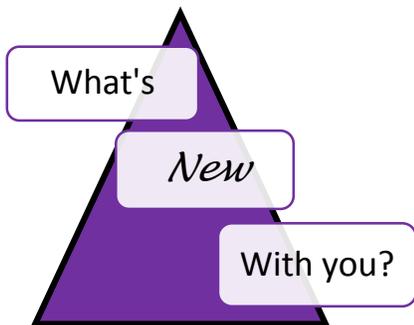




NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Although our fabulous 50 Year Anniversary Celebration and another glorious Musical Mosaic are behind us, we are by no means in a state of decline. As blossoms and flowers are beginning to brighten the fields and gardens around us, so this spring's stimulating and inspiring events are being cultivated and nurtured by our super-conscientious gardener-chairs. The seeds for each upcoming meeting and event have been planted, the sunshine of Mu Phi love has compelled them to germinate and sprout, the nutrients of scholarship and musicianship have shaped their growth and the harmony of true friendship will determine their successful unfoldment. Although springtime in Southern California is not the vibrant re-awakening of earth's charms as is the case in other climates, still at this time of year we enjoy a greater abundance of brilliant florescence accompanied by the sweet fragrance of orange blossoms and jasmine. And as most of our vegetation does not go dormant in the winter months, neither has our chapter. While in other climates the trees and bushes are drab and gray, ours fill the landscape with every imaginable shade of green. And so it is with our chapter...newness and freshness but consistently based on the principles of our Fraternity. Because we present, encourage, enable and enjoy glorious music year round, this spring will not be a great renaissance, but will be continuing down the garden path of budding inspiration, blossoming ideals and unfolding musical events, each unique in its expression of color, texture, size and tone.

This month's meeting, as new and fresh as the spring air, will be an innovative departure from the norm, albeit, a bit of an experiment. We will meet at noon for lunch, followed by a short meeting, then a program presented by collegiate members from colleges in our Pacific Southwest Province. We have greatly enjoyed hearing and visiting with collegiates the last couple of years and

CALENDAR

Saturday March 28th – Noon

Chapter Meeting

Home of Mary Feyk

Co-hosts and hostesses: Ruth Cuccia,

Wendy Reyes, Julio Sequeira

Lunch will be served: Cost \$5

RSVP to Darlene Vlasek & Lenita

McCallum

Saturday May 16th

Musica Primavera

June 6th

Patrons Appreciation

Dinner and Recital

Mu Phi Epsilon – Palos Verdes/South Bay
Mar. 28 will be another occasion to recognize their talent, hear what they are accomplishing and learn about their aims and ambitions. It is part of our responsibility as an alumni chapter to support the collegiate members in our area and giving them the opportunity to perform is one of the best means of support we can provide, short of handing them a ready-made career. Please plan to come for lunch, which you do not need to provide, and share a couple of hours of warm and meaningful camaraderie plus listening to and interacting with delightful students, who, frankly hold the future of music in their hands.

We have another meeting in April with a program by violist Annie Reed (all viola jokes are strictly prohibited on that day.) Scholarship Auditions, open to all college students enrolled in our local colleges, will be held on April 11 at El Camino College. Then, in the twinkling of an eye, it will be May 16, the date of our Musica Primavera. Be sure to check out the information about this exciting event elsewhere in this newsletter. Meanwhile, reserve that date for a festive evening creatively exploring various aspects of Asian Cultures. The food will be delicious, too. The culmination of an extraordinary year will be June 6, our Patrons Appreciation Dinner and Recital by this year's Scholarship Auditions Winners.

Luncheon and Chapter Meeting

Mar. 28 at 12:00
Home of Mary Feyk
Program by Collegiate Members
Co-hosts and hostesses: Ruth Cuccia, Wendy Reyes, Julio Sequeira
Lunch will be served: Cost \$5
RSVP to Darlene Vlasek & Lenita McCallum

This meeting at Mary Feyk's home is set for Saturday, March 28, at noon and will provide you with lunch and a program provided by our collegiate members from the various chapters in SoCal. Put it on your calendars so we have a good audience.

March 17, 2015

Musica Primavera

Pat Maki and I are excitedly working on Musica Primavera event based on the theme "Asian Fusion" with generous help from those with Asian heritage in our chapter. But we want you all to feel a part of this event so we're putting out the help needed sign a bit earlier than usual.

Does anyone have access to travel awards, excess frequent flyer miles or similar? Last year we benefitted from the safari trip bidding and would like to offer a similar prize this year. Can you or someone you know help out with this?

