



NEWSLETTER



President's Message

When you receive this newsletter, the Mu Phi Epsilon International Convention in Rochester, New York will have fulfilled its promise and everyone will have returned to their respective homes, re-committed, re-energized, re-connected. The theme of the Convention, as well as for this entire past year has been "Connected". At the moment, as I am preparing for departure, I feel very connected to our chapter and its outstanding accomplishments, and to our wonderful fraternity. Throughout this past year, all the communications regarding the convention details have contributed to a feeling of heightened anticipation for an exciting new adventure making new connections, learning more what it means to be connected to this organization and its dedicated members. The Keynote Address will be given by Dr. Nelita True. This will be especially poignant, since Eunee Yee, our beloved member who passed away in June, was very good friends with Nelita. In fact, I believe they were college roommates at the University of Michigan. She spoke of Nelita with great affection.

You should be pleased to know that our chapter will be extremely well represented in Rochester. All chapters send a business delegate, who is usually the chapter president, so my presence is a given. But as you already know, our chapter is honored to have a member of the International Executive Board, Lenita McCallum, who is 3rd Vice President. Also attending will be Ruth Cuccia, District Director for both District One and Two and David Champion who is the International Webmaster.



We won Int'l Chapter of the Year Award!
(additional photo on page 3)

Looking ahead to the future, our Vice Presidents and Stewards have been busily planning this next year's events. The first meeting will be our **September Potluck on Sunday, Sept., 18 at the home of Joanna Nacheff**. The program will be the report on the convention and those of us who attended will share highlights and stories. Lenita's session on "Connecting to the Future" is certain to have relevance for our chapter, so you won't want to miss hearing about it. You'll also want to know the new IEB officers, the winner of the International Competition, and the recipients of awards. In addition, there will be lots of interesting and

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imaginative performances, including works by Libby Larsen, one of our country's most celebrated living composers. There will be so much to share. Do come, join the spirit. Feel connected!

Jan Bunker has already planned another thrilling Musical Mosaic. The date is February 3, about two weeks earlier than last year. Be sure to mark your calendars now and begin thinking of people to invite. Our Musica Primavera will be Saturday, May 12, once again at the lovely home of the Zinners. Remember how well received this event was this past spring. You won't want to miss it!

For years, I did not attend many of our regularly scheduled meetings which are usually on Sunday afternoons. The reason was that Sunday afternoon was time I planned to spend with my husband and/or other family members. Most of our chapter meetings at that time were closed, with the exception of the September and June meetings. However, the last several years, we have been holding open meetings and spouses and other guests are welcome to attend. So please, bring your spouse or companion and come and enjoy!

Please note our chapter's theme for this next year. This, thanks to Lenita. The inspiration came to her while on a recent walk. Let's all see how many notes we can accumulate. Together we'll compose a great symphony of harmony, service and friendship.

Darlene Vlasek, President

ATTENTION

DUES ARE DUE NOW!!!

The deadline for Alumni Dues to the chapter is **August 30th**. Pay promptly so your name can be included in the chapter directory for this year.

Make your check to Mu Phi Epsilon and send it to our treasurer as soon as possible.

His address is:

David Champion
229 15th Street
Manhattan Beach CA 90266

It's traditional to make a donation to the International Fraternity of a penny for every year since its founding. A Founders Day donation of \$1.08 is included in your dues.

- **Regular Chapter Dues are \$86.08**
- **If you have a Lifetime Triangle subscription they are \$76.08 (initiated more than 30 years ago)**
- **Emeritus dues are \$26.08 (age 80 and above)**

Included in your dues are member dues forwarded to the international Mu Phi Epsilon office in early September. Late payment of dues creates extra paper work for both the local chapter and the international office, so please don't be late!

LOST and FOUND

Someone left a beige cashmere cardigan at the patron dinner at Annette Smiths. Please contact Lenita McCallum to retrieve it.

Calendar

August 26th - 10 AM
Board Meeting
Pat Maki's

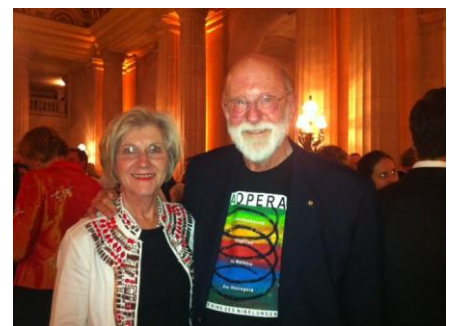
September 18
5:30 PM

Fall Potluck
At the home of
Dr. Joanna Nacheff

October 16 - 3 PM
EUNEE YEE MEMORIAL CONCERT
ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Here is Lenita as MC of the 50 plus year recognition luncheon. She is also a 50 year member.



2011 Convention with Yukiko Sekino, the International Competition Winner

MEMBER NEWS

As many of you know, our dear friend Eunee Yee passed away in her sleep on Tuesday evening, June 14th. She had attended the MTAC annual luncheon that day and was greeted by many of her friends who were so glad to see her. As her husband Frank said, "She went out on a 'high note', fully aware of the love many of us held for her and celebrating the gift of music that bring us all together." According to her wishes, no services are planned. A concert to celebrate her memory will be held in the fall. Donations in her memory may be made to either the Mu Phi Epsilon or MTAC Scholarship Funds. Please mail the donations to our treasurer, David Champion.



Here is the Palos Verdes/ South Bay Alumni Chapter receiving the award for having the largest number of service hours.

Congratulations to our chapter for receiving the Best Newsletter Award!



Theme for the Year

Help us to build our Palos Verdes/South Bay composition note by note over the next year by using the note values and rests outlined below. Keep track of your notes in the yearbook on Page _____. At the end of the year the member with the highest note value of notes will receive an award! The person with the largest number of grace notes will also receive an award.

Theme for the Year

2011 - Mu Phi Theme and Variations

- September - Theme – allegro con brio
- October - Variation 1 – con affetto
- November – Founder’s Day - da capo
- December – Young Performers Showcase – con bravura
- January – Work Party – tempo di Marcia
- February – Musical Mosaic – con variazioni
- March –
- April – Scholarship Auditions - Fuga
- May – Musica Primavera – scherzo, con animé
- June – Patron Dinner – fieramente (proudly)

How to earn notes: All values are based on 4/4 time

- Being an officer = a whole note
- Being on a Committee = a half note
- Being Chairman of a Committee = a dotted half note
- Chairing one of our large functions = a whole note
- Holding a meeting at your house = a half note
- Co-hosting a meeting = a quarter note
- Providing the program for a meeting = a half note
- Attending a meeting = an eighth note
- Helping at a larger function = a quarter note
- Paying your dues on time = a quarter note
- Special service to the chapter or a member = a grace note
- DOING NOTHING – A WHOLE REST (VALUE = -4)**

