

MU PHI EPSILON

MAY 2019

NEWSLETTER

PALOS VERDES/SOUTH BAY CHAPTER OF MU PHI EPSILON

When Words Fail, Music Speaks

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our April Meeting just one week ago at the lovely home of Beth and Brent Howell was a happy confluence of talent and fellowship, a modicum of business and rejoicing in the work of our chapter.

Our generous hostesses were Gail Gerding Mellert and Jan Bunker. We welcomed new member **Mika Yamamoto** who performed several songs with stalwart **Leslie Sharp** who continues to grow in her command of the elements of jazz performance. *

At the meeting we also announced the winners of our 2019 School Grants:
The exciting and eclectic awards are as follows:

2019 SCHOOL GRANT AWARDS **Up to \$500 each was awarded to:**

Arts Alive, South Central to San Pedro –

to help pay for music lessons for underprivileged students

Bonita St. Elementary School, Carson –

To help pay for a laptop for the music teacher to use to develop music curriculum for her students

Mira Catalina Elementary School, RPV –

to purchase alto recorders for 4th and 5th graders

PVPUSD Elementary Choral Festival – to pay for an accompanist

Riviera, Hickory and Carr Elementary Schools, Torrance –
subscriptions to Music K-8 Resource Magazine and Music Express Magazine

Adams Middle School, Redondo Beach –
to fund an original composition contest for their Middle School Wind Ensemble

Miraleste Intermediate School, RPV –
to purchase band music

Ridgecrest Intermediate School, RPV –
to hire additional help to prepare students for participation in Music Festival

El Segundo High School Chamber and Chorale Choirs, El Segundo –
to hire a choreographer to prepare students to dance in their production of LaLa Land

Redondo Union High school Choirs – Redondo Beach –
to purchase sustainable black music folders for the advanced chorus

Arnold Elementary School, Torrance –
to purchase band instruments for fledgling instrumental program

Cornerstone and Pedregal Elementary Schools, RPV –
to purchase stackable stools for students to sit on during performances

Don't stop reading now since we have our

Patron Potluck coming up on May 18th.
Our top scholarship winners will performing.

Festivities begin at 5:30 PM

Food assignments are:

A-E – appetizers or a salad

F-R – main course

S-Z – desserts

Bring your favorite libation to share.

Location: The Witherspoon's at 28 Aurora Drive, RHE

**Hostesses are: LaVerne M. McCoy, Elizabeth Turner
& Ann Terrill**

RSVP TO LENITA BY MAY 16TH

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**2019 Patron Scholarship winners performing
at the potluck**

Ben Tyrrell, alto saxophone

Meng Chieh "Jamie" Yu, piano,

New Officers for 2019-2020

The following were elected at our April Meeting.

President – Lenita McCallum
Vice President – LaVerne McCoy
Treasurer – David Champion
Ass't Treasurer – Lois Tai
Recording Secretary – Carla Sedlacek
Newsletter Editor – Debra Shrader
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Webmaster - Julio J. Sequeira
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Ass't Steward – Gail Gerding-Mellert
Chorister – Maurice Suhre
Chaplain – Darlene Vlasek
Schools Liason – Pat Harpole
Ass't Schools Liason – Pat Maki
Past President – Julio Sequeira

Thank you to our nominating committee: Gail Gerding-Mellert and Pat Maki for a job well done.

MEMBER/PATRON DOINGS

* Leslie Sharp has generously donated 10 copies of her new CD, "*Dancin' on the Wide Eyed Edge*": which when sold will benefit our treasury. They will be available at the May meeting. The price is \$20 per copy. If you wish to reserve one for yourself, just let me know. I will have them at my house shortly.

May Board Meeting: 10 AM, May 21 at the home of Darlene Vlasek

JUNE 8TH AT 4 PM

AT ST. LUKE'S PRES.-

GOLDEN MEMBERS

BENEFIT CONCERT

**HONORING THE SERVICE TO
MU PHI EPSILON BY THE
FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

MARY FEYK

PEARL KIM

FLORINE LAMBERT

JUNE LUSK NELSON

I'm having the pleasure of planning this concert and am privy to hearing about the vast contributions these four ladies have made to our area's musical life. You owe it to yourself to come and be inspired by their stories and to be a part of the team that cheers them on since they still continue to be active in many ways. The concert will be at 4 PM. Performers include: **Lina Lee**, pianist, **Liana Wopschall**, soprano, **David York**, organist and singers from the **Joanna Medawar Nacheff Singers**.

Put the date on your calendar now. The concert is open to the public. You will receive an invitation. Feel free to request additional invitations or to issue them verbally. We are soliciting donations in their honor which will be used for our continuing philanthropic contributions to local musical organizations.

**PICTURES FROM OUR
APRIL MEETING
PLUS ONE FROM MARCH**



MIKA & LESLIE



MIKA AND LESLIE AT WORK



**ANLI, ANN, LESLIE, MONA,
LENITA**



GAIL BETH, JAN



**"MYSTERY
SINGER"
DAVID**



**TLC GROUP PERFORMNG IN MARCH
NOTE: LAVERNE, KATHY AND DEBRA
(THE THREE SINGERS ON THE RIGHT SIDE)**