



# NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

**48  
years!**  
**A ♪-able  
Achievement**

Was it only the first of last week that we bid farewell to one year and welcomed in another?! And it was only one week ago that our Christmas tree got stripped of its many nostalgic ornaments and put away for another year. Time flies and yet, simultaneously, the joyous festivities of the Holiday Season seem so long ago. Who can remember when January seemed like such an empty month with so little to do? Now, we are back on our usual fast track with exciting programs and events looming close at hand.

Before we look too far ahead into the future, let us all extend our deep appreciation to Pat Maki for the arrangements she worked out with Peet's Coffee for our chapter to be the beneficiary of this year's philanthropy. As you know, Peet's Coffee in Rolling Hills Plaza had offered to match up to \$1000, all donations made to Mu Phi during the week before Christmas. Pat took some of her flute students to Peet's several times to draw attention to the fund raiser as did Gail Mellert with her violin students. All in all, we received about \$1500 in donations. That means with the \$1000 added by Peet's, we'll be able to give out more in grants and scholarships than previously. Thank you everyone for your efforts and especially Pat for your consistent and dedicated work.

Also looking back, many thanks to Kris Basua for organizing the Young Performers Showcase held once again at the lovely home of Annette and Paul Smith. Thanks to Annette for providing a perfect performance venue to feature our talented young students in a recital format.

Last Saturday, Jan. 7, was a great beginning to what we know will be a great year for Mu Phi. The Stuffing Party graciously hosted by Lenita and David was a rousing success. With the amazing organization of Jan Bunker and her husband, Gordon, the envelopes with all the Musical Mosaic tickets and information were finished in only 35 minutes. That meant we could have a leisurely dinner of delicious recipes prepared by all the attendees. When dinner was over and we were ready to play our fun "Trade the White Elephant" game, the men were having such a great time visiting with one another it was hard to sit them down to enjoy the rest of the evening's entertainment. Leslie Sharp treated us to a lovely piano solo which she composed and a fun old Yiddish song which was quite familiar to a number of people. The White Elephant trading game was a lot of fun and I'm sure everyone went home with a treasure they can hardly wait to trade again.

Please get busy right away selling tickets to our Musical Mosaic on Friday evening, Feb. 3. It's earlier this year, so don't put off those calls and emails to friends, neighbors and relatives. The date will be here before we know it. Jan has planned another spectacular evening of great music. She is very excited about it and reports that all the performers are equally excited to perform for us. This is a marvelous way to raise money, to showcase the enormous talent we are so fortunate to have here in LA, and to satisfy the community's longing for outstanding performances of classical music.

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Thanks to all of you for your good work, for living the Creed of Mu Phi in your music, outwardly expressed for others to hear, or within your heart, in your friendship and warm camaraderie with one another and in the harmony of your life dedicated to serving others through music.

Darlene Vlasek

### MEMBER NEWS

**Carla and Paul Sedlacek** just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary recently.

### CALENDAR

**JANUARY 17 – 10 AM**  
**Board Meeting**

**FEBRUARY 3 – 7:30 PM**  
**Musical Mosaic**  
**At Rolling Hills United**  
**Methodist Church**

**FEBRUARY 21 – 10 AM**  
**Board Meeting**

**MARCH 15**  
**Musical Mosaic Grant**  
**Applications Due**  
**Pat Harpole, Chairperson**

### 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.

**Linnea Eades**, SERV Chair  
310-326-5698 linneae@iglide.net

**Musical Mosaic  
information and ways to help**

- Anyone who would like to purchase an **advertisement** for the program, please contact **Ramona Gifford** 310-377-7711, [monagee@cox.net](mailto:monagee@cox.net), or **Teddy Greenwald** 310-212-5788, [tgmorosco@att.net](mailto:tgmorosco@att.net).
- **Sell Tickets.**
- **Bring Goodies for the Reception.**  
Cookies, cheese, crackers, fruit, veggie and dips etc.
- **Email the flyer** to your friends/students.
- Too busy to do any of the above?  
Then make a **DONATION**.

All of us are responsible for the success of this event. Help us make this a banner year!

**Workers for 50th Year  
Anniversary Celebration**

To help plan our chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

🎵 **To all program chairpersons:** Please send **digital copies** of your responsible programs and flyers to **Ann Terrill** at [teacherant@yahoo.com](mailto:teacherant@yahoo.com).

🎵 **Contributions** are invited in memory of **Virginia Ludwick** and **Barbara Hammer** and will be added to our **Memorial Scholarship Fund**.

🎵 There will be an organizational meeting for the **District Conference** at **Ruth Cuccia's** house **Sunday, Jan. 29** at **2:00PM**. Please contribute your ideas to help make the conference interesting and enriching. Lots of workers are needed. Please let Ruth know if you are willing to take on one of the following jobs: **General Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Music Chairperson, Hosts, Foundation Chairperson, Chaplain, Publicity Chairperson, Coffee Hour Chairperson, Luncheon Chairperson, and Printing Chairperson.**

🎵 Please contact International President **Rosemary Ames** if you're interested in working on the **International Convention** and/or having any ideas.

🎵 Please send your **Harmony Campaign** contributions to the **International Executive Office.**

**Thanks** to **Jan Bunker** and her husband, **Gordon**, for the great work they did in preparing all the Musical Mosaic materials for the stuffing party on 1/7. We were done in 35 minutes. And thanks to everyone who showed up to help. We had a great time and a fun party afterwards with great dishes for the potluck supper. **Lenita** and **David** were our host and hostess and their hospitality and home could not have been more inviting and comfortable. **Leslie Sharp** entertained us on the piano with a lovely piece she composed in addition to a rendition of an old Yiddish song. Truly a fun and productive evening.

