

Mu Phi Epsilon

INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL
MUSIC FRATERNITY

**PALOS VERDES PENINSULA ALUMNI CHAPTER
FEBRUARY 2004**

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi Everyone!

First of all, I would like to congratulate the chapter on a wonderful 2004 Musical Mosaic. Since my return from Cambodia, I have heard only enthusiastic reports on what a great concert this year's event turned out to be. This year, we cleared over \$4,000 and gave four grants to public schools along with our annual grant to support Campus Concerts. It is such a wonderful feeling to know that the money we raise from this concert goes directly back into our community and benefits the musical nurturing of so many children.

Many congratulations to the following recipients of this year's Music Education Grant.

Pat Maddaford, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School Vocal Music Director

Voice eliminator

Debra Shrader, Long Beach School District

Backpacker guitar

Heather White, Music Specialist PVPUSD, Cornerstone Elementary School

Classroom instruments and supplies

Kathy Kerstein, PVPUSD Miraleste Intermediate School Choral Director

Choir accompanist

Pat Maki, Campus Concerts

School concerts for children

Thank you all for your time and dedication, which made the 2004 Musical Mosaic one of our most successful yet! Congratulations!

Tamara Chadima

Mind, Body and Music: 101 Ways to Use Your Body

Saturday, February 28, 2004, 2:00 p.m.

Beach Cities Pilates Center

514 N. Prospect, Redondo Beach

Middle building, street level

\$10 donation

**Dress comfortably and come prepared to spend an afternoon finding
out how to strengthen your mind, body and music connection!**

REPORT FROM LENÉE BILSKI, MUSICAL MOSAIC CHAIRPERSON

MUSIC - FRIENDSHIP - HARMONY

Our tenth Musical Mosaic Concert is history. It was a great event - thank you and congratulations to all! I received many compliments on the program at the reception, and from members who phoned me in the days after the Mosaic. As our only major fund raiser, the promotion and ticket sales by our members is vital. I am happy to report that this year's concert proceeds exceeded all past year's revenues. The business of producing a concert entails many details, and therefore the chairperson relies on committee members and on the chapter's general membership to generously volunteer their time and talents.

- The beautiful flyer was designed by Tamara Chadima. Thank you, Tamara! For those of you who duplicated and distributed the flyers to friends, retailers, schools, libraries, etc., a special *Thank You*.
- Also, *many* Thank You's to Ramona Gifford for the publicity article which she submitted to the PV News and Daily Breeze, as well as for her generous help with obtaining the ads, with the program printing, and the presentation flowers!
- Rosemary Suhre, Maurice Suhre's wife, made the elegant pedestal flower arrangements to beautify the stage. Thank you so much, Rosemary!
- Frank Yee offered to video tape the concert and edit the recording. Thank you, Frank!

To all those listed in the program book, thank You! About 350 tickets were distributed to our members. The paid attendance was about 215, which included a good number of students in the audience (70)! Thank you to all Mu Phi's who sold tickets! With ticket sales, donations and ad sales, over \$5,000 was collected. With expenses paid, our treasurer says we have over \$4,000 for our Philanthropy Fund!

Of course none of this would be possible without the generosity of the musicians who donated their time and talents to perform!!!

Deborah Aitken
David Shostac
Carol Clever
Gail Mellert and the One World Band, including Frank Unzueta,
Alandras "Oogie" Brown, Mitchel Chavez, Brian Asher,
Al Salas, and Art Valdez
Jacqueline Shannon
Anli Tong
Eunee Yee
Christina Van Hook (Patrons Scholarship winner)
Mark Henry (Patrons Scholarship winner) and friends

Please notice that they are almost all members of Mu Phi Epsilon! We again had music by Mu Phi composers - Emma Lou Diemer and Alice Jordan - on the program.

Articles appeared in the newspapers both before and after (see review in PV News, February 12th) which provided our chapter with great publicity. I have received two calls regarding PVP Mu Phi membership as a direct result of these concerts. As you already know, our chapter received recognition from a national non-music association, the PFA which represents 16 different professions, for our concerts. See the president's report for the details. Thus, we again have achieved our fraternity's goal of promoting Music, Friendship, and Harmony!

