



MU PHI EPSILON

CALENDAR

Casting the Net From Shore to Shore

Sunday, October 22nd, 2017

@2:00 PM

Home of Darlene Vlasek

Program: Elizabeth Kerstein, Mezzo Soprano

Co-Hostess: Noriko Sato, Akiko Dohi,

Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 24th, 2017

@10:00 am.

Home of Pat Maki

Founder's Day

Recognition of Members for 50+ years How the "Net" Caught Them

Saturday, November 11th, 2017

@3:00 PM

Home of Carla Sedlacek

Honoring: Linnea Eades, Mary Feyk, Helen

Freeborn, Beth Howell, Pearl Kim, Florine

Lambert, Lenita McCallum, June Nelson

Program: Dr. Hanson Caldwell speaking about
her book on Jester Hairson

Co-Hostesses: Debra Shrader and LaVerne M.
McCoy

Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 21st, 2017

@TBA

Home of Pat Maki

Newsletter Deadline

President's Message

Great conversation, great music, really good food (and lots of it) and many, many awards handed out celebrating our dedicated members and chapter awards earned by many with efforts led by Julio and Wendy Sequeira, a successful Silent Auction netting \$755 to help fund our many musical philanthropy requests...I think that pretty well describes our September potluck. A good start to a new year of meetings, interesting programs and service to our musical community. Thank you to Ramona, Elizabeth, Pat, Emily, Anli, Julio and Wendy for doing the hostessing work.

Since then everyone should have received their directory as they were prepared for mailing by Carla Sedlacek, Linda Cohen and LaVerne McCoy last week. If you didn't get one let me know and we'll see to it that you do. We have enough left over to be generous if you need more than one. Just ask. Now that the directory is in hand and in print we offer the first set of corrections and additions later in the newsletter. Just goes to prove we're human after all, I guess. The month of October has several changes, check them at left and later in the newsletter.

Looking ahead to our meeting this month, we will be enjoying the talents of Elizabeth Kerstein, Mezzo Soprano and Gunyoung Hwang, piano.

, piano at the home of Darlene Vlasek at 2:00 PM at the home of Darlene Vlasek. They are bringing us a program of 20th Century music composed by Yvain, Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Britten and Bolcom. You don't want to miss this program. Note: 2 PM is gathering time and refreshments. Program will begin at 2:30 promptly.

CALL FOR HELPERS

Make My Day!

We need one more person to help organize our service projects in January, consisting of gathering a group of musicians and bringing them to an Assisted Living or similar place. We have ideas, contacts and possible performers but need someone to help organize.

Potential performers are members, friends, students, adults and children, youth, and older folks; lots of those around. They're looking for a chance to share their gifts. You just collect names and oversee. As I said, make my day!!!

Congratulations to Anne Destabelle and the Pennyroyal Players

Patron **Anne Destabelle** and the **Pennyroyal Players** have been chosen to receive the 2017 Torrance Cultural Arts Excellence in Arts Award recognizing the important contributions of the **group**, a much beloved and talented group of singers, actors and musicians, who present musical programs on many themes. Their current flyer is also being sent out with the newsletter.

District News

Los Angeles Alumni President Susan Dietz has issued the following invitation to our chapter.

“We are hosting an All-District Founders Day Gala. This year's Gala is Sunday, Nov. 5th at 4:00 at Mt Olive Lutheran church. 1343 Ocean Park Blvd, Santa Monica, 90405. As many members as possible are invited to participate. We encourage ensemble work so that more can participate in making music. As in the past, we will end the Concert with everyone singing two choral pieces that will be available for download. It is always magical to make music together. I can't wait to see who participates this year in celebrating our Founders. I sincerely hope that some of you will have time to participate in this event.

THE PENNYROYAL PLAYERS

Dramatic and musical moments from our American Experience

Over 1000 Performances!!!



Jim Jones, Anne Destabelle, Diana Brownson, Claire Wagner, Pilar Hale
Not shown: Joe Arnett, Liz Cantine, Gay Durward, Ann Ehrendou, Dana Gorman, Fay Owen, Joan Perkins, Faye Schwartz

OVER \$130,000 DONATED TO OUR CHARITIES

- Los Cancioneros Master Chorale Student Scholarship Fund
- American Association of University Women (AAUW Palos Verdes)
- Palos Verdes Unified School District music teachers
- Liz Cantine's "Ready, Willing and Able" Special Children
- LA Challenge – Little Fish Theatre – Warner Grand Theatre

Enjoy one of our 7 productions

Piecin' It Together

The Pennyroyals travel from Vermont to California, bringing lively and touching musical portraits about those who settled the American West. Through story and song, "Piecin' It Together" reveals the humor and hardships of pioneering men, women and children.

Pennyroyal's Romp through the American Revolution

We'll take you on a musical romp through the Rev War – in about 40 minutes! From the opening shot fired, to the Boston Massacre, to the glorious victory over the British, we sing our way with humor and sadness, the songs and stories of the battle for independence.

Pennyroyal's Tribute to the Songs and Story of Stephen Foster

We explore the many myths surrounding the life of the father of American music, Stephen Foster. America's first great songwriter wrote in a troubled, racially divided and economically distressed pre-Civil War America.

