



# Palos Verdes/South Bay Alumni Chapter

May 2010 Newsletter

## *Forty Five and Counting. Going for the Gold*

In the midst of a whirlwind of activities at this time of year and wondering how everything will EVER get done on time I was inspired to read the following quote from **Antonio Estevez**, Venezuelan composer –

“I am satisfied for having lived to the fullest as a musician and citizen. I enjoy inner happiness and face responsibilities toward myself and my country with the only means at my command: my music.”

Isn't that what we're all about? As members of Mu Phi Epsilon we cherish the fact that our vocation is one of great satisfaction personally and to others who love great music. We enrich the culture of our communities and enable communication over a vast scene of cultural identities, bringing riches to all. This newsletter is chock full of the activities of your chapter and its members. Savor the contents and take pride in all that we engender.

As our Newsletter heading reminds us, we are heading toward our 50th Anniversary 4+ years from now. To make possible a significant event or events the board has voted to set aside \$1000 of the **Musical Mosaic** proceeds in a CD to make possible a gift of music to our community. The plan is to do so each year and arrive at our 50th

with a minimum of \$5000 to share in some fashion. We welcome your input on precisely what to do. We also welcome individual gifts to help us attain our goal.

Next on our schedule is:

**MUSICA PRIMAVERA**  
“THE AMERICAN WAY”  
FOOD, WINES AND MUSIC  
FROM THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE  
SATURDAY, MAY 15, 5:30 PM  
FEATURING  
**ADELAIDE SINCLAIR**  
MEZZO SOPRANO

If you haven't sent in your **reservations**, do so immediately so we can make appropriate plans. If you haven't **volunteered to help**, surprise us and do so before we **call you to ask for help**. **If you have any items for the Silent Auction** (concert tickets, food items, gift certificates, free lessons, sports teams tickets, wine, craft items etc), call Ann Terrill or me so we can prepare bid sheets. **Donations** are always welcome if you just can't participate personally. **Invite your friends**, we want a full house (back yard!)

Remember every dollar we raise over expenses will help the cause of music and musicians in our community.

**NOTE:** Patron **Shirley Ho** has given us two tickets to the **Torrance Symphony Fundraiser** on May 22 at 8 PM. If you'd like them contact me at 310-375-8769 or an email will do too.

## Scholarship Winners

Scholarship Chairman **Kathy Kerstein** announces the following winners from the competition held at CSUDH. Each student will receive an award of \$750.

### Patron Scholarships

Lauren Cho – Flute

Seung Yun Park – Piano

Aldo Martinez – Saxophone

### Prima Divas Scholarship

Elizabeth Kim – Soprano

The Judges were **Lois Tai, Linda Cohen, and Jean Gothold**. Thanks also to **Ramona Gifford** who served as timer and **Pat Harpole** who donated her talents as accompanist for the event. To hear these accomplished performers be sure to come to the June Patron Recognition and Officer Installation Dinner



The date of our last event, the **Patron Recognition and Officer Installation Dinner** has been changed to **June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** and will take place at the home of **Annettee and Paul Smith**. This year we are going to have a potluck. The board will provide the main dishes and ask members whose last names begin A-G to bring a dessert and H-Z, a salad or side dish.

# MEMBER NEWS

The **Prima Divas Concert** at the Norris Theater on April 23<sup>rd</sup> netted \$685 for our Scholarship Fund. A huge thank you to **Jan Bunker, Gail Mellert, Sarah Ramsey-Duke and Cheryl Graue** for their work. Attendees were wowed with the program. (Not to mention the sartorial splendor on view!)

**Lois Tai**, who is the founding director of the South Bay Children's Community Chorus, will be recognized at a special concert on May 16, for 25 years of service to this valuable organization. We send along congratulations to her.

### More Congratulations to:

**Sandra Pribanic** who has become a member via Special Election. Thank you to **Mary Feyk** who guided her through the process and opened her home for the event. See photos at the end of the newsletter.

**Gail Mellert**, whose student, **Ellie Dunbar**, was a finalist in the recent **Spotlight Award Competition**

**David Holben** who has completed the requirements for his PhD. He also wants us to know about the following event.

### Long Beach BrassWorks:

#### An Historical Perspective

"A Recital Surveying Brass Repertoire from the 13th-Century to the Present"

Saturday, May 22 at 3:00pm  
Palos Verdes Library District  
Chamber Music Series

**Condolences to Emily Lacina** whose father passed away recently.

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**Anli Lin Tong** has asked us to publicize scholarships being offered by the Beach Cities Symphony. They award scholarships each season to two deserving middle school music students. Each \$500 scholarship may be used for music lessons, instruments or music camps. One scholarship is for strings and one for other orchestral instruments. Applications and instructions are available on their website,

[www.BeachCitiesSymphony.org](http://www.BeachCitiesSymphony.org)

or call 310-379-9725 for information. The deadline for submission Friday May 28, 2010.

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Have you checked out our chapter website? Are you missing the latest newsletter? Can't find your Directory? All of this is available at our website. Thanks to **David and Janice Champion** all this information is available on your computer. Just copy in the following:

<http://02ef482.netsolhost.com/palosverdes>

## Pictures from the initiation of **Sandra Pribanic**



**Others attending: David Champion, Wendy Reyes, president of Gamma Sigma, Julio Iniga, member of GS, LaVerne McCoy, GS, Sandra Pribanic, Carla Sedlacek and Mary Feyk**



**New Member Sandra Pribanic, her sponsor, Carla Sedlacek and host Mary Feyk**

### **Brief bio of Sandra:**

Sandy grew up in Denver, CO and has had singing as a major part of her life ever since age 10. She is a graduate of Tarkio College in MO with a degree in performance and Mus. Ed. She taught music in Alexandria, Egypt and on the Navajo Reservation at two different public schools. She moved to California in 1974 and settled into Federal Government work, retiring last year. During those years Sandra sang continually with a variety of organizations including: the Long Beach Symphony Chorus, Henny Warner Recitalists, Chamber Expressions Vocal Ensemble, Cantiamo, Aerospace Choral Club, South Coast Choral, Women's Chorus at El Camino and Melodia Sinica. Her voice teachers have included Larry Wong, Barbara Dyer and Chloe Owen. She was a close friend of Thyra Snyder (our dear member who is no longer with us) and considers Thyra's composition "Where Can I Go From Your Presence?", the most meaningful song she has sung.

The closing statement in her statement for membership reads: "Our time is short on this earth, but the music lives on in those we teach through our teachings, performances, and expressed love of the art. I am, and will continue to make music my life."

Welcome Sandy! We are so happy to have you as a member.