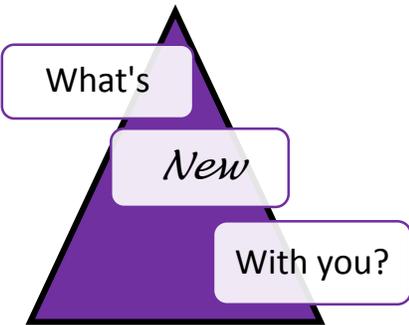




NEWSLETTER



President's Message

As the academic year is winding up for its grand fanfares to conclude another year of splendid musical events, experiences, opportunities and celebrations, our Mu Phi chapter is likewise winding up for our grand finales. We have one more general meeting this month before our final celebration honoring our Patrons, showcasing our Scholarship Auditions Winners and installing our new Officers. Sandwiched between these two meetings is our second fundraising yearly event, our Musica Primavera.

Elsewhere in this newsletter are details about our April 25 meeting featuring violist Annie Reed, a report on the Scholarship Auditions and updates on the plans for Musica Primavera.

Our luncheon meeting on March 28 at the home of Mary Feyk was a rousing success. We had a good turnout of members and patrons, a delicious buffet lunch, a great exchange of information and ideas with delightful collegiate chapter members and a very enjoyable program presented by three collegiates. Our very inventive Lenita came up with a fun and successful plan to get everyone better acquainted and to mix up the alums and collegiates. We were each randomly partnered with someone with whom we were to engage in conversation, according to our theme this year: finding out "what's new with you." The conversations were lively and truly helpful in making us feel better connected with one another and knowing a bit more of what is going on in other people's lives.

Our member, Teddy Greenwald, gave a thorough and enthusiastic report on the Mu Phi Foundation and the scholarships, awards and grants it provides. She encouraged everyone to consider applying for some of these opportunities. I believe this was especially helpful for the collegiate members to hear but of benefit to all of us as well. Please go the Foundation website to obtain details: www.mpefoundation.org. Your long held desire

CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 21, 10 AM
Board Meeting
 Home of Pat Maki

Sat., April 25, 4:00 PM
April Meeting
 Home of Annette Smith
 Co-Hostesses: Linnea Eades, LaVerne McCoy
 Performer: Annie Reed, violist

Saturday, May 16
Musica Primavera

Tuesday, May 19, 10 AM
Board Meeting
 Home of Pat Maki

Saturday, June 6
Patrons Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, May 19, 10 AM
Board Meeting
 Home of Pat Maki

Mu Phi Epsilon – Palos Verdes/South Bay
to make some changes in your career or put together a musical project or to advance yourself in some way may finally be realized if you take advantage of one of the grants or receive one of the awards. It's worth a try!!

Before the musical program began, representatives from Beta Alpha and Gamma Sigma spoke about their collegiate chapters and activities. They agreed to share with us their calendars of upcoming events, which you have received via last week's series of emails. Hopefully some of us will be able to attend some of their functions and recitals. It was a fine opportunity for the collegiates to witness the camaraderie, joy and energy of our chapter's members and for us to hear of the dreams and aspirations of the young musicians. Then we were treated to their performances: two lovely and talented singers and another amazing composition by Bronson Buskett. What an enjoyable afternoon!

Our Mu Phi chapter is so very alive and progressive! Let's keep up the momentum and continue our efforts to support music education, but just as important, to keep up our love and joy of our own involvements in music, whether we are teachers, performers, avid listeners or all three!!

With love of music and love for you,
Darlene

April Meeting

This Saturday afternoon we have another opportunity to hear two of our younger collegiate or post-collegiate members perform. Violist Annaliese Ippolito Reed, who is in the Master's Program at CSU Long Beach will perform for us along with her husband, Dashiel Reed who will accompany her on the piano. Both are recent graduates of the University of the Pacific. Dashiel is studying film scoring at USC. This promises to be an exciting event where we will find out "What's New with You" from someone else in our chapter. Beginning at 4 PM, this is the perfect way to end the week. Please join us at Annette Smith's studio at 30015 Avenida Elegante in RPV. Co-hostesses are Linnea Eades and LaVerne McCoy.