Pennyroyal's St. Patrick's Celebration

Pennyroyal's Patriotic Tribute to our Country

(4th of July, Memorial Day, Labor Day)

Pennyroyal Sings Songs of Love

Songs of the American Southwest

BOOKINGS: ANNE DESTABELLE, CREATOR/DIRECTOR
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Making music together is a lovely way to get to know each other better and bring some beauty to this world.” Her contact information is in your Directory and also right here! suedietz@gmail.com or 310-658-4360

New Members

Getting to Know You

Welcome new and re-affiliated members to our chapter.

Joon Sung Jun is an internationally acclaimed cellist who has given hundreds of concerts with orchestras and solo appearances. Jun is the founder of Amici Concert Artists: a non-profit music organization and a board member of the Peninsula Symphony. He records movie sound



tracks for Warner Brothers Motion Pictures, 20 Century Fox, Disney, Sony Pictures, and is also the Artistic Director of Junior Chamber Music, which toured Salzburg and Mozarteum in 2012. He has been a cello professor and chairperson for instrumental music at Shepherd University since 2002, and has been a faculty member of California State University of Long Beach since 2007.

Harold Johnson, Sr.

The Harold Johnson Sextet 50 Year Reunion CD is in progress. In 1967, he organized his Latin-Jazz combo, in the music room at George Washington High School, L.A. They released the "House On Elm Street" Album on an Independent label but never dreamt that Universal would pick the album up. He recorded two more albums on Universal's Jazz Label "Revue." The individual members of the group, have been a part of the Billboard, Cashbox Music History since the 1970s. They have recorded with the legends, toured the world and still enjoy writing and performing. Now that's cool He wrote this theme about my "Main Squeeze." Check out the video of the combo having fun in the studio.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhaB8E6Hvv4>

Harold is on the right at the piano.

Changes in the International Board

Due to health problems, Lestelle Manley, former District Director who was elected to the position of 3rd Vice President at the recent convention has resigned due to health issues. The International Executive Board has appointed Marcus Wyche, Washington, D. C. alumni to complete her term. Marcus has been an officer of the Mu Phi Epsilon Foundation board for many years and most assuredly will ably fill this new role. Here is his contact information for your directory. Marcus Wyche

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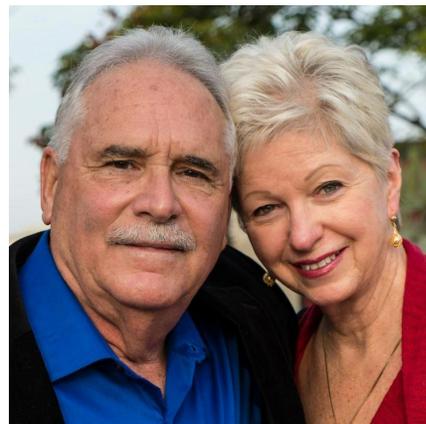
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In Memoriam

With great sadness we note the passing of our member, Ruth Cuccia, (pictured here with her husband, John) following a battle with cancer. Ruth was a gifted musician, a tireless worker for the fraternity, a sweet friend and beloved by many beyond her family circle. About twenty Mu Phi friends and patrons gathered at Holy Trinity Catholic Church for her beautiful memorial service. The family has generously chosen our Mu Phi Chapter to be the recipient of donations to a vocal scholarship fund in her memory. Should you wish to honor her memory in this way, checks should



be made to Mu Phi Epsilon and sent to David Champion, our treasurer. Other tributes of sympathy can be sent to her husband, John, who cared so lovingly for her to the end.

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San Pedro, CA
90731.

In honor of Ruth we've received more than \$5,800.00 in donations so far, enough to offer scholarships in her name for at least five years.

Another loss in the Mu Phi Epsilon family. The mother of member Kathy Kerstein and grandmother of Elizabeth Kerstein, Betty Goodwin, a noted musical educator, passed away late last week. Services were held on October 2nd. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Recent Memorial Foundation Donations

Member Ruth Cuccia

Paul Turner, spouse of Elizabeth Turner

Rev. Harold C.P. Jen, father of Lois Tai

Yoshimitsu Doi, father of Noriko Sato

Betty Goodwin, mother of Kathy Kerstein

Blanche Constance Podlaski, mother-in-law of Robin Podlaski

For next month's newsletters please send submissions to wreyes87@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions is November 22nd, 2017.

Keeping in Our Thoughts

Helen Freeborn fell down and broke her left thigh femur bone. She is in the rehab building just across from their residence at Bixby Knolls Towers .

Need Service Hours?

It's never too late to start racking up service hours for the year. There are still spots for co-hostess or chairpersons for events. Please consider signing up for any position by contacting Teddy at tgmoscosco@att.net.

Tired of Being Bored at Home

Perhaps your schedule is opening up or need an excuse to be out of the house, consider signing up for hosting a meeting, leading a committee for the 2017-2018 year. If interested any of the above contact Helen Freeborn or Teddy Greenwald.

ALSO: Bring a friend to a meeting and help us cast a wider net!

Future Meetings

October dates and times are as follows:

Meeting **Sunday, October 22nd at 2 PM**

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Board meeting October 24th at 10 AM

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Home of Carla Sedlacek

Piano advertised last month is still available. Now that we're more or less settled in you may have time to pursue that "new" piano you've wanted. Check last month's newsletter for details.

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