



Palos Verdes Alumni Chapter

November 2009 Newsletter

Forty Five and Counting. Going for the Gold

Those of you who couldn't come to our 45th Anniversary Celebration at the Depot Restaurant missed a good party. Good music, good food, good memories and most of all, good company. Many thanks to **Pat Maki, Lenée Bilski, Lois Tai, Pat Harpole, Joanna Nachef, Darlene and Jim Vlasek** and all the rest who organized and performed at the event. Special thanks to **David and Janice Champion** who put together the video presentation that showed us at our very best down through the 45 years. It brought back good memories and a reminder of the *force majeure* that an alumni chapter can have in our members' lives as well as the impact we have on our community. Bravi all around! **See photos at the end of this newsletter.**

Note: we will make a few extra copies of the Powerpoint presentation if you're interested in seeing the history of our chapter in pictures.

Fact # 3 about Sapphires

They are durable.

We have proof of that in spades when you begin to review the history of our chapter as we just did. We stick around for a long time and are strong in our beliefs and efforts

District Conference

Our triennial District Conference is happening this weekend. I'm not sure how many of you plan to attend but it will be an informative and entertaining time. Capped off by a concert by

Ruslan Biryukov and Mary at 8 PM at Meng Hall at CSU Fullerton, we will be represented on the Member Showcase Recital by **Akio Dohi, Maria Jaque and Deborah Aitken**. Former National Officer **Kurt Alexander Zeller** is coming from Atlanta to give the keynote speech and a special presentation on **Body Mapping**. **This is a method somewhat akin to the Alexander Technique in that it seeks to eliminate causes of body tension as one practices or performs.** If you would like to be a participant (rather than an observer) in the **Body Mapping** Class please let me know. You can learn more about Body Mapping at www.bodymap.org.

A registration form with complete information on the conference was attached to your last newsletter. The cost is \$35 which includes a light supper and a ticket to the concert. It promises to be an interesting afternoon and evening. Come join us!

PATRON DUES ARE \$50
Ruth Cuccia is our treasurer
3408 S. Denison Ave., SP 90731

MEMBER NEWS

We welcomed a new affiliate at our 45th Celebration. **Leslie Sharp** has joined our chapter. Welcome to you. Please add her information to your directory.

✓ **Leslie Sharp**, stage name Sara Moon
3235 S. Pacific Ave.
San Pedro, CA 90731
leczlii@yaloo.com
424-224-1288
Gamma Sigma 1976

Other directory changes include

New emails for patron **Shirley Klein**
skline123@cox.net.

✓ **Anita Chang** - anitalchang@gmail.com

✓ **Emily Lacina** - Elacina@cox.net

✓ **David Holben** - tubadave@charter.net

And a phone number for

Colleen Peralta (310) 874-7844

The **Prima Divas** are presenting another concert at Rolling Hills United Methodist Church at 7:30 PM on November 6. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a wonderful musical evening.

Patron **Bob Gifford** will be undergoing knee replacement surgery on Monday, 26th. Please keep him and **Mona** in your prayers.

There is still limited space for the Kurt Zeller, Body Mapping Master Class at the studio of **Lenita McCallum** on Friday, October 30 from 3-6 PM. The fee to participate in the class is \$25. To audit the class the cost is \$10. Please make

reservations with Lenita at
LBANDCB@COX.NET by October 28.

Pictures from the 45th Celebration



Members Lenée Bilski, Lannea Eades and new member Leslie Sharp



Almost Charter member Pearl Kim with Ann Terrill and Kathy Kerstein



Charter Member Janette Moote



Dr. Joanna Nachev directing our 45th choral group

As a member of the planning committee one of my responsibilities is overseeing a table of Foundation Fare. I will need help covering the table for the afternoon hours. If you can help with this please contact me.

November Meeting

Our November meeting will take place on November 8th at 3 PM at the home of **Ruth Cuccia** whose address appears at the bottom of the dues notice. As a part of the celebration of **Founder's Day** we will be honoring the eleven members in our chapter whose membership is of 20-30 years standing.. Come and hear their stories. Our musical program will be presented by new affiliate **Colleen Peralta**. So you get a bit of the old and some of the new. Please let our steward, **Gail Mellert**, know that you are coming so we can make appropriate plans. You also will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed chapter name change. See below.

Young Performers Showcase

The application for the December Young Performer's Showcase is included in this month's newsletter mailing. The deadline for applications is November 15. We look forward to this event each year as we hear wonderful performances by our students.

Directories will be mailed out with this newsletter to those who haven't picked them up at a meeting before that time.

NAME CHANGE

The board has voted to put this to a vote of the membership. It requires a change to the by laws so at least two thirds of those voting would have to approve. Members who have paid their dues are eligible to vote. (No pay, no vote) You have three ways to vote. You may hit the reply button at the end of the email that brought you the newsletter or you can telephone me OR you can vote at the meeting on November 8. Deadline to vote is November 15.

Article I of our by laws would be changed to read, "**The Name of this Chapter shall be the South Bay Palos Verdes Alumni Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon International Professional Music Fraternity.**" A "yes" vote approves the change. A "no" vote keeps our name as it is (Palos Verdes Alumni Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon International Professional Music Fraternity). For practical purposes we would be known as the **South Bay Palos Verdes Alumni Chapter**. The rationale is that the chapter encompasses much more territory than just the Palos Verdes Peninsula and when we are fund raising people are more open to giving to a chapter that is not solely associated with what is perceived to be a well to do area. So put your thinking caps on and VOTE!!!

Dues News

GOOD NEWS!!! Our treasurer reports that 46 OF US ARE CURRENT DUES PAYING MEMBERS. THANKYOU. Dues were due on September 15 but, we'll still accept them.

\$85 FOR REGULAR MEMBERS
\$75 FOR LIFE MEMBERS
\$25 FOR EMERITUS MEMBERS
(over 80 years old)
\$0 FOR MEMBERS OVER 90