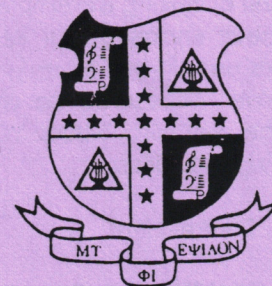


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to the PVP Alumni Chapter Members and Patrons:

As we continue to bask in the success of the 2006 Musical Mosaic, we are proud and pleased to be able to give grants totaling \$4500 to school music programs. This is in addition to the funds given by our Patrons, which will enable up to six college students to receive \$750 scholarships.

Our May and June events are most exciting. **Lenita and David Witherspoon** have arranged for a wine steward to please everyone's palette. Of course the accompanying food will be delectable, and the music with **Gary Gray and Anli Tong** outstanding.

For the first time, we will have a patron performing at the Patrons' Dinner and appreciation night. Organist extraordinaire **David York** will perform on the wonderful organ at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. We will begin the event with a sit-down dinner served by the gourmet group at the church. A great bargain at \$25, not to mention the performances by David York and the scholarship winners.

A musical feast was presented on March 26 at the Pacific Southwest District Conference at CSUDH. Works by compos-

**PATRONS DINNER
SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 6:00 P.M.**

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
24027 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita**

David York, organ, and Scholarship Winners

ers **Carol Worthey, Alex Shapiro, Adrienne Albert, Mary Lou Newmark, Dr. Emma Lou Diemer, Dr. William Spencer, Grigore Nica, Marshall Bialosky and Deon Nielsen Price.** were presented, including World Premieres by Carol Worthey and Grigore Nica. Performers from PVP were **Tamara Chadima, Ruth Cuccia, Gina Graziadio, Mary Feyk and Grigore Nica.** Hurrah to **Deborah Aitken** who was the collaborator for many entries.

Many thanks to District II Director **Ann Nicholson** and 4th VP Music Advisor **David Champion** who arranged the event, including a terrific lunch held at the Stadium Club of the Velodrome. Music was provided by David and collegiate performers. Attending from the IEO were Executive Secretary/Treasurer **Gloria Debatin** and **Dr. Maritha MacDonald**, 2nd VP/Collegiate Advisor.

Foundation Chair **Lenita McCallum** gave a persuasive and humorous presentation of the program, reminding us that we do not have to be "DEAD" to donate to this worthy cause. **Ramona Gifford** and **Lenita** then had to leave for St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church where **Kathy Kerstein** was the soloist in a program. Congratulations, Kathy!

It was great to see **Neeltje Gingerich** here from Arizona. Joining her for lunch two days before the convention were **Mary Feyk, Ramona Gifford, Pearl Kim, Lenita McCallum** -- and belatedly -- yours truly.

We are so pleased that **Ruth Cuccia** has accepted the position of president for 2006-2007. She will be absolutely fantastic! I know that everyone will give her the support that you have shown me these past two years. A million thanks to Pearl Kim (and what a jewel Pearl is) who presented the slate of officers at the last Board meeting.

**UNDISCOVERED GEMS FROM
CALIFORNIA'S BOUTIQUE WINERIES**

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 6 TO 9 P.M.

**Home of Drs. Sharon and David Cook
19 Amber Sky, RPV**

**\$40 per person
RSVP to Lenita McCallum by May 8**

Directions to the Cook's home: Take Crenshaw Blvd. south to the end, past Crest Rd. and past Park Pl. on the right. Then left on the next street (Seacrest Dr.), right on Oceanaire Dr. and right on Amber Sky. No. 19 is at the end of the street. Park anywhere outside the entry gate.

In the interest of making life simple and keeping down paper work, we have enclosed four items which you may return (with checks and fill-ins) in only ONE pre-addressed envelope to Lenita. Please do so quickly before it gets to the bottom of the mail pile. THANK YOU! You just don't want to miss these opportunities.

Eunee Yee, Co-President

GRANTS TO SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMS

Money received from this year's Musical Mosaic has been used for grants to the following school music programs:

Jean Strickland - for the Chorus Accompanist at Mira Catalina School - \$500

Phoebe Truex - for the Chorus Accompanist at Soledad School - \$500

Robbie Trombetta -workshop presentations throughout the Los Angeles area by members of the Orff Schulwerk Assoc. - \$500

Pat Maddaford - projects and facilities for the Tri-M Music Honor Society at PVP High School - \$500

Anli Tong - support for the Young Audiences Concert Previews - \$325

Patricia Maki - support for Campus Concerts - \$2175

WINE TASTING PARTY

From David and Lenita Witherspoon

We have a special treat in store for our May meeting. **Our Annual Wine Tasting Party** is back by popular demand, again offering great music accompanied by specially selected wine and food in a uniquely beautiful home. It was a winning combination last year and will be even better this year.

You will hear wonderful music performed by **Gary Gray**, Principal Clarinetist of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, who has graciously agreed to perform for the Benefit of Mu Phi Epsilon. Gary will be accompanied by our very own **Anli Lin Tong**, pianist.

Our gracious hosts this year are Drs. David and Sharon Cook, whose beautifully appointed home and its 180° ocean view are a real treat for the eyes. They have room for up to 80 people, so bring all your wine and music loving friends!

Our Wine Tasting Master will be Mr. Sanford Foreman, Founder and CEO of AVA Wine Club, who will present

Undiscovered Gems from California's Boutique Wineries.

These delicious wines are more reasonably priced than last year and are available for purchase after the party. Sanford has generously agreed to donate 12.5% of wine sales to benefit Mu Phi Epsilon. (Wine will be delivered to your home at no extra charge, and all forms of payment will be honored.)

To accompany and enhance each wine selection, appropriate and delicious finger foods will be served by **Ramona Gifford** and her talented group of fine chefs. (Suitable non-alcoholic potables will be available for anyone requesting them).

All proceeds are for local musical education programs and the Fraternity's debt reduction needs.

The enclosed flyer gives all the details as to time, place and admission. This is truly a very special occasion you don't want to miss! So come and be prepared for a special evening of superb music, wonderful wine and yummy food in gorgeous surroundings. What could be better? See you there!

SERV HOURS

SERV hours are due May 31st or before. (The President's annual report is due June 10.) Please use the enclosed form to list your hours. Notice that there are three categories of service. Transportation time should be included when calculating the hours. The form should be sent to SERV Chair, Linnea Eades, 24725 Pennsylvania Ave., B15, Lomita, CA 90717, or you may telephone her at 326-5698.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Wedding Bells are ringing for **Lina Kim** and **Thomas Lee**, married on April 23, and for **Tamara Chadima** and **Geoff Maddaford**, to be married in Iowa on June 10. We wish them every happiness.

Congratulations to **Virginia Mendenhall** who will celebrate her 90th Birthday on May 25.

We send our wishes for improved health to **Virginia Ludwick** who had recent surgery and to **Ray Clever**, who is in Royalwood Convalescent Home.

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Starting this summer, your newsletter will be edited by Debra Shrader. Thanks to all of you who have been so helpful and encouraging to me in my editorial adventures.

Mary Feyk

BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be held at the home of Eunee Yee on May 16, at 10:00.