Tarlow. We are extremely saddened by this event and offer our condolences to the Tarlow family.

NEWS FROM GAMMA SIGMA

Marshall Biolosky was honored with a composition award at Convention.

The chapter is planning a reunion on Friday, January 4, 2002, and will be inviting all of their past members to come back for a visit.

Check the Music Department web site for listings of events and activities.
www.music2.csudh.edu/events

Mu Phi love,

Ramona