

MU PHI EPSILON NEWSLETTER

Cast a Wider Net

CALENDAR

District Wide MPE Concert

Sunday, November 5th, 2017

@4:00 PM

Mt. Olive Lutheran church. 1343 Ocean Park Blvd, Santa Monica, 90405.

Hosted by the Los Angeles alumni chapter

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

Honorin: Linnea Eades, Mary Feyk, Helen Freeborn, Beth Howell, Pearl Kim, Florine Lambert, Lenita McCallum, June Nelson

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

Co-Hostess: Debra Shrader and LaVerne M. McCoy

Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 21st, 2017

@10:00 AM

Home of Pat Maki

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017

President's Message

On to November and our Founder's Day meeting. Unfortunately, due to personal issues I was not able to hear/see Elizabeth Kerstein at our October meeting but have heard nothing but rave reviews of her program. Since yours truly was there in the background of her beginning vocal studies, my buttons are busting as those of her parents, Kathy and Bob, must be also. She was ably accompanied by Gunyoung Hwang, piano. A huge thank you to Darlene for opening her home to us and to Akiko and Noriko who provided feasts for the eyes and for the tongue. And a special thank you goes to LaVerne who stepped in to run the meeting at the very last minute.

Next on our schedule is the November 11th meeting at Carla Sedlacek's at 3 PM. Long time Mu Phi, Dr. Hansonia Caldwell, will present information about her new book on the life of Jester Hairston. This promises to be interesting and educational. Many of our members have sung his music and even sung under his leadership. At this meeting we will be honoring our 50+ year members and celebrating Founder's Day. Founder's Day greetings from our International President are in this newsletter. Be sure to read her good news. NOTE: We are asking all of you to dig in those jewelry boxes and get out your pin and wear it to this meeting. Just seeing all of those pins might spark a few memories to be shared. Lastly, if you are free this coming Sunday (5th) and looking for an excellent concert why not attend the Los Angeles Chapter's District wide concert planned for that date.

- Lenita McCallum

Announcements

Our treasurer reports that:

- Almost \$7,000 has been collected for the Ruth Cuccia Memorial Voice Scholarship Fund, which will begin awards next spring.
- We now have 60 paid or emeritus members

Musical Mosaic Ads are now being taken. Contact **Ramona Gifford** for further information

Fundraising Opportunity

Our patron, Shirley Ho, has donated one ticket to the Torrance Memorial Fashion Show and Holiday Boutique to be held on November 28th on the grounds of the hospital. The face value of the ticket is \$125. The first person to offer at least \$100 will get the ticket. You may offer less (minimum \$50) and see if you are over bid. Deadline for bids is November 9th. Bids should be sent to my email address (LBANDCB@cox.net). If no one bids we will raffle it off at the meeting at Carla's. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each. There will also be a limited number of items for sale at the meeting since we have been given sets of Christmas earrings for pierced ears handmade by Chris Combs. Thank you to both of these generous donors.

Service Projects in January

You've been hearing about this all fall, its' time to respond. We have one date set for 2 PM on January 15th (a school holiday) at Harbor Terrace in San Pedro. Our second location will be Sunrise Senior Living at the corner of Hawthorne Blvd and Rolling Hills Road. We will be presenting a one-hour program consisting of music of all kinds, and performers of all ages. This is a great opportunity for those who teach to get a pre CM performance opportunity. And, members, we want you to perform too. Come and enjoy sharing your talents with those who are so appreciative.

District Leadership Meeting

David Champion attended the district leadership since I was out of town on that date and brings the following report back to us.

- The next District Conference will be hosted by the Zeta Delta chapter at the University of LaVerne in October or November 2018
- Brainstorm with your chapters ideas on potential guest speakers/topics for the next District Conference
- "Mu Phi Fundraising Challenge": This year, hold at least one fundraiser to go towards the District Conference (note: the board decided to donate the proceeds from the November 11th Raffle to help underwrite costs for the conference)

Member News

Member Pat Maki will be the featured flute soloist performing the Doppler "Hongroise Fantasie Pastotrale" with the El Camino Orchestra at 8:00 PM on Saturday November 4th, Marsee Auditorium at El Camino.

Your grant money at work:

Campus Concerts will be going to two schools in November, Wilmington Park Elementary and Hawaiian Elementary with a woodwind quintet program.

CALLING ALL BYLAWS AND ORGANIZATIONAL NERDS!

We need to update our Standing Rules. If that is your bread and butter, let me know as we have to do this before March 31. The bylaws will be voted on in November. They are very cut and dried as we have very little flexibility so as to make chapters conform in large part to the fraternity's by laws. Where we can do "our" thing is in the standing rules.

We have a thorough set already, no need to reinvent, but they do need to be reviewed and perhaps some changes made. I would be happy to send a current copy to you via email. We will review separately and then meet once to iron out any differences some time in January. Email me if you'd like to be a part of this.

Fraternity Awards: Reminder: MUSICOLOGICAL RESEARCH CONTEST

Postmark Deadline: March 1, 2018

Open to Affiliated Members of Mu Phi Epsilon

This is a perk of being a part of Mu Phi Epsilon. Awards are given for Doctoral dissertations, graduate theses, and undergraduate research papers. Prizes range from \$300 - \$500. Complete details are available on the fraternity website.

Dream anyone? The Foundation offers an award to an alumni chapter for a worthy project. Do you have a pet project that need funds up to \$2,000? Let's talk. Application deadline is March 31, 2018.

Looking Ahead November/December Events Schedule

November 5th – District wide MPE concert at 4 PM hosted by the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter at Mt. Olive Lutheran church. 1343 Ocean Park Blvd, Santa Monica, 90405.

November 11th – Regular meeting, 3 PM, Carla Sedlacek's

WEAR YOUR PIN FOR A CHANCE AT A SPECIAL PRIZE!!!

November 21st – Board meeting, 10 AM at Pat Maki's

November 22nd – Newsletter deadline, article should be sent to Wendy and Julio

December 2nd – **Young Performer's Showcase**, 3 PM at Annette Smith's lovely studio. Application included in the newsletter.

December 30th – 5th Night Party, 5 – 9 PM at the Witherspoon's

Great food, music, and a special appearance by Annette Smith, accompanied by Leslie Sharp

Mosaic 2018

We have a marvelous line-up of exciting performers for our next Musical Mosaic on **Feb. 2, 2018, 7:30PM** at the Rolling Hills United Methodist Church. (Same time, same venue, but different and equally fantastic program). We will be highly honored to have concert pianists/international prize winners Beth Nam and her duet partner, So-Mang Jeagal performing in addition to our much loved Gail Mellert and her group. Jan Bunker's state prize winning student will delight us with her glorious voice and we will have ensembles from the highly prestigious Beverly Hills Auditions. The multi- awarded Peninsula High School Advanced Jazz Band will bring the program to a rousing conclusion.

All this talent and the cost of each ticket is only \$25. This event is our major fundraiser for our chapter and we need everyone's assistance in bringing in as much revenue as we possibly can. You can help in two ways: 1) sell many tickets 2) obtain ads, both by soliciting ads from the businesses you frequent and by placing an ad yourself, either congratulatory or to advertise something.

Thank you for doing your part in making Musical Mosaic 2018 a financial success!!

Darlene Vlasek

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 tgmosco@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!

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

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