



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

As you will happily recall, at last year's Mu Phi International Convention we were presented the Alumni Chapter of the Year Award. The reasons our chapter earned this distinction are many. But fundamental to all those reasons is the fact that our chapter is comprised of many members who not only care about our purpose, but put their caring into action. We do not simply philosophize about how noble are our goals, how lofty our inspiration, how promising is our potential; we do things. We accomplish our goals, we infuse our efforts with inspired planning, we realize our dreams.

Our **Musica Primavera** on **May 12** is another of our events with a goal, being planned by inspired creativity, fulfilling our intent to benefit young people in our community through music. Our goal is to raise significant funds while providing an evening of enjoyment through convivial camaraderie, scrumptious food and drink, exciting musical entertainment, and a treasure chest of items in the Silent Auction. We are privileged as members to be part of this fun evening. As our guests were leaving last year, frequently heard comments were, "Why have I not heard of this event before?" "This was the highlight of 'the season.'" "Be sure to let me know about it next year." So, let's be ready with our lists of friends, neighbors and relatives to invite to this highly enjoyable evening.

But...before that evening can happen, we do have some work to do. There are many tasks to be accomplished before and during the evening. Please drop **Pat Maki** or **Lenita McCallum** an email or give them a call to volunteer to help. You know the saying about many hands make light work. Also, you already know about contributions to the Silent Auction. Please remember that consumables are far better auction

CALENDAR

April 17th

Board Meeting

May 5th – 8:30 AM to 2 PM

Scholarship Auditions at Harbor College
Kathy Kerstein, Chairperson

May 12th – 5:30 PM

Musica Primavera

Lenita McCallum and **Pat Maki**, Co-Chairs
Home of **Drs. Norman** and **Nancy Zinner**

May 15th

SERV Hours Due

Send to: **Linnea Eades**, Chairperson
24725 Pennsylvania Ave., B 15,
Lomita, CA 90717

President's message cont.

items than things. We all have too many things already. Offers of condos and tickets to various events are big attractions. Also, you have received a letter to request donations and gift certificates from businesses and services. Several of our members have had great success presenting the letter to the stores and shops they frequent. Let's multiply their effort and provide a Silent Auction full of goodies none of our guests (or us) will be able to resist!

Our **March 24 General Meeting** was another example of the dedication and cooperative spirit that characterize our board. Because I was in New York attending the national conference of MTNA, our Vice President, **Pat Harpole**, willingly stepped up to preside over the meeting for me. **Thank you, Pat!**

Another example is the thoroughness and determination of our Nominating Committee to prepare the slate of officers to serve next year. **Pearl Kim** and **Linnea Eades** spent many hours contacting people in order to present an almost complete slate. But, please note, we still have **two key positions** to fill: **Co-President** and **Co-Vice President**. These are essential offices. Please accept the Nominating Committee's request when you are asked, or asked again, to serve in one of these capacities! Thank you to all who have already agreed to serve as officers for the next year!

As you know, our aim is to have many people doing small jobs so that the burden of running the organization is not borne by only one or two. Therefore, please be aware that if your name is not on the slate of officers, you will be called upon to work in some other capacity. In one of the upcoming newsletters we will include a questionnaire for you to fill out indicating what you would like to do. It is a joy to serve in an organization that abides by its Purpose of recognizing scholarship, musicianship and develops bonds of friendship among its members. Those bonds of friendship embrace us all!

With Mu Phi love,
Darlene

Musica Primavera

We are less than six weeks away from our last fundraiser for the year. Many things have been done and put into motion (food choices, invitation design, theme, artists engaged) but there are still LOTS to do to make this the stellar event that our attendees have come to expect. So here are 10 suggestions to give your ideas on how you can help out.

1. Help send out the invitations, they will be ready by Friday PM (April 6th), can you come and help stuff, stamp, etc. (Lenita's house ca 1 PM, the more help we have, the shorter the time needed)
2. Offer to help find decor (contact Lenita)
3. Offer to set up at the Zinners on Friday afternoon OR Saturday AM (11th or 12th). Probably about 2-3 hours each time. (contact Lenita)
4. Offer to help cook or bring prepared food (contact Pat Maki)
5. Offer to help serve (contact Pat Maki)
6. Offer to help clean up (contact either one of us)
7. Offer items for the Silent Auction (contact Lenita)
8. Get donations from your favorite food stores (for the event) or otherwise (for the silent auction)
9. Send in a donation beyond the price of your ticket
10. Use your imagination to figure out something and "do it"

Just in case you've lost your yearbook:
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 (caps not necessary)

Chapter News and Issues

Remember our theme for this year: "A Note-able Achievement"? At the back of your yearbook is a page for you to write down your "notes of achievement". The preceding page lists the note values you have earned. All together we should have a grand symphony.

Please contact David Champion or Darlene Vlasek if you have contact information for a tax attorney or accountant who is knowledgeable about establishing tax exempt status for non-profit organizations and is willing to donate his service to us.

Richardson Middle School band program in desperate need of a guitar amp. Anyone have one they would like to donate? Call Pat Maki 310-326-5761

Slate of Officers 2012-2013

Co-Presidents	Darlene Vlasek and ?
Co-Vice Presidents	Pat Maki and ?
Treasurer	David Champion
Ass't	Ruth Cuccia
Recording Secretary	Maurice Suhre
Newsletter Secretary	Carla Sedlacek
Newsletter Editor	Lois Tai
Photographer	Ann Terrill
Chorister	Pat Arand
Chaplain	Helen Freeborn
School Liaison	Ramona Gifford
Steward	Gail Mellert
Ass't	Linnea Eades
Historian	Ann Terrill
Past President	Lenita McCallum

Please visit Mu Phi Epsilon website www.muphiepsilon.org/honorsawards.html for descriptions and submission information on several international awards and contests.

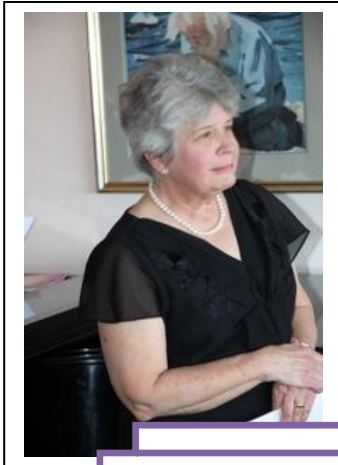
Sign up

to help with the District Conference this fall at CSUDH and the International Convention which will be in the Sacramento area in 2014.

♪ Help wanted

International Convention needs volunteers. Please contact International President Rosemary Ames if you're interested in working for the convention and/or having any ideas.

Pictures from General Meeting on March 24th



Choral Singers from
South High, Torrance
Liz Turner, Director

