



NEWSLETTER

President's Message



We keep hearing awful news reports about terrible incidents of people striking out against others, purposely trying to destroy, to injure, to wreak havoc, to inflict revenge to vent anger and frustration. What a blessing to have the harmony, peace and mutual respect cultivated in Mu Phi Epsilon to counter those hostilities!!! This morning I heard a report about a study conducted in Israel that proved the value of fine, classical music to soothe and thwart aggressive behavior. Classical music, such as Bach's "Air on a G String" was piped onto a school yard during certain periods of time. The children's behavior was monitored during those times and compared with their behavior when classical music was not provided. There was a sharp decline in the amount of bullying and other aggressive behavior during the periods of classical music. Is there any doubt that Mu Phi's foundation of music, friendship and harmony go hand in hand to help establish peaceful relationships, more stable constitutions, more consecrated efforts towards the common good?!

Our Chapter is so very fortunate to be comprised of hard-working, dedicated, creative members who accomplish so much common good. We just enjoyed a marvelous chapter meeting in April, our Scholarship Auditions yielded some very capable winners, **Musica Primavera** will be in a few days and then our **Patrons Dinner** closely follows on **June 1**. All of these to support, expand and celebrate music in our lives, students' lives, in our schools and universities and within our community.

Ruth Cuccia was responsible for providing the program for our chapter meeting on April 14. With her work as our **District Director**, she has become acquainted with the members of the collegiate chapters in both District I and II which she oversees.

CALENDAR

May 11 – 5:30 PM

Musica Primavera

Pat Maki and Lenita McCallum,
Co-Chairs
Home of Dr. Nancy Zinner

May 15

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

May 21 – 10:00 AM

Board Meeting
At Pat Maki's

June 1st – 5:30 PM

Patrons Appreciation Potluck
Dinner
Home of Lenita McCallum

President's message cont.

She had the brilliant idea of inviting these fine young people to provide the program. We had students from Beta Alpha at CSU, Fullerton, from Gamma Sigma at CSUDH, and from the newly reinstated chapter Mu Nu at USC. These young people were a huge hit and we greatly enjoyed hearing them perform and visiting with them over delicious refreshments. When we all sang "The Triangle" together, you would have thought it was heaven on earth.

Emily Lacina did an excellent job of organizing all the details for our annual **Scholarship Auditions** which took place on April 20. Emily had previously made plans to be out of town that day, but **Pat Maki** quickly volunteered to take over for her. Many, many thanks to Emily and Pat! Following last year's disappointing number of applicants, it was decided to hold the auditions in April instead of May and begin distributing the publicity much sooner. The auditions yielded seven winners: first place, Ben Lowe, voice and Cristian Garcia, guitar; second place, Danielle Yi, piano and Diane Lee, clarinet; third place, Joel Rangel, trombone, Anzhela Kushirenko, voice and Josue Sojo, guitar. What an array of instruments! We will enjoy the performances of Ben Lowe and Cristian Garcia at our Patrons Dinner.

By now you have received your invitation to **Musica Primavera** and hopefully you have submitted your reservation to attend. Just in case you are not able to attend this great evening of fun, wines, food and entertainment, please consider making a **donation**. All proceeds from the evening and the **Silent Auction** go into our funds to be distributed to school music programs. And please remember the Silent Auction. We need items for bidding and we need them to be so enticing, they bring forth many bids...and a higher final sale price. Exciting getaways, excursions, tickets to events, musical and other, parties... all these are very popular. If you have slightly used or new items that you think someone else would

enjoy, please get them to **Lenita** for sale at our Mu Phi Mall.

Our final event for the year will be our **Patrons Appreciation Potluck Dinner on June 1, 5:30 pm** at the beautiful new home of David and Lenita. In addition to being entertained by our Scholarship Auditions winners, we will enjoy sampling one another's delicious culinary contributions while we chat and enjoy the happy camaraderie we share. The business meeting will also include the installation of next year's officers and honoring this year's recipient of the Violet Award. A fitting conclusion to a year of successful efforts for the common good!

Darlene



SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS 2013

Congratulations to Emily Lacina and Pat Maki on this very successful project. **Dr. Dane Teter** was an incredible help on the facility. This year's audition was highly competitive and the winners are:

First Place: Ben Lowe
\$1,000 each (CSDUH) vocalist
Cristian Garcia
 (El Camino) classical guitarist

Second Place: Diana Lee
\$750 each (El Camino) clarinetist
Danielle Yi
 (El Camino) piano

Third Place: Anzhela Kushirenko
\$500 each (Harbor College) vocalist
Josue Manuel Sojo
 (Harbor College) classical guitarist
Joel Rangel
 (El Camino) trombone

Sunday, APRIL 14, 2013

Our General Meeting and Foundation
Presentation @ home of Ruth Cuccia