April 21, 2015

Scholarship Auditions Report

Below are the winners of our Scholarship Auditions held Saturday, April 11, 2015 at El Camino College. The event was masterfully chaired by Emily Lacina to whom we owe our sincere thanks for her thoroughness and professionalism.

Bronson Buskett, composition, CSUDH \$800

Gabriella Chea, voice, El Camino College \$500

Pauline Tamale, voice, El Camino College \$500

José Torres, flute, El Camino College \$400

Armando Wood, double bass, El Camino College \$400

Alexandria Jackson, voice, El Camino College \$200

Frank Ramirez, Bb clarinet, El Camino College \$200

There were 19 applicants: 4 from CSUDH, 2 from Harbor College and 13 from El Camino College. The judges were Jean Cobb, Mary Feyk and Pat Harpole. The judges did an outstanding job of writing perceptive, constructive comments for each student. Emily's goal was to make the auditions a positive learning experience for the students and these judges made it possible!

Our chapter owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Dane Teter who provided the facility and set up at El Camino College, thus saving us the cost of renting a facility and to Pat Maki who provided parking passes and lunch for the judges.

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



Musica Primavera

“Asian Fusion” the 2015 title of our Musica Primavera, is just around the corner. Can you believe it?

To be able to feature the food, music and customs of Japan, China and Korea, Pat Maki and I have been meeting with members from the various countries that they represent and we can promise delicious food, an interesting, educational and festive program of events.

We’re asking that every member of the chapter assist with this event in some way.

Tickets: First of all, purchase tickets for your own use and invite friends to this festive event. Additional invitations are available from Lenita or she will mail them out for you if you provide an address. (lbandcb@cox.net)

Silent Auction: new or nearly new items are sought to make this a bidding feast for those attending. Last year’s promise of an African safari increased our bottom line generously and we are still looking for big ticket items, such as vacations, time shares, so keep this in mind if you have access to anything like that. Please let Lenita know about what you have ASAP. It’s helpful to know the value of what you are donating and any background that might encourage bidding.

Mu Phi Mall is where we sell items of lesser value. Often musical items find their way to this table but we’re open to gently used and new pieces for these tables.

Provide food: Pat Maki can tell you what we need and how to make it if you need recipes or instructions

Helpers at the event: We do invite High School students to help us at the event but many hands are needed, so join the serving waiters, kitchen crew, or sell raffle tickets, if that’s your bent.

Set Up (Tables and Chairs) the day before and the day of the event:

The day before is the heavy lifting day with younger backs and stronger bodies needed.

Saturday AM is decorating time, setting tables, lots of hands needed then; just show up and we’ll put you to work, (but we do need to know you are coming) 9-noon, or any part thereof.

Saturday PM we set out the Silent Auction and Mu Phi Mall items, about four people are needed then. 1-4 PM

Clean Up and put away – Right after the event and Sunday afternoon following.

Personal Items and Announcements

If you have a personal item to publicize or a non-Mu Phi event to advertise or even an object to sell, please feel free to send it to Nancy Carr for inclusion in our Personal Items and Announcements section of the newsletter. Our aim is to support one another.

Upcoming Concerts

Sat., May 3 at 7 PM

“Mass of the Children” by John Rutter
El Camino College Concert Choir, Chorale
Joanna Nacheff, director
Kenner Bailey, pianist
Marsee Auditorium
Tickets \$10 at EC Ticket Office
Or online at www.centerforthearts.org

Sat., May 9 at 3 PM

El Camino College Symphony Orchestra
Dane Teter, director
Marsee Auditorium
Tickets \$10 at EC Ticket Office
Or online at www.centerforthearts.org

Sat., May 9 at 8 PM

“I’m Gonna Sing”
Featuring Puccini’s “Messa di Gloria,”
Choral selections by Rutter, Whitaker, Shank,
Hogan, Gibbs
Campus Theatre
Tickets \$10 at EC Ticket Office
Or online at www.centerforthearts.org

Sat., Nov. 21

District Conference
University of California at Irvine