



NEWSLETTER

The Way We Were
 Reminding ourselves
 of where we have been

CALENDAR

Saturday May 10, 2014 – 5:30 PM

Musica Primavera

“The Way We Were”

Thursday May 15, 2014

SERV Hours Due

Linnea Eades, Chairperson

Tuesday May 27, 2014 – 10 a.m.

Board Meeting

Saturday June 7, 2014 5:30 p.m.

***Patrons Appreciation Potluck
 Dinner***

Home of Lenita McCallum

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The Way We Were, The Way We Are ... There is no doubt that the way things got started 50 years ago has defined and shaped the ethos of our chapter throughout the ensuing years and placed the stamp of high achievement and success on the present functions and activities of this award winning group of dedicated members. Looking back over the list of Past Presidents, it is remarkable to see that most of those excellent leaders are still actively working in our chapter, embodying the ideals of Mu Phi, serving as models for what exemplifies a Mu Phi. It is greatly due to their continuing interest and involvement in Mu Phi that our chapter has been able to establish excellent fund-raising events, support public school music education in a variety of ways, provide grants and scholarships, attract new members throughout the years who embrace the same aims and ideals. And above all that, the culture of friendship and mutual respect is evident at every meeting, gathering and function. We have so much to celebrate!!!

Celebration is the order of the day for our upcoming events. In a few days we will enjoy looking back through the past and remembering how things were back in the 60’s when our chapter began. We’ll enjoy some of those yummy “comfort foods,” laugh at the outrageous color combinations in décor and dress and roll our eyes over some of the styles. Anyone remember hot pants and Nehru jackets, neon pink, chartreuse and polyester everything, long sideburns and beehive hairdos? Be sure to come to Musica Primavera on May 10 and enjoy the fun! But, in case you cannot, please consider sending a donation, since all the proceeds go towards preserving the future of music through exposing our young people to music through education and participation.

On June 7 we will be treated to performances by our top Scholarship Auditions winners. Thanks to our Patrons' generous donations (dues) we are able to award promising college music students financial support in addition to the encouragement such an honor brings. Not only do the auditions assist the college students, they provide proof of the need for and effectiveness of music education and experience in their earlier years. The scene of celebration is our annual Patrons Appreciation Dinner to be held at the commodious and lovely home of Lenita and David Witherspoon. In addition to a brief business meeting we will have the installation of officers for the next year. Dinner will be thanks to all attend. Please check elsewhere in this newsletter for potluck assignments. Kindly RSVP to Lenita or Darlene by June 3.

Although the International Convention this summer, July 29 through August 2, is not dedicated to celebrating our chapter's Golden Anniversary, it is certainly a celebration of Mu Phi: *Music, Harmony and Friendship*. We will enjoy great performances, harmoniously work through the issues in the business meetings, be stimulated and inspired by presentations from world-renowned musicians and relish the interaction with new and old friends. Please plan to attend – it's so close this year in Sacramento. Send in your registration forms both for the convention and the hotel. If you are interested in carpooling and/or sharing a room, contact me. There is already someone on the list waiting to link up with another.

Finally, our biggest, grandest celebration of all will be the party we are planning which will be the official 50 Year Anniversary Commemoration. It will take place on January 11, 2015, not exactly the date of October 18, 1964 when our chapter was founded, but it will be in the same location, the lovely, historic La Venta Inn in Palos Verdes Estates. Please mark your calendar now so that nothing will interfere with your attendance. Keep watching for further news throughout the remainder of this year. We think you will be very pleased with the plans.

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“The Way We Were”

Wine, Music & Silent Auction

Home of Dr. Nancy Zinner

Saturday May 10, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

A lot is happening as we draw closer to our big day next weekend (the 10th)

Reservations are coming in at a healthy pace so make sure you have reserved your place by either sending them in to David Champion or by emailing him to pay at the door. *If the entrance fee is too steep for your budget, contact me and we'll see what we can do in exchange for some help with the event. We want everyone to participate and not stay away because of the cost.*

Silent Auction items appear daily at my door and in my email in box. We're still taking items for it and the Mu Phi Mall.

Can you cook? Help set up? Work during the event? (We try to give everyone a job that doesn't last for the entire event so you can enjoy yourself and your friends too)

There's probably a way for everyone to join in the fun so don't hesitate. That's the Way We Are (Were).

Lenita McCallum

Patrons Appreciation Potluck Dinner

Saturday, June 7, 2014 5:30 p.m.

Home of Lenita McCallum

Scholarship Winners Performance

Installation of Officers

Cameo – Carla Sedlacek

*Hostesses: Mary Herzbrun, Lina Lee,
Bee-De Lim*

The potluck will be a tantalizing array of culinary masterpieces, provided by you, our creative and competent chefs (or perhaps by your favorite bakery or ...?) Please bring your contribution according to the schedule of your last name beginning with the following letter:

A, B,C, D: Dessert

E, F, G Appetizer

H, K, L, M, N, P, R: Main Dish

S, T, V :Salad

W, Y: Bread or rolls

**Please RSVP to Lenita or Darlene by
Tuesday, June 3rd**

Then – And NOW!



Mary Feyk was born in San Francisco in 1931, came to Southern California on a boat at the age of two weeks and has lived here since, except for five years on the Island of Java, in Indonesia. Her father was a singer and her mother a pianist and

Mary's interest in music started early. She began teaching piano at age 14, and became Assistant Organist at St. Timothy's Church in Westwood at age 15. She played piano and organ for several years at church services at the Veteran's Administration in Westwood, until she graduated from college at UCLA. She received her B.A. in music in 1953, studying with Guy Maier, Jan Popper and Lukas Foss, among other instructors. While at UCLA she joined Phi Nu Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon.

After a secretarial job, she lived in Indonesia, with her husband and oldest daughter, and then returned to Torrance, where her second daughter was born. She then began teaching piano, eventually to a large group of students. She taught piano and music theory in her home as well as Group Piano at Harbor College and Applied Music for Marymount College. Her specialty was teaching piano readiness to groups of four- to six-year-old children, using a piano lab in her home. Her older students studied computerized music theory. She judges every year for National Piano Guild auditions. She enjoys choral singing, but always seemed to end up playing either piano or organ, eventually leading to a full-time organ job at San Pedro United Methodist Church. She now sings in the Sanctuary Choir at Rolling Hills United Methodist Church. She joined Palos Verdes Alumni Chapter in 1968 and became President of the Chapter in 1975. The 10th Anniversary of the Chapter occurred during her presidency and it was celebrated at the Plush Pony Restaurant in Redondo Beach. During that time we had a fundraising concert once a month at the Torrance Library, supported by Mobil Oil Company Foundation.

Mary is semi-retired but still teaches piano to a small group of students, including grandchildren. She enjoys walking each morning, and gardening in her spare time.