Also any sort of Asian themed item that would be suitable for the Raffle is sought.

We are also encouraging any of you who have native dress to come dressed in them to add to the festive air.

Items needed for table decorations include fans, lanterns, flowers associated with the far east including cherry blossoms, plum blossoms, orchids (silk or real).

We'll keep you posted as time nears with other requests for help with food, set up, etc. In the meantime be sure you have the date on your calendar (May 16) and tell your friends.

You can email me at LBANDCB@COX.NET with any items you are willing to let us use or donate.

A sad note from IEB President Rosemary Ames: Roberta White O'Connell, International President of Mu Phi Epsilon from 1983 to 1986 at the age of 92, passed away on February 4. Prior to serving as President, Roberta was our Executive Secretary/Treasurer for many, many years. Her love and dedication to Mu Phi Epsilon were inspiring.

Additional sad news is that our former member and past president from 1968-69, Janette Moote, passed away on Jan. 8. A memorial service was held Mar. 7 in Long Beach. You may commemorate her by donating to our Memorial Fund. Please send contributions to our treasurer, David Champion.

Musical Mosaic Follow-up:

Our amazing team of Pat Harpole and Kathy Kerstein did it again. We and our appreciative audience were treated to another program featuring outstanding young talent, exuberant in their expressions of music, whether “old school” or contemporary. Although two groups had to cancel at almost the last minute, Pat and Kathy were able to fill their places with our own Jan Bunker and her sister Jill, whose comedic routine delighted the audience, and a return performance by the City of Angels Saxophone Quartet, again amazing us with their artistry. We were proud and thrilled to hear Deborah Aitken’s exciting and virtuosic performance of Granados’ “Spanish Dance” and Villa-Lobos’ “Minstrel Impressions.” We were first enchanted, then brought to tears by the duets from “La Traviata” and “West Side Story” as magnificently sung by Melinda Ehrlich and Joseph Lopez. Our member, Liz Turner, showed how wonderfully capable she is as director of the choruses at South Bay High School. The Southland Singers were a new group to our Mosaic and truly impressed us with their excellent performance of two outstanding LA based composers, Morton Lauridsen and Shawn Kirchner. The evening’s finale was a thrilling group which calls themselves The Wyman Project, named after composer and arranger Ryan Wyman. Everyone’s assessment was that Ryan Wyman is an extraordinarily gifted composer and pianist.

All-in-all, another artistically and financially successful Musical Mosaic, thanks to Pat and Kathy and their team of helpers, Gordon Goldberg: publicity and programs, tickets: Mary Feyk, ads: Ramona Gifford and Pearl Kim, flowers: Noriko Sato, reception chairs: Kris Basua and Debra Shrader and all the hostesses and contributors of reception goodies.

Remember - Bring a qualified prospective Mu Phi member to a meeting or event and receive a

Peet's Coffee gift card!

Nominating Committee Report:

The Nominating Committee has found the following members for next year's Board:

President - Julio Sequeira
Assistant President - Wendy Reyes
Vice Presidents - Pat Maki, Lenita McCallum
Treasurer - David Champion
Assistant Treasurer - Ruth Cuccia
Recording Secretary - Maurice Suhre
Newsletter Editor - Nancy Carr
Newsletter Secretary - Carla Sedlacek
Historian - Wendy Reyes
Assistant Historian - Noriko Sato
Steward - Helen Freeborn
Chorister - Mary Feyk
Chaplain - Linnea Eades
Schools Liaison - Ramona Gifford
Past President - Darlene Vlasek

Personal Items and Announcements

Master Voice Course for All Levels Presented by Annette Warren Smith

If you want to learn to sing here is your opportunity. Annette has over 60 years of experience as a master teacher and performance coach. This ongoing course in segments of six weeks is designed to inspire and improve anyone who loves to sing.

Where: Annette Smith’s Studio in
Rancho Palos Verdes

When: Saturdays beginning April 18 1 – 3 p.m.

Fee: \$150.00

Registration: call: [310-541-2258](tel:310-541-2258) or
email: annwoud@cox.net

Musical Mosaic - February 6, 2015



The Champions selling tickets



Darlene Vlasek welcoming the crowd



Deborah Aitken introducing her pieces



Mary Feyk and Debra Schrader



Jan Bunker, Jill Jaxx and Gail Gerding Mellert



The Southland Singers



Kathy Kerstein



The Wyman Project