



NEWSLETTER

What's

New

With you?

CALENDAR

Saturday, June 6, 2015 – 5:30 pm

Patrons Appreciation Potluck Dinner

Scholarship Winners Performance

Installation of officers

Home of Lenita and David Witherspoon

Sunday, June 14, 7 pm

Los Cancioneros Concert

Armstrong Theatre, \$25

Joanna Nachev's final concert as Artistic

Director

Tuesday, June 16, 10 AM

Board Meeting

Home of Pat Maki

Reminders:

Your **SERV hours** are due now to Linnea Eades.

Please fill out the **Volunteer Questionnaire** and bring to the Patrons Dinner or email or US mail to Darlene.

If you wish to make a **personal or professional announcement**, please submit to Nancy Carr for inclusion in our Personal Ads column.

President's Message

As the last sands in an hourglass rush through the narrow channel down to the bottom of the glass, seeming to accelerate as they go, so these months since our Golden Anniversary Celebration have seemed to accelerate towards the end of the academic year. (Sounds like the beginning of a soap opera, full of melodrama...read on and judge for yourself.) Here we are with Memorial Day weekend heralding the beginning of summer. The year is ending and it seems like it scarcely began. Which is it, déjà vu or tempus fugit or, as my family likes to joke, déjà vu all over again.

It has been an extraordinary year most especially due to the magnificent 50 year celebration of our chapters' founding on Jan. 11 at La Venta Inn, the very same place it started it 1964. Much careful planning spanning five years culminated in a grand party we shall not forget. In November our Founders Day Celebration reviewed the objectives of Mu Phi, thus reminding us of why we wanted to become Mu Phi's; our Musical Mosaic in February introduced us to fabulous new talent and treated us to performances by several of our own accomplished members; we had the opportunity to interact with several collegiate members at our March meeting and enjoyed their performances; just last week was our Musica Primavera, our second major FUNdraiser...a great fun evening for our guests but a whole lot of work for the chairs. These are just the highlights of this eventful year. In addition, we had inspired monthly programs, a lovely Young Performers Showcase, successful, easy fundraising via Peet's Coffee during the Holidays, Scholarship Auditions for qualified college students, awarding of grants to worthy music education projects and monthly board meetings which were held come rain or shine.

The final event of this academic year is our Patrons Appreciation Potluck Dinner on Saturday, June 6, 5:30

Mu Phi Epsilon – Palos Verdes/South Bay pm at the home of Lenita and David Witherspoon. We will hear performances by the top three winners of our Scholarship Auditions, we will present the Violet Award to a deserving member and we will thank the outgoing board and install the new officers. Please see details elsewhere in this newsletter.

At our Patrons Dinner, there will be a changing of the guard, a passing of the gavel to a new president, Julio Sequeira. To Julio, I wish you the same cooperation and independent initiative of the board as I have enjoyed. I wish you excellent chairpersons to plan successful events; I wish you increasing participation of our membership; I wish you community support for our fundraisers. In short, I wish your presidency to be as free of challenges, as rich in rewarding experiences, as successful in raising funds as mine has been.

Serving as our chapter president these past five years has been as easy and smooth as a presidency could possibly be. I thank our wonderful board members who have accomplished the duties of their position with competence and punctuality. I thank all the chair persons who likewise have performed their tasks properly and without need of supervision. I thank the members and patrons of our chapter for their participation in and support of our events. Overall, I am grateful for the experience of serving Mu Phi and being in association with dedicated, hard-working, creative individuals. I'm about to pass the torch, but will retain light from that torch which will bless me forever.

