



Palos Verdes/South Bay Chapter

Newsletter – August 2019

*Finding Harmony through
Friendship and Music*

FROM THE PRESIDENT, Lenita McCallum

August feels like I'm on a submarine. There's a fair amount of activity going on Mu Phi wise right now, but you probably don't know it or see it. Here's a peek down the periscope at all the latest!

LaVerne McCoy is busy working on programs for next year hewing to the theme, "Finding Harmony through Friendship and Music." She'd love another volunteer or two for programs.

David Champion is busy keeping track of all the dues checks that are coming in. (See notice later in the newsletter on how you can get ahead of the deadline!)

As soon as programs are set up, **Deborah Aitken** will be knocking at your door looking for homes, which reminds me we need homes for board meetings too. Let me know if you could host one on a 3rd Tuesday at 10 AM, 8-10 people attend.

Darlene Vlasek is making connections and getting performer contracts signed for **Musical Mosaic**. Thanks to many members' and patrons' generosity we will be able to meet our sponsorship goal and offer them an honorarium for their performances next February. Yeahhhhhh!!!!

Pat Harpole is working at setting up the application for grants to the schools which will be offered post MM next spring.

I am close to filling all the committee positions for next year, lacking only a SERV coordinator and a MPE Foundation Representative to make a presentation at a meeting. Let me know if either of those set off a "ding" for you.

Down periscope!

Board Actions

At the July board meeting we voted to remove the following offices from the board. This action was taken upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee citing the difficulty of finding members who could commit to monthly board meetings. The offices will continue in every case except one, but they are no longer considered board positions. 1. Newsletter Editor 2. Webmaster/Historian 3. Schools Liaison. The Newsletter Secretary position was eliminated entirely, having lost its reason for existence since practically everyone has and uses email these days. The chapter will have a chance to vote on this at our October meeting and if passed, our bylaws and standing rules will be updated taking effect for the year 2020-21.

Member and Patron News

• As was announced last month, **Florine Lambert** passed away on July 4th, 2019. Her memorial service was August 3rd, at Rolling Hills United Methodist. It was well-attended by friends, former students, Mu Phi sisters, and friends of Jeanine and Andre. The floral arrangement to the right says "Sedart" which was Florine's nickname ("Sweetheart") when she was a child.

• **Julio Sequeira** has one year left on his Ph.D. course at USC and hopes to graduate next May. **Wendy** is busy teaching at a summer music camp that meets at her school.

• Patron **Walter Maki** had back surgery on July 15th. He's recovering well, but please keep **Pat** in your concerns as she recovers from a tumble that left stitches on her face.



• **Pat Maki** (flute) and **Gail Gerding-Mellert** (violin), and **Diana Parmeter** (cello) provided music for the Florine Lambert memorial.

• **Elizabeth Kerstein** is preparing to start her second year on the voice faculty at the California School of Arts in Duarte.

• Both **Akiko Dohi** and **Leslie Sharp** have recently produced CDs highlighting their wonderful musical skills.

• A DVD of the Los Angeles Chapter's 100th Anniversary Concert (on which member **Anli Tong** performed) is available to view. Let Lenita know and she'll bring it to a meeting or get it to you.

• Our recent **Benefit Concert** netted around \$1900 for our Music Education Grants.

• **Anne Destabelle's** Pennyroyal Players has a date in August. Catch the details for their show in the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

• MPE's **Triennial Convention** is scheduled for Texas July 22-26, 2020. Make plans to go! More information to follow in our meetings.

Announcements

Are you the chair of an MPE committee? Did you know that you are invited to attend any board meeting during the year? The board especially invites your attendance at meetings in July and August when the major planning is taking place. Next one? **August 14th**, 10:00 AM. Lenita McCallum's home.



Isla, two-month-old granddaughter of David and Janice Champion makes a cute "mute". She's already into music!

Mu Phi Epsilon Dues are due in August

The deadline for **Alumni Dues** to the chapter is September 1st. Respond promptly so your name can be included in the September 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!

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 \$1.16 is included in your dues.

