



Palos Verdes/South Bay Chapter

Newsletter - May 2021

*Discovering Ways to Connect through
Making Music*

From the keyboard of the Co-President:

Hello to all of members of Palos Verdes South Bay Alumni Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon and dedicated Patrons. May has arrived and we're busily preparing for our end of year events and activities.

We choose to honor dedicated Patrons and scholarship winners. Prior to the pandemic this would have been a magnificent potluck and the scholarship winners would have provided a musical program to delight all in attendance. Our highly efficient tech team will provide the program virtually (at which they have become extremely efficient). To be safe we will have this program via zoom.



Rapidly approaching is the scholarship competition for the 2021 year. The applications were due on May 4, 2021. We have received a number of them from different schools. The scholarship committee will be in touch with the tech team soon.

Lenee Bilski learned that the city of Rancho Palos Verdes newly elected mayor was presenting awards to nonprofit organizations. She provided this co-president with the information to apply. I was contacted by the Deputy City Clerk and informed that Our Chapter has been chosen to receive the Mayor's award for outstanding community service. This award will be presented June 1, 2021.

Lenita Witherspoon has found a suitable date for the Benefit Concert and is engaged in securing the facility. The program is coming along very well.

The violet award was discussed at a previous meeting. Since we decided to make this presentation, it had to be done according to past precedents. After finding none in the archives, I conferred with the 3rd vice President, **Marcus Wyche**. The purpose of the award is to recognize very committed and hard-working members who have not been recognized on international level. It is a prized local chapter award. The form to complete this procedure will be secured from the IEO.

LaVerne M. McCoy

Member and Patron News

- **Chuck Dickerson** sent thanks to the chapter for the recent grant. AND we received news that the animated short film “If Anything Happens, I Love You” received the Academy Award last month! If you have access to Netflix, watch the film. Chuck and his **orchestra ICYOLA** are recognized for the music in the credits.
- From his recent appearance in our Musical Mosaic concert, **Ken Dake** invites us to watch their recent earth day concert “All Creation Sings God’s Praise!” at this link: <https://marblechurch.org/calendar/7369/all-creation-sings-gods-praise-an-earth-day-celebration-online>. Ken mentioned that Carol Frierson-Campbell, one of our singers and a doctoral graduate of Eastman and Mu Phi member, was singing with us on the concert! She currently serves on the music faculty of William Paterson University and sings in my volunteer choir. (She may be listed under her maiden name, Frierson).
- **HyeJung Shin** is the director of the Concordia Summer Chamber Music Camp. The camp will be in person and enrich participants’ musical experience. The website is www.cui.edu/chamber-music-camp.
- **Emily Lacina**’s organ concert will be broadcast on the YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yj6j0chVKnQ>) for Covenant Presbyterian Church, Long Beach beginning the evening of May 12th. She will record the half hour program with music by Buxtehude, Böhm, Pachelbel and Bach on the church’s 58 rank Aeolian Skinner organ. It is known that three very important influences on the development of Bach’s organ compositions were Buxtehude, Böhm and Pachelbel. (Emily reported that there were some initial technical difficulties with the recording, but they have hopefully been resolved by the time you watch.)

SERV Hours due on June 1st

Patrons and members may submit hours for three categories:

- Service and Education
- Resource and Volunteering
- Financial or In-Kind Gifts

Please send your submissions to: mika.y.voice@gmail.com

This month's MPE Meeting

Mika Yamamoto and Jennifer Holly Cannon present selections from the



Scholarship Winners of 2020

Carlos Rodriguez, guitar

De Ana Abinante, jazz vocalist

Aaron Greer, tenor

Cassidy Feskowetz, soprano

I-Chun Kuo, piano

Brenda Osorio, soprano



Please join the Zoom Meeting at 5:00 PM, Sunday, May 16th:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87607310807?pwd=QnpEakl5cENsOWs0eVVhVjYwZ1cyQT09>



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May 16th, 2021, 5:00 PM – Patron Appreciation Meeting with performances from the Scholarship Winners. See Zoom link to participate

May 18th, 2021, 9:30 AM – Virtual Board Meeting

June 1st, 2021 – Newsletter deadline

Here is a link for last month's recording and the program:



MuPhiEpsilon Palos Verdes/South Bay Alumni Chapter General Meeting from April 2021

Meeting Recording: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/c15i-1V4KC-0Rd9hmvll2pcYz5oNUfdLcSSFFrFnPIYbvl_saumsarFLaQguFLiL.Yi98PUj6LvmLrmE

Access Passcode: **MuPhi_April2021!**

Program:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19pLlORRaxowVD71d88TtayxvGx2_lts/view?usp=drivesdk

If you have time to listen and watch the meeting, I highly recommend it! **Nicole Laborte** gave a fast summary of many different tools she uses in teaching music in the Seattle area. Best part was her recommendation to “Choose joy, alleviate annoyances!” The second part of the meeting was presented by **Leslie Sharp**, composer of unique music. She shared some very creative compositions: “The People Dance” (Yism’chu) and a percussion water project. We heard her arrangement of “Somebody to Love” inspired by the band Queen. Finally, we heard **Julio Sequeira** present his exceptional work with migrant students and the impact of music education.