



Palos Verdes/South Bay Chapter

Newsletter - October 2020

*Discovering Ways to Connect through
Making Music*

Autumnal Greetings! Hope you are all doing well, staying safe and sane even during these challenging times. Let's keep our focus on all that is good and wonderful about our lives, our country, our associations, our amazing Mu Phi Chapter. There are so many reasons to be grateful, to be hopeful and to continue what we are doing in upholding and living the values and aims we hold personally, and of our Fraternity.

Many people have been working extremely hard to provide a year of rewarding, inspiring programs, meetings, and events. I would like to highlight several of these super workers. To chronicle all our activities and to keep us informed and able to communicate with one another, David Champion has spent many hours collecting data and preparing our yearbook for publication. Although this is really Julio's job, due to his intense academic schedule, David offered to take on the project this year. In addition, David continues to be our excellent Treasurer, always keeping accurate track of our funds and advising how to wisely allocate them. Our diligent newsletter editor Debra Shrader has been preparing and sending our monthly newsletters to keep you all abreast of our recent, current and future events and news.

For all those of you who tuned into our September meeting via Zoom, I believe you will agree with me that it was extraordinarily inspiring and enjoyable. Jennifer Holly and Mika Yamamoto are to be resoundingly applauded for their efforts. If you happened to miss this meeting, be sure to attend our future meetings. I am sure they will continue to be very worthwhile and uplifting.

Our Musical Mosaic is all set with internationally and locally highly acclaimed performers. This will be a MM concert unlike any other we have ever presented, due primarily to the fact that it must be virtual. This requirement has enabled us to invite major performers beyond our local LA area. In addition, it allows us to greatly increase our audience size. Please be thinking of all the people you know, no matter where they live, to receive the invitation and instructions on how to tune in. The date is Saturday, Feb. 6 at 4:00 PM PST. Payment for tickets will be handled online. Please be watching for our flyer which will soon be emailed to you.

Blessings and love to each of you.

Darlene Vlasek

A Special News Item

Welcome our special election candidates to be initiated October 20th. Members will have the opportunity to ZOOM in on our virtual ceremony at 9:15am. Look for ZOOM instructions in your email on the 19th.

Welcome Hyejung Shin



Hyejung Shin is a pianist, organist, and vocal coach and presently a member of the adjunct faculty at Concordia University Irvine. She received her Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance at the University of Kyungwon in Korea, her Master of Music in collaborative piano from the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music (the birthplace of Mu Phi Epsilon) and her DMA in Keyboard Collaborative Arts from the University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music. She has won many awards and has had a broad range of experience as a collaborative pianist including pianist for the USC Chamber Singers, accompanist for master classes, opera workshops and Opera productions at the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music, staff pianist for lessons, master classes and recitals at the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria, pianist for master classes, lessons and recitals at the Brevard and Aspen Summer music festivals and much more. She currently lives in Irvine but loves traveling and exploring different cultures.

Welcome Michelle Hazen



Michelle Hazen is a classically trained pianist, teacher, and choral instructor. She received her B.A. in Music from the College of the Holy Cross in 2013. In 2015, she received her Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Cal State Dominguez Hills. She has been playing piano for over 22 years and has taught piano for the past 10 years. As a performer, she is experienced in playing in various ensembles including chamber music, handbells, and Balinese Gamelan. She is an active member of the MTAC South Bay Branch. Alongside teaching and performing, Michelle enjoys volunteering for various organizations which have included: St. Jude's Hospital working with individuals with Aphasia, Torrance Memorial Hospital playing piano, and J.F. Shea's Therapeutic Riding center assisting with equine therapy activities. Michelle lives with her husband Yasin, soon-to-be 1-year old Benjamin, and two cats. When not chasing her son, she enjoys cooking and reading.

Chapter News

The YEARBOOK is HERE!

The digital version of our chapter yearbook has been forwarded to all our members, patrons, international officers, other Pacific Southwest Chapters and others in our email list who have had a close relationship to our chapter. Look in your recent email and save a copy on your computer and/or smart phone. Delete any previous versions that you may have whether MS Word or PDF. Printed booklets of our yearbook should be available soon and will be mailed to members and patrons. Since each printed version will cost the chapter about \$5.00 in printing and mailing, we're asking that if you find the digital version adequate for your needs, notify [Ramona Gifford](mailto:monagee@cox.net) (monagee@cox.net) that you don't need the printed version. Ramona will be handling the mailings of the printed booklet when they become available.

When we publicized the school grants, we did not have a video to show you the excellent work of Arts Alive. In your spare time, please check out Debbie Wastling's work:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RLOXRxLYyU&feature=youtu.be>

Discovering Ways to Connect Through Making Music -Enjoying Music Virtually

We conquered technology so we could all share a few moments, face to face. On September 20th, we held our first virtual general meeting. Jennifer Holly Cannon and Mika Yamamoto led and organized the varied and fascinating presentations. We were entertained by concerts from across the country to local information about teaching during the pandemic. Thank you to members who referred great projects and organizations for participation! In case you missed it live, you may watch the recordings!