Regular Chapter Dues are \$20.00
International Fraternity Dues are \$65.00
Founders Day donation is \$1.16
Total due is \$86.16

Make your check of \$86.16 to Mu Phi Epsilon, write 2019-2020 dues in the memo portion and send it as soon as possible. His address is:

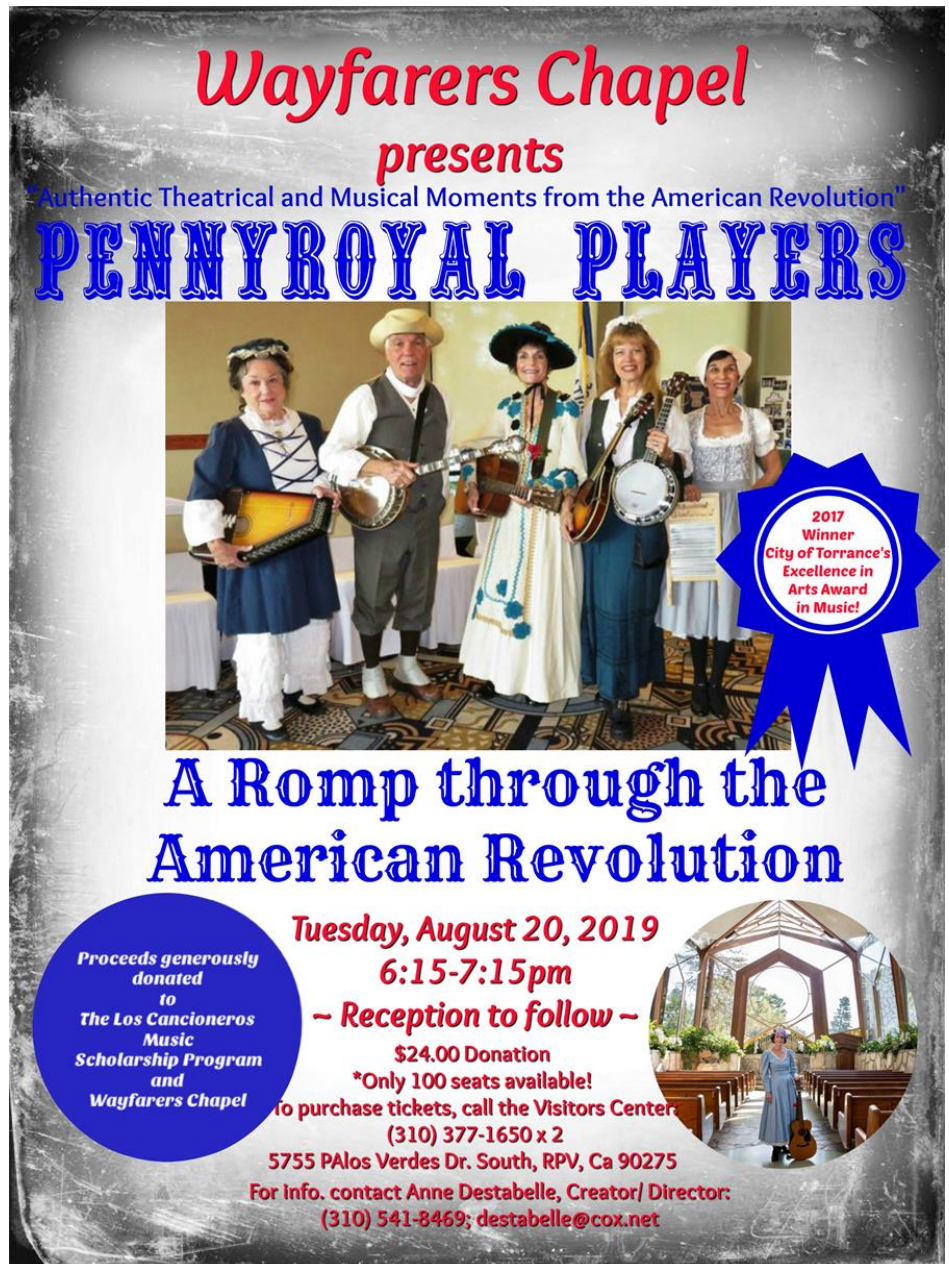
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Dues may be tax-deductible as a business expense if they can be justified as important to your business activities. Check with your accountant


If you are making a **Patron Contribution**, make a separate check to Mu Phi Epsilon and write Patron Donation in the memo line of the check. Patron Contributions may be tax-deductible. Suggested Patron's Annual Donation levels are: \$25-\$49-Friend, \$50-\$99-Silver, \$100-\$149 Gold, \$150 plus-Platinum

Remember to check your listing in last year's directory.

Send any changes to [Julio Sequeira](#), [David Champion](#) and to [Lenita McCallum](#)



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