



Palos Verdes Alumni Chapter

December 2009 Newsletter

Forty Five and Counting. Going for the Gold



At the time of the writing of this newsletter I am basking in the Spirit of Thanksgiving, thankful for all the many members who are the hidden gems of our organization doing jobs few know about. I'm thinking of persons such as **Bozena Nakov** who sends out notes to members who are ill or bereaved. If you're not in that category you wouldn't even know that she is faithfully doing it. Or I think of **Kris Basua** who in very timely fashion got all of the organizational work for the Young Performer's Showcase to me without the tiniest reminder. Then there's **Mary Feyk** who is contacting persons for Special Election. The list goes on and on. Perhaps you're waiting to add your piece to the wonderful fabric of our chapter. Thank you in advance. You are all **sapphires**, very valuable and appreciated.

November Meeting

We had a special time at **Ruth Cuccia's** home. New member, **Colleen Peralta**, showed her prowess on flute and trumpet and sang a song from the musical "Chess". A special treat was hearing the stories of our 20-30 year members. Being a Mu Phi does affect one's life. We are so much richer in friends and the web of our

fraternity grows stronger with each passing year. We happily honored

Deborah Aitken

Tamra Glaser

Teddy Greenwald

Maria Jaque

Emily Lacina

Pat Maki

Gail Mellert

Joanna Nacheff

Carla Sedlacek

Darlene Vlasek

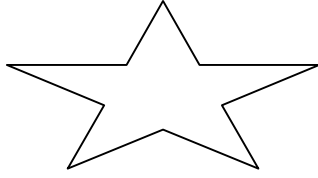
Not all were present but each received a small violet as a remembrance from our chapter.

We were presented with the check for \$150 for the Katherine Doepke Award for Creative Programming for 2008-09. It was voted to add this to our Scholarship Funds.

YOUNG PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE

The
Young Performer's Showcase
will be held at the home of
Annette Smith on
Saturday, December 5th at 3 PM.
Come and hear these rising stars
and enjoy a time of fellowship
with them, their families and our
members.

All Mu Phi's should bring
something for the reception table.



Our **January Meeting** is a work party to get out the Musical Mosaic flyers and tickets. It will be held at the home of **Carla Sedlacek** on January 9 at 10 AM. We need about eight people to help for two hours. Can you do this? Call **Jan Bunker** to offer your help.

District Conference

The District Conference at CSU Fullerton turned out really well. The member recital showed off the great talents and variety of ways Mu Phis express themselves musically. **Kurt Alexander Zeller** gave a very helpful Body Mapping Class. Eight new members were initiated and the evening closed in fine fashion with the concert by **Ruslan Biryukov and Mary** at Meng Hall.

A few items are left from the Foundation Fare exhibit. They will be available for sale at the December meeting.
Hint: Bring some extra cash!

NAME CHANGE

You have voted to change our By-laws to reflect the larger area that we represent. The vote was 20 – yes and 2 – no.
Article I of our by laws will 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

I will be contacting the 5th Vice Presidents to effect this change for our chapter.

MEMBER NEWS

We welcomed a new affiliate at our 45th Celebration. **Leslie Sharp** has joined our chapter. Here’s a brief bio about her activities and background

Leslie Sharp (Nerme)(degree in music composition from University of Redlands) is a dedicated music teacher and accompanist, focusing on piano, voice, theory/musicianship, and theory of style. She enjoys accompanying for various instruments and voice, and is presently working with Ken Sherman on Hindemith’s Sonata for Flute and Piano. As a pianist, she heads up the **Leslie Sharp Trio**, a new group of jazz musicians dedicated to giving the standards new life. She is also the pianist for a strong and driving rhythm section in the **Harbor College Studio Jazz Band**, a group of excellent musicians with a unique, brilliant and challenging book of charts. She has to her credit, two musicals (including a collaboration), a refreshing CD of original spiritual music, and a few one-act plays (as in theatrical). She enjoys time with her son, a rising trumpet player of diverse styles, her daughter (a mother of two amazing daughters), and writing. She also plays in two fun, colorful and nostalgic bands of rock music from the 60s, 70s, 80s. (See last month’s newsletter for a picture of her at our 45th Anniversary party)

More Directory Changes

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We have received word that three more of our members have reached significant milestones of years of Mu Phi Membership.

They are:

Linnea Eades – 50 Years

Dr. Frances Steiner – 50 Years

Mary Feyk – 60 Years

Helen Freeborn – 60 Years

(actually awarded last year)

Congratulations to all of you. Their certificates will be presented at our December meeting.

Orah Ashley Lamke Award

Our Alumni Advisor has reminded us that we should consider nominating someone for this Fraternity Award that recognizes long term service to the Fraternity. If you would like to suggest someone whom you think is worthy please let one of the board members know.

Grant to El Camino College

The board has voted to give a **El Camino College** a grant from last year's Musica Primavera to help pay the costs for the Instrumentalists for the Messiah Sing Along. Hey! We have our own economic stimulus package going!

Dues News

Our treasurer reports that 16 of the persons receiving this newsletter have NOT paid their dues. Make her day and send in your check!

\$85 FOR REGULAR MEMBERS

\$75 FOR LIFE MEMBERS

\$25 FOR EMERITUS MEMBERS

(over 80 years old)

Ruth Cuccia is our treasurer
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Musical Mosaic

The next thing you will receive from the chapter are your tickets and flyers for the **Musical Mosaic** which is being wonderfully organized by **Jan Bunker**. Be sure you have the date (February 19) on your new 2010 calendars. (Just bought mine today!) While you're at it put all of our remaining dates on it. All of us on the board wish you a joyous holiday season making much merry music!!