Here is a timeline of the parts so you can "fast-forward" to the parts that interest you:

18:40 Meeting/agenda

26:40 Program begins

28:14 Mr. Robert Kerstein

34:45 Ms. Annette Smith

42:10 Angel City Chorale presented by Dr. Yu-Fahn Yuen

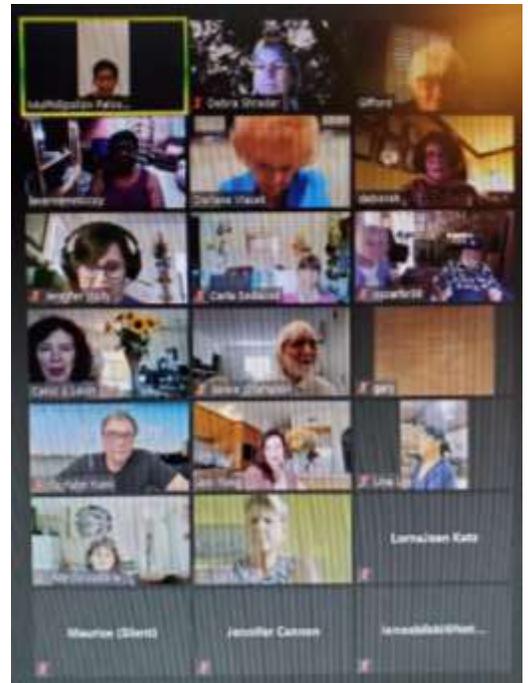
1:04:32 Ms. Deborah Aitken

1:15:45 Ms. Debra Shrader

1:26:43 Ms. Anli Lin Tong

1:33:40 "Finding My Way" by Ms. Lenita McCallum

1:39:16 Closing of the program (followed by after-hours chat)



Gallery View - Zoom Recording

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Speaker View - Zoom Recording

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Member and Patron News

- Happy belated birthday to Patron Ray Destabelle. He turned 90 on 9/21/2020.
- Charles Dickerson III is soon to be featured in a film on Disney plus about the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles: <https://deadline.com/2020/09/disney-movie-inner-city-youth-orchestra-los-angeles-brigham-taylor-1234577046/>
- More about Charles Dickerson III's efforts with the ICYOLA, this news item recently broadcast. https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/human-interest/2020/10/04/the-la-orchestra-fellowship-was-created-to-grow-diversity-in-u-s--orchestras-?cid=id-app15_m-share_s-web_cmp-app_launch_august2020_c-producer_posts_po-organic#
- Our former member Beth Nam got married three years ago and now lives in Orange County, although she comes to the South Bay to visit her mother. She is continuing to use her maiden name for professional purposes. She has mostly given up accompanying due to her greater involvements with private students, several schools and programs. Previously, Beth had been an accompanist for the South Bay Children's Choir. She continues to welcome opportunities to play chamber music with professionals and to present solo recitals, once the pandemic fades away.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

All events from the 2020-2021 Yearbook Calendar will appear here until the yearbook is published soon.

October 18th, 2020 3:00 PM – Virtual Regular Meeting - Topic “Music and Poems” presented by Carla Noel Sedlacek – See Zoom instructions on next page

October 20th, 2020 9:15 AM – Special Election Initiation

October 20th, 2020 9:30 AM – Virtual Board Meeting

November 3rd, 2020 – Newsletter deadline (send items to LaVerne or Darlene or Debra). ALSO, it's election day, so VOTE!!

CORRECTIONS to the YEARBOOK

Despite the very best efforts at editing, some mistakes happen. Please make these important corrections to your copy:

Deborah Aitken's name was misspelled. Please correct to **AITKEN**.

Virtual Program on October 18, 2020 at 3:00 PM

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“Music and Poems”
“Birdsong in a Greenwood Tree” by Carla Noel Sedlacek

Ms. Carla Sedlacek will present her production of her CD with her own compositions, receiving the support by her dear musical friends who are also the production team for this CD. Ms. Carla will introduce the motifs she sees in nature and hears in birdsongs that she loves dearly, as well as the gift from her mother in composing poems.

Zoom Invitation (Topic and Invitation Link Only)

Topic: MuPhiEpsilon Palos Verdes / South Bay Alumni Chapter October General Meeting
Time: Oct 18, 2020 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82937719491?pwd=Qjc2cnJaVm1WTnRUVTNtUEUyUFBiQT09>

Zoom Invitation (Including Phone Numbers, ID and Passcode) Zoom Invitation

Yours Musically is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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