

# MU PHI EPSILON FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

## PALOS VERDES/SOUTH BAY CHAPTER OF MU PHI EPSILON

### When Words Fail, Music Speaks

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

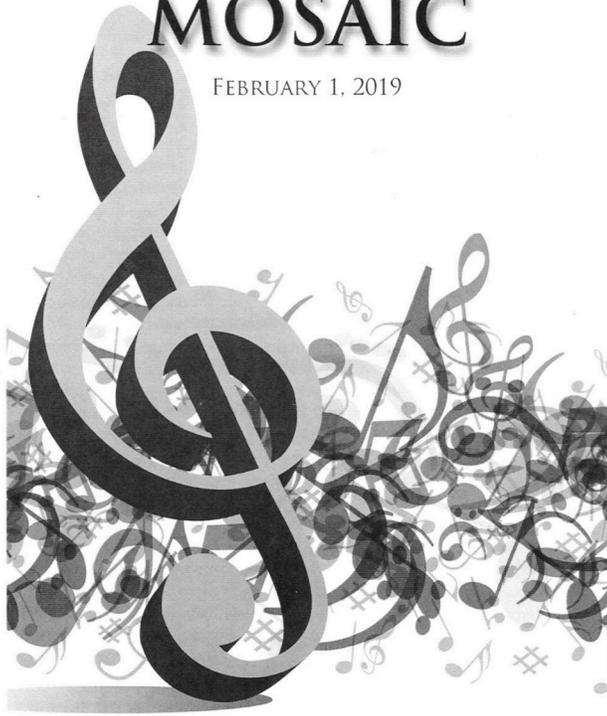
Don't look now but we are about to move into the last week of February with March ready to roar in like a lion if your datebook looks anything like mine. January whooshed by with the two concerts at **Sunrise Senior Living and Harbor Terrace**. There were lots of smiles and good music performed well for the residents. Here is a photo of **Pat Maki, Nancy Carr** and the students who performed at the Sunrise concert that was organized by **Mie Shirai**. Each student received a certificate for four service hours to help them satisfy school requirements for community service. Bravi and thank you to all who helped make this possible.



PALOS VERDES / SOUTH BAY ALUMNI CHAPTER OF  
MU PHI EPSILON  
PRESENTS

# MUSICAL MOSAIC

FEBRUARY 1, 2019



ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
2200 VIA ROSA, PALOS VERDES ESTATES

These concerts were followed by another wonderful concert in our series of **Musical Mosaic** events. **Darlene Vlasek**, ably assisted by **Beth Howell**, produced a program of widely varied content that ranged from a 14 cello ensemble, under the leadership of our member **Joon-Sung Jun** (CSULB), to the Oakwood Brass, an ensemble that also presents school assembly concerts, and the outstanding elementary age performers, Emma and Ella He on flute and harp respectively. Fellow Mu Phi from the Los Angeles Chapter, Mary Lou Newmark presented an avant garde multi media program which was a first for these concerts. Rounding out the list of performers was Loren James Clark who gave us a taste of the wonders of the pipe organ at St. Francis Church, followed by the award winning PV Peninsula High School Choir, under the direction of Dan Doctor. Kris Basua and Teddy Greenwald and their team provided a tasty array of goodies at the reception which gave us a wonderful chance to meet many of the performers and to enjoy this festive event.

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This eclectic and entertaining evening raised over \$7000 for our grants to music education in the South Bay. Hint: If you didn't attend or donate as of today, it's not too late. Let's see if we can match last year's profit of \$8,017.73. Can there possibly be a better place to make a gift that enriches the lives of so many youth?

This is also a reminder that the **deadline for grant applications is March 31<sup>st</sup>**. If you know of any public school that could use a grant of up to \$500 please contact **Pat Harpole** for a grant application and further information. Her contact information is: [g.harpole@verizon.net](mailto:g.harpole@verizon.net) or 310-378-7598

One other note: **Amici Concert Artists** (the cello ensemble) has donated their travel stipend back to the chapter. The letter stated, "All of us enjoyed the performance and it was joy to be part of the concert!" Thank you to them!!

Here are a few pictures from the reception following the concert:



Members of the cello ensemble, Amici Concert Artists, at the reception



Members of the PV High School Choir also enjoying themselves at the reception.



Also enjoying the reception, Carla Sedlacek, Paul Irving, Darlene Vlasek, Lenee Bilski and Susan Pattis

More pictures from the concert can also be viewed on our website:  
[www.muhipvsouthbay.org](http://www.muhipvsouthbay.org)

### **MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> MEETING AT CARLA SEDLACEK'S**

Our meeting in March will feature performers from the various collegiate chapters in the area. We also will have an initiation of Mika Yamamoto. The initiation will be at 11 AM followed by a noon **POTLUCK LUNCHEON FOR ALL MEMBERS.** Following lunch there will be a concert by the collegiates in attendance. Don't miss this chance to get to know the youth who are just beginning their life long connection to Mu Phi Epsilon.

**SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS – MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> AT EL CAMINO**  
PAT MAKI AND EMILY LACINA ARE ORGANIZING OUR PATRON SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS ON THE SAME DATE AS OUR MEETING SO YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES (OR MORE) AS TO HOW YOU WILL SPEND THAT DAY DOING ALL THINGS MU PHI!

### **FRATERNITY COMPOSITION CONTEST**

<https://muphiepsilon.site-ym.com/page/HonorsAwards>

Calling all composers, if you want to enter the fraternity's competition now is the time to act. Check out the rules at the website above.

## **JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> - GOLDEN MEMBERS BENEFIT CONCERT HONORING THE SERVICE TO MU PHI EPSILON BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: MARY FEYK, PEARL KIM, FLORINE LAMBERT AND JUNE LUSK NELSON**

No one can deny that the four members listed above have been instrumental in the health and success of our alumni chapter and have contributed in so many ways to the musical life of our community. The concert will be at 4 PM and include the following performers: **Lina Lee**, pianist, **Liana Wopschall**, soprano (who also happens to be Pearl's granddaughter), **David York (Patron)**, organist and singers from the **Joanna Medawar Nacheff** Singers. Put the date on your calendar now.

### **MEMBER NEWS**

**Jan Bunker** took a nasty tumble and is on enforced rest as a result of a concussion. Please send her cards and prayers.

**Emily Lacina** is travelling to Egypt for fifteen days. Boy Voyage!

**Joanna Medawar Nacheff** Singers will be presenting the Brahms Requiem on March 16, 7:30 PM at the James Armstrong Theater, tickets are \$30, seniors \$20, student \$10.

**Pat Maki's** father recently passed away in North Carolina.

**Joanna Nacheff** will be conducting the newly formed Torrance Pops Orchestra April 26.

### **PIANO FOR SALE**

Monica Mitchell, a good friend of ours, is selling her Kawai Grand Piano. 5'10", approximately 20 years old, in beautiful condition, appraised at \$13,500, asking \$13,000. Can be seen in south Torrance area. Please contact her at 310-704-7405 or [mitchell.monica@att.net](mailto:mitchell.monica@att.net). See photos below.



**I HOPE YOU WON'T GET BLOWN AWAY BY ALL THE GOOD STUFF MU PHI HAS A PART**

in OR the March Winds!!!!

Loyally,

Lenita