



# NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

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Achievement

### EUNEE YEE MEMORIAL CONCERT Sunday, October 16, 2011 3:00 PM St. Francis Episcopal Church

Mu Phi Epsilon and MTAC South Bay will present a *Memorial Concert in honor of Eunee Yee* who passed away in June. The concert will be held at *St. Francis Episcopal Church, 2200 Via Rosa, Palos Verdes Estates, CA, 90274*. Donations will be accepted for the Eunee Yee Scholarship Fund. Please make check **payable to the Mu Phi Epsilon Scholarship Funds** and mail the donations to our Treasurer, David Champion. **Ramona Gifford** asked that all MPE members bring cookies, cheese plates, or fruit for the reception following the concert. Please call her at **310 – 377-7711**.

Our first event of the year was a rousing success! Let's expect that to be a good omen of wonderful things ahead. Thanks go to our terrific twosome, Jan Bunker and Gail Gerding-Mellert, our faithful stewards who organized everything so beautifully and served as hostesses along with Shirley Yamamoto. We thank Joanna Nacheff for graciously welcoming us to her lovely, spacious home and for leading us in our Sing-a-Long. Lenita McCallum, prepared the song sheets for our fun song fest and did a rousing job as our accompanist. We had a great turn out which meant also that we had a delicious and plentiful array of dishes for our potluck. Great cooks, all of you! Thank you for your contributions.

As we reviewed the important points presented to us by our International Executive Board and at the International Convention in August, it is very rewarding and gratifying to see how well our chapter is fulfilling the mission and aims of Mu Phi. But, that does not mean we can rest on our laurels and think because we earned the International Alumni Chapter of the Year award and received the award for the greatest number of SERV hours per member that we have nothing to improve and no reason to expand.

Two of the major thrusts for this upcoming year for all the alumni chapters are to (1) have greater interaction with collegiates and collegiate chapters and (2) to increase our membership. We have certainly made efforts to support Gamma Sigma, but let's all think of ways we can do more.

Regarding new members, there is a rich source for potential Special Election members among the membership of MTAC and among public school music teachers. Let's make an earnest effort to approach individuals whom we believe would be interested in joining. Since these two groups of potential candidates already have qualified academically and musically, the main other qualification is that they cannot be presently or previously affiliated with another professional music fraternity.

Your officers are busily planning the year's activities. Our Founders Day on Nov. 6 will include another tribute to our dearly appreciated 50 plus members. The Musical Mosaic on Feb. 3 is already set with an outstanding

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program of gifted artists. Although Musica Primavera on May 12 seems like half an eternity away, it will be upon us before we realize it. A major focus this year is to plan our chapter’s 50 Year Anniversary Celebration, coming up in two years. Although nothing is set yet, with all the great ideas the board is considering, I can assure you this will be a celebration par excellence! We invite you to help out and be part of the excitement. Please let Pat Maki or Ramona Gifford know you would like to be on the team.

When you receive your new Yearbooks, please express your appreciation to Debra Shrader who worked long and hard to make them accurate and complete.

**Darlene Vlasek**, President

**CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER 16 – 3 PM**  
**EUNEE YEE MEMORIAL CONCERT AT**  
**ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**OCTOBER 18 – 10 AM**  
 Board Meeting

**NOVEMBER 6 – 3PM**  
 Founders Day Ceremony  
 Members Program At Home of Ruth Cuccia

A Huge thank you to **Debra Shrader** who did our beautiful **2011-2012 Yearbooks** that were passed out at the potluck and will be available at the Eunee Yee Memorial Concert.

**HELP WANTED!!**

To help plan our chapter’s 50 Anniversary, we invite you to be a part of the excitement. Please let Pat Maki or Ramona Gifford know whether you would like to contribute to this event.

**PALOS VERDES/SOUTH BAY ALUMNI CHAPTER MU PHI EPSILON MUSIC THERAPY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Those of you wanting to perform have 3 beautiful communities in which to perform. Contact the corresponding activities directors and arrange date and time.

- 1) **Belmont Village**, 5701 Crestridge Rd., RPV, 90275     **Megan McMorris** 310-377-9977  
 (Electronic baby grand in living room)
- 2) **The Canterbury**, 5801 Crestridge Rd., RPV, 90275     **Linda Wellmerling**, 310-541-2410 ext. 5106  
 Independent Living - Wonderful Grand Piano in Large roof-top Valmonte Living Room.  
 Assisted Living- Catalina Cafe' -Electronic Keyboard  
 Care Center - Electronic keyboard.     **Jose Mata**, Director 310-265-2410 ext. 5120
- 3) **Harbor Terrace** 435 W. 8th St., San Pedro, 90731     **Barbara Mitchell** 310-547-0090.  
 Upright piano- Large Family Room.

You are free to play at other facilities also. All hours are individual for your SERVE report. Remember to include transportation time for all unpaid rehearsals and performances.

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