Lenée Bilski

EDITOR'S NOTE

I will again be sending this newsletter by e-mail to everyone I have an e-mail address for. We will also send everyone a newsletter by regular mail. Next month we won't send the regular mail copy to those who receive an e-mail, unless you let me know that you would like one. Are there any others out there who would like to receive an e-mail newsletter? Let me have your address.

Mary Feyk <maryff@cox.net>

COMING EVENTS

Our April meeting will feature Deon Price, with Counting on Composers. It will be held at the home of Dr. Wojciech and Janet Kocyan, 1307 W. Paseo del Mar., San Pedro 90731, on Thursday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Deborah Aitken and David Shostac, who played so beautifully at the Musical Mosaic, will present a recital at the Campus Theatre, El Camino College, on Sunday, March 7, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Their program will be:

Franck	Sonata in A Major
Poulenc	Sonata for Flute and Piano
Debussy	Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune (arr. Samazeuilh)
Bizet	Carmen Fantasy (arr. Shostac)

CONVENTION CHANGE

The following information has been sent to us from International Office:

The International Board of Mu Phi Epsilon has proposed a motion to move our next Convention from 2006 to 2007. Article IV Section 2C of our Bylaws state that the triennial International Convention may be suspended by a 2/3 vote of the chapters. The brief reasons for this are

- 1) MØE has been accumulating debt from previous conventions and investments that used to cover some of the additional costs have been depleted.
- 2) Budget cutbacks
- 3) All chapters have been fundraising to help cover this debt but with just the interest on it at about \$1,000/month it is not sufficient to eliminate all the debt.
- 4) Lack of large donations or grants to pull us out of debt

WHEREAS Mu Phi Epsilon celebrated its Centennial Anniversary in 2003, and
WHEREAS the triennial convention schedule was shortened to two years to accommodate the Centennial Celebration in 2003, and
WHEREAS the financial position of Mu Phi Epsilon has been negatively impacted by having only two years to collect revenue for convention expenses, as well as by a general decline in investments due to the economy, such that current debt is about \$60,000,

BE IT RESOLVED that the next convention for Mu Phi Epsilon be scheduled for 2007 rather than 2006.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current Executive Board continue in office until their successors have been elected at the 2007 convention.

More information will be presented at the February meeting for discussion of this matter, and a vote will be taken. If you are unable to attend please call Tamara Chadima at 310-318-2799 to voice your opinion.

BYLAWS UPDATE

After any convention year, our chapter bylaws need to be updated according to the resolutions that were passed. The following are the resolutions that need to be approved for 2003. These bylaws will be amended by a vote at the April meeting.

Change in Standing Rules:

All unaffiliated members with a Life Subscription to THE TRIANGLE be notified that they have the following options:

1. Affiliate with a chapter or become an Allied Member by paying international dues, in which case the Life Subscription will continue at no cost;
2. Request Emeritus status, available to members who have attained 80 years of age, in which case the Life Subscription will continue at no cost;
3. Pay \$10 for an annual subscription to THE TRIANGLE; or
4. Discontinue the subscription.

Changes in Bylaws: (all changes are in capitol letters)

Bylaws ARTICLE X. SECTION 3.B. BE AMENDED TO READ:

Each District Director shall be a member in good standing of Mu Phi Epsilon and shall hold at least a Bachelor's degree, and shall be affiliated with an Alumni Chapter or be an Allied member. AN EXCEPTION TO THESE SPECIFIED QUALIFICATIONS MAY BE GRANTED IN CERTAIN CASES WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Bylaws ARTICLE IX. SECTION 5.A. be amended to read:

Each member of an Alumni Chapter shall pay annual International dues as specified in Article 1. Section 17. BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15.

Bylaws ARTICLE IV. SECTION 8.E. BE AMENDED TO READ:

A record of proceedings shall be kept for each International Convention. Such record shall be published, and a copy of such publication shall be furnished to each Collegiate chapter, Alumni Chapter, District Director, CHAIRMAN OF A STANDING COMMITTEE, and any members of the Fraternity expressing a desire to have a copy.

Kurt Zeller's mother passed away on January 30. Our chapter has sent a sympathy card, but anyone is welcome to send a personal card if they feel so led. Kurt Zeller is our current 3rd Vice President/Alumni Advisor on the International Executive Board.

Chapter officers election is coming up, and we need **Volunteers for the Nominating Committee.**

The next **Board meeting** will be held on Wednesday, March 31, at the home of Mary Feyk.

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