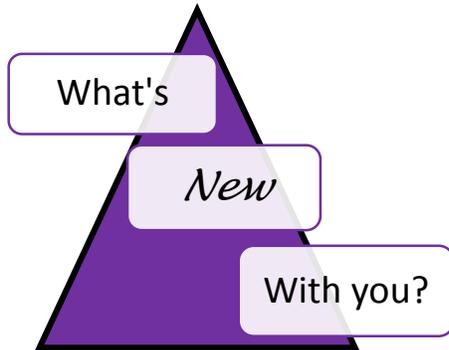




NEWSLETTER



CALENDAR

Saturday, Dec. 6, - 3 PM

Please note change in time

Young Performers Showcase
St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Lomita

Tuesday, Dec. 9 – 10 AM

Board Meeting, home of Pat Maki

Peet's Coffee Fundraiser

Week of Dec. 18-24

Peet's Coffee in Rolling Hills Plaza
(Crenshaw and PCH)

Sunday, Jan. 11, - 4:30 PM

50th Anniversary Celebration
La Venta Inn, PVE

Friday, Feb. 6, - 7:30 PM

Musical Mosaic
Rolling Hills United Methodist Church

President's Message

The days slip by so quickly; we have gone through at least three seasons within the last week; we have all spent a day being especially grateful and hopefully feasting on what we consider a favorite meal, whether the traditional turkey with all its accompaniments, or delicious Chinese dishes with their savory flavorings or perhaps tamales and Spanish rice, or maybe something entirely non-traditional to any culture. Some may have even braved the crowds and traffic to benefit from the Black Friday bargains. The important thing is that even in spite of a drought, a heat wave, and extremely dangerous fire conditions, we set aside a day to focus on the gratitude we all must feel for the blessings we enjoy.

However, when we see all the problems around us right here in our community, the flare ups, threats and violence in the world, the lack of equal treatment and respect for all, regardless of color, race, religion or sex, still here in our country and throughout the world, it's easy to get discouraged and essentially give up on humanity ever being universally and permanently improved. But that pessimistic approach usually leads down a dark and dangerous road from which there is no easy return. So, are we not so very grateful that we have an antidote to this morbid thinking by raising our voice in hearty song to the inspired words of "Our Triangle."

*Oh tell us what this life would be if it were
not for song,*

*For music soothes the troubled heart,
and makes our courage strong.*

*But sad would all our music be if we knew
not a friend.*

*Our lives would very lonely be, our cares
would never end.*

*With Music, Friends and Harmony, our lives
are filled with power,
As music send us on our paths, and brightens
ev'ry hour.
Mu Phi, Mu Phi, Mu Phi Epsilon!*

The encouraging message that sends us on our paths to support and present that music that soothes the troubled heart does succeed in brightening the hours for the givers and receivers. We bless and are blessed in return. This chapter of dedicated members who strive so hard to expose school children to the wonders of fine music, who work consistently to earn the funds to assist public schools' music education programs, to creatively program engaging musical events for the community, who lead their lives in accord with the ideals of our Fraternity's Aims and Creed, these wonderful members shine like beacons wherever they are to guide humanity up toward the stars of brotherly love, kindness, sincerity and harmony, "the essence of a true and happy life."

Thank you, Members of Palos Verdes/South Bay Alumni Chapter, for all the good you are living and doing.

Musically and lovingly yours,
Darlene

Young Performers Showcase

Sat., Dec. 6 at 3 PM
St. Mark's Presbyterian Church,
24027 Pennsylvania Blvd.
Lomita, 90717

Don't miss this great performance! The church is located just one block east of Crenshaw and north of Lomita Blvd. All participating teachers are to bring refreshments for the reception. All are encouraged to attend this special celebration of the accomplishments of our members' students.

Gala 50th Anniversary Celebration



Sunday, January 11, 2015, 4:30 PM

La Venta Inn, Palos Verdes Estates

Watch for the invitations due to arrive soon in the mail. Please reach out to other Mu Phi's to attend. The Mu Phi's do not need to be affiliated with our chapter. Non-Mu Phi spouses and "significant others" are most welcome. Should anyone feel the \$65 per person is too steep, please contact our Treasurer, David Champion. We do not want anyone excluded because of a financial hardship.

The entertainment for our Golden Anniversary will feature violinist, Jorge Avila, a former International Competition Winner who is enjoying a very successful career in New York. In addition, we are fortunate to add to the program the talents of another International Competition Winner, cellist Marek Szapdiewicz. They will be joined by pianist Kenner Bailey in the performance of "A Golden Celebration" composed by LA Alumni Chapter member, Adrienne Albert, and especially commissioned by the Mu Phi Foundation for celebrating its Golden Anniversary and performed at our International Convention last summer. This is an event so full of spectacular music, renewed friendships, nostalgic memories, and delicious food you will not want to miss!!! Parking at La Venta Inn is provided by complimentary valet service, so no worries about trying to park and walk half a mile.

Peet's Coffee Fundraiser

Enjoy delicious coffee or tea, yummy bakery treats and place a donation in the basket or with an employee at the Peet's Coffee in Rolling Hills Plaza (Crenshaw and PCH) during the week of Dec. 18-24. Peet's will again match our donations up to \$1000. It's the easiest way to add to our funds!! Encourage everyone you know to participate. They don't even have to like coffee or tea, just have them pop into Peet's and drop their donation in the pot and go off with a happy heart knowing they have helped a school's music program. If you have students who are able to perform during that week, please contact Pat Maki to get on the schedule.

For Your Musical Development:

There is a contest and two awards that should be of interest to you. The contest is for an original composition submitted in either Class A for large works with no time limit, award of \$350; or in Class B which is a work in any form for instrument(s) or voice(s), up to six minutes in length, award of \$250.

The two awards are the Collaborative Pianist Award and the Mary Alice Cox Award for Lifelong Learning. The Collaborative Pianist Award is for a collaborative keyboard performer and its purpose is to develop performance skills, support further non-academic study, or to facilitate a special project. The MA Cox Award is for an alumni member to use in continuing or renewing development or for a mid-career transition in any field of professional music, such as performance, composition, pedagogy, education, music therapy, music administration, music technology. This development could be in producing a CD or acquiring or increasing your involvements in music technology as it applies to your current field or a new field or gaining the expertise to modify the focus of your musical efforts by branching into a different field.

The applications with more detailed descriptions are attached to this newsletter.

Congratulations!

Our heartfelt congratulations to our colleagues in the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter for their commemoration of Founders Day by presenting an outstanding concert to their community. Several of our members attended and/or participated and the reports were jubilant regarding the success of the concert.

New District Director!

Jane Davidson, the past president of Mu Nu, the newly re-instated collegiate chapter at USC, has been named as the District Director of our Pacific Southwest Province. Jane replaces Ruth Cuccia who is now the IEB 3rd Vice President, Alumni Advisor.

Holiday Concert

CSUDH is now an "All Steinway School" and to commemorate this prestigious honor, there will be a Holiday Concert featuring the thrilling duo pianists, Anderson and Roe. These amazing musicians performed at the MTAC Convention last summer and at the MTNA National Conference two years ago, wowing their audiences. You are invited to attend! The concert is Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 PM in the University Theatre. RSVP to mridgle@csudh.edu as soon as possible, since seating is limited.



Remember - Bring a qualified prospective Mu Phi member to a meeting or event and receive a Peet's Coffee gift card!