



Palos Verdes/South Bay Chapter

Newsletter – July 2019

When words fail, music speaks.

FROM THE PRESIDENT, Lenita McCallum

As June draws to a close and July and our new year lies near at hand let's reflect on how much we were able to accomplish this past year.

- A huge thank you and appreciation must be extended to every member of the board who has gifted untold hours in making our chapter the vital presence that it is.
- Musical Mosaic proceeds enabled our desire to offer financial support to many schools and musical endeavors in our area.
- The Benefit Concert sort of put the icing on the cake when we recognized the many years of service given by four of our esteemed Golden Members.
- Elderly members of our community were serenaded at the two concerts at Harbor Terrace and Sunrise Assisted Living.
- The District Conference provided a glimpse of the larger world of Mu Phi Epsilon and a chance to rub elbows with International Officers.
- Our highly talented International artist winner, Katsuya Yuasa was presented in concert at El Camino and at the District Conference.
- Our Young Performer's Showcase is always a place for young students to gain performance skills and show off their talent.
- Our Patrons provided scholarship awards to eight talented collegiates from our area.
- We note with pride the ways others in our community have noticed and honored some of our members (Lois Tai, Gail Mellert and Denise Peykanu, to mention just a few).

Perhaps you have other highlights in your mind, perhaps our activities connected you with someone new, or maybe you discovered a new kind of music or the satisfaction you experienced in being a part of our chapter has enriched your life or...? Whatever it was/is, my sincere wish is that you celebrate all things Mu Phi, take a deep breath and say "yes" to doing it all over again... not necessarily the same things in the same way, but with renewed purpose and creativity and gratitude for the gift of music that enriches all our lives.



David Champion received the Violet Award at the June Board Meeting. The Violet Award recognized David's long service to Gamma Sigma as founder and guide of that chapter for all his years at CSUDH.

It also honors his extraordinary service to our chapter as treasurer: keeping precise records, helping with all things financial, encouraging members to keep their dues current and setting limits on spending as needed

The violet, as a symbol of our fraternity is a sign of faithfulness and appreciation for all he has done to keep this chapter on a solid footing.

Congratulations and thank you for all the years of service for Mu Phi Epsilon, David!



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 Ramona Gifford
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The following were installed at our June Board Meeting. We are thankful for their continuing service.

President – Lenita McCallum
 Vice President – LaVerne McCoy
 Treasurer – David Champion
 Ass't Treasurer – Lois Tai
 Recording Secretary –
 Carla Sedlacek
 Newsletter Editor –
 Debra Shrader

**Reminder: Please
 respond to the interest
 finder survey!**

MEMBER/PATRON DOINGS

- We celebrate with **Lois Tai** and **Denise Peykanu** (inactive Mu Phi) as they were awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the recent MTAC meeting.
- **Gail Mellert** was honored with the BRAVO Award from the Asia American Symphony.



- **Florine Lambert** passed away on July 4th, 2019. Please remember her family, Andre and Jeanine, in your thoughts and prayers. We are grateful that she was honored recently.

- **Leslie Sharp's** Jazz CDs are available for sale. Contact Lenita to purchase one.

- From Patron **Anne Destabelle**: Thursday, July 11 at Whale & Ale at 6:00 pm. The Los Cancioneros Small Ensemble is returning for a summer concert. Enjoy the concert AND dine at a discount! Maestro Allan Petker will direct and the fabulous Patty Breitag will accompany. There is no charge for the concert, but an RSVP is needed. The Whale & Ale will contribute to our music scholarship program with our performance. SEATING IS LIMITED AS THEY WILL PERFORM DOWNSTAIRS ONLY FOR THIS CONCERT.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE **JOANNA MEDAWAR NACHEF SINGERS** will be traveling this summer to Russia from July 28-Aug 7, on a grant co-sponsored State Department Concert tour. We will be presenting two master classes & three concerts of the important American Genre of "Gospel & Spirituals"! Our 25 singers have been actively fundraising to supplement the costs that are not covered by the grant. Now we are at our final drive to raise an additional \$1000 to meet those obligations. We would certainly appreciate all your support of any donation to our choir. JMNS is a California non-profit organization tax ID #47-5031172. All contributions are tax-deductible & you can mail a check to:

JMNS

POBox 3788

PVP, CA 90274

Or go on our website: www.jmnsingers.com to submit a Credit Card donation.

Thank you all for your friendship, musical excellence & harmonious collaborations.

Grateful,
Joanna

FROM **TAMER MAAMOUN** (guitarist, member of Mu Phi Epsilon

I'm reaching out today because I'm hoping to have some musicians play some pieces I wrote while in college and a quiet space to record the players. I have some new pieces I'm working on but these are done. Do you think you can help me out in this regard? At this point, I won't be able to afford to pay the players yet. I want to have these pieces played by live players to be more representative and may help me get my foot in the door professionally. I don't know all the Mu Phi Epsilon in the area and maybe you could forward my message to the chapter and they can forward it to who they know and so on. The pieces and players I'll need are as follows:

Woodwind quintet: French horn, flute, oboe, bassoon and clarinet

String quintet: 2 violins, viola, cello, piano

Trio: marimba, piano and sax

I certainly appreciate the help and I hope to hear from you soon. Email tamermaamoun@yahoo.com.

\$\$ Annual Alumni Dues Notice is coming! \$\$

The deadline for Alumni Dues to the chapter is September 1st. When you receive the invoice from treasurer David Champion please respond promptly so your name can be included in the chapter yearbook.

Included in your dues are member dues forwarded to the international Mu Phi Epsilon office in early September. Late payment of dues creates extra paperwork for both the local chapter and the international office, so please don't be late!

Make your check to Mu Phi Epsilon and send it to our treasurer as soon as possible.

His address is:

David Champion
229 15th Street
Manhattan Beach CA 90266

It's traditional to make a donation to the International Fraternity of a penny for every year since its founding. A Founders Day donation of \$1.15 is included in your dues. Regular Chapter Dues are \$86.15 Emeritus dues are \$26.15 (age 80 and above) (you must apply to the International Office for Emeritus status)

Dues may be tax-deductible as a business expense if they can be justified as important to your business activities. Check with your accountant.

Patron Contributions are also due. Patrons are also listed in the chapter yearbook September printing. Pay with a separate check and write "donation" in the memo portion of your check so your contribution can be tax-deductible. Make your patron check to Mu Phi Epsilon. Donations of \$50.00 or more will receive a tax letter in early January. Patron contribution levels are Friend (\$25-\$49), Silver (\$50-\$99) Gold (\$100-149) Platinum (\$150+) Patrons should receive an appeal in the mail from Patron Chair, Ann Terrill.



**Mary Feyk,
Florine Lambert,
June Nelson, and
Pearl Kim were
celebrated for
their many years
of membership
and service in
Mu Phi Epsilon at
the Golden
Members
Concert on June
8th.**

An evening at the Peninsula Symphony, June 30th.



Jennifer Cannon, violinist



LaVerne, David and Marjorie McConnell enjoy a visit at the Symphony



Patron Anita and Ken Gash, Board Member of Peninsula Symphony

Music
Friendship
Harmony



Lenita, Mona, and Beth enjoy the outdoors at the symphony