



# NEWSLETTER

*The Way We Were  
Reminding ourselves  
of where we have been*

## CALENDAR

**December 17 - 10 AM**

Board Meeting at Pat Maki's

**January 4, 2014 - 5 PM**

Chapter Twelfth Night Party

Home of Lenita McCallum

**January 21, 2014 – 10 AM**

Board Meeting

**Friday, February 7 - 7:30 PM**

Musical Mosaic

Rolling Hills United Methodist  
Church

**February 18, 2014 – 10 AM**

Board Meeting

## President's Message

Dear Members and Patrons,

This is essentially a "Letter to Santa" from all those who yearn for what is good and beautiful and worthwhile in life. You are the "Santas" that will deliver wonderful gifts of enrichment, fulfillment and joy to young people, old people, and in-between people, far and wide. Your huge bag of goodies consists of your dedication to supporting music education in our schools, your financial contributions to music students' scholarships, your donations to our Mu Phi fundraisers, your earnest efforts to encourage family, friends, neighbors, and students to participate in and/or attend our events, your active involvement in our activities.

Specifically, we have right now the opportunity to raise additional funds via the Peet's Coffee Fundraiser. This is the easiest possible way to benefit our programs – you go to Peet's at Crenshaw and PCH in the Rolling Hills Plaza, have a cup of something yummy, maybe a little snack, and place a few, or quite a few dollars in the collection basket. Encourage everyone you know to do the same thing. Peet's will match the total amount up to \$1000. The very best time will be the week before Christmas, Dec. 17 – 24.

We are working on plans for a fund raising day at the Veggie Grill in Rolling Hills Plaza. We will inform you of the details when they are set.

Coming up very soon is our annual Musical Mosaic. Not only is this concert a terrific source of income for the grants we award to school music programs, it is an exciting musical adventure for the audience. Some of the musicians are winners of the very prestigious Beverly Hills Auditions, some are

outstanding members of our own chapter, some performers are musical groups from our local schools or music organizations. Be watching your mail in January for flyers and ticket information. The date is Feb. 7, 7:30 pm at the Rolling Hills United Methodist Church. It's a great concert you will be proud to encourage everyone you know to attend!! Certainly Santa is checking his list twice for all those "nice" boys and girls (moms and dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, neighbors) who will be lucky enough to get a ticket in their stocking.

May 10 is the date of our Musica Primavera, a fun al fresco gourmet dining/wine tasting event. This is our other major fund raiser which funds our projects. You enjoy a great evening of entertainment, delicious imbibing, silent auction treasure hunting and in the process help to support music education in our local schools.

We are always happy to welcome new patrons. All that is required to become a patron is enough appreciation for the value of music in our community to be willing to make an annual donation (dues), 100% of which is placed in our Scholarship Fund. Santa will surely be keeping a watchful eye for those who would like to benefit outstanding college music students with financial assistance and who, in turn, receive the benefit of receiving all the chapter communications and invitations to meetings. Send the prospective patron's contact information to Pat Arand, our Patrons Chair.

You are the for-real Santas, with bright jolly faces reflecting the joy of experiencing magnificent music. Instead of a fat belly of jelly, you have a spirit of drive and ambition to accomplish worthy goals; you have a heart of gold because you are willing to put the well-being and welfare of others at the top of your priority lists; your red and white furry suit represents the purity of your motives in accomplishing your tasks with energy and passion; your boots are huge because they belong to those who preceded you; you know you must fill them in order to carry on their important mission.

Sincerely,  
Darlene, on behalf of all the good boys and girls everywhere.

## Founders Day

On Sunday, Nov. 17 we enjoyed one of the loveliest Founders Day Celebrations and Meetings ever! Ramona and Bob Gifford provided their beautiful home, Jan Bunker and Helen Freeborn treated us with delicious refreshments and Maria Jaque and Deborah Aitken charmed us with a jazz suite for flute and piano. Lenée Bilski graciously honored our 20 to 30 year members and presented each with a small carnation bouquet. And, thanks to the battery operated candles David Champion purchased for our chapter, we had no danger of catching anything on fire to disrupt the dignified ceremony!

## Twelfth Night Party

Revellers, get out your party hats and prepare for a festive evening on **Jan. 4, 2014**, at the home of Lenita and David. The fun starts at **5:00** and the attendees will provide the entertainment. You are invited to perform music that reminds you of Holidays during your childhood. Or, you may wish to share memories of a past Christmas, humorous, disastrous or warm and fuzzy. Also bring a gift (white elephant, something new to be re-gifted, etc.) for the gift exchange game. Because everyone likes to eat and drink, bring your own beverage and an item for the potluck supper. Please follow the chart below for the menu category you are to provide.

If your last name starts with:

A,B,C,D:	Salad
E,F,G,H:	Dessert
K,L,M,N,P:	Main dish
R,S,T,V:	Appetizers
W,Y:	Bread or rolls

## Young Performers Showcase

Many thanks to Kris Basua who again very competently organized the Young Performers Showcase on Saturday, Dec. 7 at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Lomita. The accomplished young performers made their teachers proud with their fine performances.



## Awards

The October newsletter included an announcement and information about various awards provided by the Fraternity. These awards are to acknowledge and honor those members who have made major contributions to the Fraternity through their service and/or their accomplishments. Please consult the website for details:

[www.muphiepsilon.org/palosverdes](http://www.muphiepsilon.org/palosverdes). Submit the names of any people you would like to nominate to any board member. For assistance with your individual expansion, you may like to consider applying for the Mary Alice Cox Award for Lifelong earning or the Marian Bowker Davidson Collaborative Pianist Award.

## *Piano for Sale:*

*Chase and Baker, built in 1961, spinet, good condition, with matching bench, \$550. Please call Marion Heron at [310-377-6569](tel:310-377-6569) to arrange to see it.*