With love for music, for Mu Phi and for you,

Darlene

May 28, 2015

Patrons Appreciation Potluck Dinner

Scholarship Auditions Winners

Installation of Officers

Saturday, June 6, 5:30 pm

Home of Lenita and David Witherspoon

RSVP to Lenita or to Darlene

9:00 am set up workers and clean up: Wendy Reyes, Julio Sequeira
Co-Hosts, Hostesses: Noriko Sato, Ann Terrill, Paul Irving, Carla Sedlacek, Bee-De Lim, Leslie Sharp

Our dinner is guaranteed to be delicious, since you will undoubtedly prepare your favorite recipe. **Please provide the type of dish according to the first letter of your last name:**
(Members only, not Patrons)

A, B, C, D: Salad
F, G, R, S, T: Main Dish
H, K, L: Appetizer
M, N, P, V, Y: Dessert
E, V: Bread or Rolls

The evening's schedule:

5:30 Arrival
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Scholarship Auditions Winners Recital
Brief Business Meeting
Installation of 2015-2016 Board
Violet Award
8:00 Dessert

Items remaining from our Silent Auction and Mu Phi Mall will be for sale, so come prepared to get some great treasures at bargain prices.

Bring a non-member who is qualified for membership and receive a Peet's Coffee gift card

Come meet our scholarship winners and grant recipients online!

Visit our website.

<http://www.muphiepsilon.org/palosverdes/202-pvsbscholarshipwinners>

<http://www.muphiepsilon.org/palosverdes/204-ourgrants-to-schools>

<http://www.muphiepsilon.org/palosverdes/>
(home page)

Musica Primavera

Last Saturday evening, May 16, we were transported to the lands of Panda bears, beautiful gardens, Bonsai plants, snow covered peaks, gentle breezes, peaceful landscapes, colored lanterns, busy cities, bright Neon lights and the Year of the Sheep. Our Asian Fusion theme was spectacularly realized through the creativity, imagination, research, inspiration and plain old hard work of our two miracle working chairs, Lenita McCallum and Pat Maki.

Pat planned, shopped, tested recipes, organized sous-chefs, cooked, baked, arranged for and supervised student volunteers, acquired auction items, managed the wine-tasting, cleaned up and, in short, completely wore herself out. But everything was delicious and certainly not the usual Americanized Asian food.

Lenita designed and printed all the invitations and programs, planned and acquired the delightful and clever decorations, arranged for the entertainment, gathered items for the Silent Auction and Mu Phi Mall and arranged their display and did the major part of the evening's decorating, set up and clean up. She too, is exhausted from the intense labor.

Of course, there were many others who assisted Pat and Lenita, but by far, the two of them bore the burden of preparation and work. We owe them both our huge appreciation. But, if we continue Musica Primavera, or something similar as a major fundraiser, the work load must be distributed more fairly among our members.

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.

The evening was overall, a glorious success. We are again indebted to Dr. Nancy Zinner for allowing us the use of her commodious kitchen and garden. The entertainment was spectacular. Sixteen year-old Christine Yu wowed us with her performance on the guzheng (a Chinese zither); Shirley Ho's beautiful soprano voice filled the evening air with the lovely strains of two Chinese folk songs, ably accompanied by Lois Tai; we were enchanted with the performances of Yoko Awaya on the koto and Yuki Hamamichi playing the flute as they swept us away to springtime in Japan and the beautiful cherry blossoms as we heard "Spring Sea" and "Sakura."

It truly was a beautiful evening; even the weather cooperated. The proceeds will be used to help finance music education in our public schools and local colleges. Thank you to everyone who attended, who contributed items for the Silent Auction and Mu Phi Mall, who assisted with the physical arrangements, who baked and cooked, who purchased items.

Steinway Piano for sale

This piano has been completely restored, virtually a new instrument with amazing tone and touch. It is a Model B (7") that is the original design Steinway used for the 150th Anniversary Edition Model B (It is no longer available).

Bruce Stevens [562-335-8281](tel:562-335-8281)



MUSICA PRIMAVERA



Beautiful Backyard of Nancy Zinner



Yoko Aways and Yuki Hamamichi



Christine Yu





Hardworking Lenita



Bottoms up!

