



Palos Verdes/South Bay Chapter

Newsletter – October 2019

*Finding Friendship
and Harmony through Music*

FROM THE PRESIDENT, Lenita McCallum

At our September Potluck we were so fortunate to have **Anita Chang** speak to us about Chopin and the circumstances surrounding the composition of the Nocturne and Ballade. She performed with the grace and elegance befitting his music. As a surprise we were able to have a performance by the International Artist **Katsuya Yuasa**, clarinetist, accompanied by **Mary Au**, pianist. Talk about the icing on the cake!!! How lucky can we be!!!!



A small shopping opportunity at the Mu Phi Mall resulted in \$100 plus for our treasury. Thank you to **Pearl Kim** and **Linnea Eades** who donated items for sale.

Our busy bee hostesses, **George** and **Pat Harpole**, **Liz Turner**, **La Verne M. McCoy** and **Ann Terrill** made the evening flow smoothly and left scarcely a trace of the party when they left.



It was also a pleasure to install three patrons, **Daniel Shrader**, **Paul Levin** and **Maureen Engelhard**.

Directories were given out to all who were present. We will have the rest of them at the October meeting and following that we will mail out the remainder. This is a costly process so we hope many will be at the October meeting to pick up these up.

Fall is definitely in the air. Those of us who are teaching are getting used to the schedule. Plans are being made and executed for a successful year of learning, enjoying and mastering this wonderful gift of music in all its forms and levels. Performing organizations are beginning their concert series and we are loving every note and minute of this deliciousness. If I had to choose a composer for the fall season I believe I would choose Brahms with his glorious warm orchestrations, rich harmonies and complex rhythms. Summer may seem loathe to leave and winter seems very far away. Let the warmth and nourishment of music feed your souls and bodies. Vive l'automne!

Chapter News

- Our **October 20th meeting** (3:00 PM at the Howell's) will feature **Harold T. Johnson**, renowned Jazz Musician and his ensemble. We are so fortunate that **LaVerne** was able to arrange to have these wonderful performers coming to us so be sure to put the date on your calendar now.
- Note: Just a reminder that our meetings are open to patrons and friends. The more the merrier. Please do respond to the hostess to let her know that you are coming so we can plan for sufficient seating and comestibles.
- Plans are forming for our service concerts on Martin Luther King Day on Jan 20, 2020. **Emily Anderson** is organizing the concert at Harbor Terrace Assisted Living in San Pedro which will be at 1:30 PM. **Mie Shirai** is the organizer for the concert at Sunrise Senior Living on Hawthorne Blvd. at 2PM. All members, and students of any age are welcome to perform on these recitals. Contact either one of them to participate in these hourlong recitals. Four Community Service hours will be awarded to those who perform.
- Also remember that our Young Performers Showcase will be in December. Look for the announcement in the November newsletter.
- **MPE International Artist Winner Katsuya Yuasa, clarinetist**, presented several concerts in September. Our chapter sponsored wholly or in part two of his appearances. Katsuya, accompanied by Mary Au, thrilled us with his surprise performance at the September meeting. Telling us of his activities, it is clear he is a wonderful, generous person.

Member and Patron News

- **Mary Feyk** has moved to Sunrise Villa in Culver City. Her new address is 4061 Grandview Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. 90066-7260
- **Lois and David Tai** returned to Taiwan to be present for the memorials of his mother and brother. We send our condolences to them.

MPE Foundation News

Recently, you have received an invitation to support the work of the MPE Foundation. In last year's campaign, I counted 11 donors from our chapter listed. I wonder if we can broaden our individual support? For your convenience here is information from the foundation website.

"In 1963, the 60th anniversary year of Mu Phi Epsilon, the Mu Phi Epsilon Memorial Foundation was registered in the state of Nebraska as a nonprofit corporation, authorized and established by the Fraternity for charitable and educational purposes. In 1993, the word "Memorial" was deleted, and the said Foundation was then known as the Mu Phi Epsilon Foundation, herein referred to as the Foundation. The Foundation is operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, for the promotion and advancement of music throughout the world and for the benefit of philanthropic projects consistent with the philosophy of the Mu Phi Epsilon Fraternity."



Tanner Wilson, District Director, greets audience at meeting.



LaVerne M. McCoy and Lenita McCallum Witherspoon conducting business.



First meeting of the year



Patrons introduced.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October 15 - Board Meeting 10 AM at **Carla Sedlacek's** home

October 20 – 3 PM Regular Meeting at **Beth and Brent Howell's**

Hostesses: **Lenée Bilski and Lina Lee**

Program: **Harold T. Johnson Jazz Ensemble**

Newsletter Deadline – Oct. 28, pub. Nov. 1