



NEWSLETTER

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

President's Message

Following the exciting, highly successful Musical Mosaic, getting tuned into the plans for Musica Primavera, reviewing the accomplishments so far in commemoration of our Golden Anniversary and laying the foundation for additional celebrations, I cannot help but feel that our chapter is truly a unique and wonderful organization. In fact, because it is so great, I feel motivated to share it with other musicians and music lovers. I hope you feel the same way. At the conclusion of our board meeting this past Tuesday, several people were reminded of individuals they want to invite to become members through Special Election. Our March 2 Chapter Meeting will be a perfect opportunity to invite these and other prospective members. As you will read later in this newsletter, the program will feature members of some of our local collegiate chapters. In showcasing collegiate members, the meeting will exhibit the broad spectrum of our activities...information pertaining to the plans and events of our alumni chapter and our association with the collegiate chapters. So, how about bringing along someone with whom you would like to share the joys and rewards of membership?! To help explain the purposes and aims of Mu Phi, you may obtain brochures describing Mu Phi from our Special Election Chair, Jean Strickland. These are handy to give to prospective members.

CALENDAR

THE NEW, NEW TIME

March 2, 2014 – 7:00 PM

**General Meeting
and
MPE Foundation Presentation**

*Featuring Performances by members of
Mu Nu, Gamma Sigma, Beta Alpha and
Zeta Delta*
Home of Ruth Cuccia

March 15, 2014

**Musical Mosaic Grant
Applications Due**
Send to Carol Levin

March 20, 2014 – 10 AM

Board Meeting

April 5, 2014 – 10AM to 3 PM

Scholarship Auditions
ECC Band Room

April 6, 2014 – 3 PM

General Meeting
Mu Phi Composers of the last 50 years
Home of Mary Feyk

May 10, 2014 – 5:30 PM

Musica Primavera
Home of Dr. Nancy Zinner

President's Message (continued)

We can probably all think of those who share our desire to support public school music education and to promote music in the community. These are the kind of people to invite to become patrons. Their annual donation (dues) and attendance at our events help provide the funds we disperse in the form of scholarships and grants. As we increase our list of patrons, we proportionately increase the funds we have to donate. We also have brochures for prospective patrons.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our March 2 chapter meeting. Due to a conflict with the MTAC Certificate of Merit Evaluation on the same day, we have needed to delay the start of our meeting to 7:00. (This is a second postponement from the 5:00 time which we announced earlier.)

With gratitude for your dedication,

Darlene

MUSICAL MOSAIC

Congratulations and kudos to our resourceful and competent chairpersons Kathy Kerstein and Pat Harpole for planning another splendid Musical Mosaic on Feb. 7. The varied collage of music thrilled the audience with the talent and diversity of the performers. Who would have thought that a saxophone quartet could perform so artistically?!! Our own (three of the four) Prima Divas added charm and humor to their program which totally delighted everyone. Thanks to all of you ticket sellers and purchasers, and to the weather (thank goodness no rain this time,) for providing us with a large and appreciative audience.

Golden Anniversary Celebration

Something as significant as a 50 year anniversary deserves recognition over an extended period of time and in a variety of ways. We have already celebrated with outreach to the musical communities and will soon reveal plans for more inwardly directed commemorations.

Outreach:

Yukiko Sekino, concert pianist, winner of the 2011 International Competition
Feb. 28, 2013, Master Class at El Camino College
Feb. 28, 2013, Recital at CSUDH
Mar. 1, 2013, Recital at El Camino College

Financial donations and chapter publicity
Full page ads in 2013-14 printed concert programs
Beach Cities Symphony
Peninsula Symphony
Los Cancioneros Chorale

These ads provide valuable income for three major performing ensembles in the South Bay, thus enabling them to continue their respective concert series. The ads summarize our chapter's financial assistance in the form of grants and scholarships and inform the public about Mu Phi's purpose and goals.

Inreach:

Theme for the year: "The Way We Were"...Reminding ourselves of where we have been
The programs of all our General Meetings this year, the theme for our Twelfth Night Party and for this year's Musica Primavera hearken back to the time when our chapter was established: Oct. 18, 1964. Nostalgia runs deep and wide.

Gala Chapter Celebration

Keep watching for news about how our chapter will come together to celebrate in a very significant way which will be accessible to all members.

Calling All Members

Do you realize that we have **five (5 !!!!) active collegiate chapters** in the **Pacific Southwest Province** at this point? Would you like to meet some of their members? Then be sure that our next meeting is on your calendar (**March 2 at 7 PM at the home of Ruth Cuccia**). I am so excited to be telling you that we will have performers from Zeta Upsilon, our newest collegiate group from Santa Monica College, Beta Alpha from CSUF, Gamma Sigma of CSUDH, Mu Nu from USC and possibly someone from Zeta Delta from University of LaVerne. Not only will you hear performers but you will get a thumbnail description of their chapters and its activities. I'm hoping for a large attendance of our members to welcome them and to enjoy their talents and the enthusiasm they bring to all things Mu Phi.

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Musica Primavera

The plans that are developing for this enjoyable and profitable fundraiser are shaping up to provide an evening of reminiscences of the past and appreciation for where we are in the present. This is an event you'll want to share...it'll be too good to keep just for yourself. Be thinking now of people you would like added to the invitation list.

International Convention July 29-Aug. 3

Our chapter's major contribution to the convention will be to provide the tote bags. But your assistance is also needed. Please think of some philanthropic individual or business that would possibly underwrite some of the convention expenses. You have previously received the list of convention needy items, although a general donation is also welcome. Those who contribute will receive recognition in the convention booklet. Please contact a board member if you need further information.