



Palos Verdes/South Bay Chapter

Newsletter – September 2022

Behind Every Mu Phi There is a Story

Hello members of the Palos Verdes/South Bay Alumni Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon!

I hope that everyone came through our recent heatwave without too much discomfort. It is hard to believe that summer is almost over, but that doesn't mean the fun is over. The fun is just beginning! In a few weeks, we will be having our first in person general meeting at the lovely, historic home of Emily Anderson, on Sunday, September 25, 2022, 4 pm. We will have entertainment by the Gamma Sigma Chapter of CSUDH. Not only will they be entertaining us, but a few of the recent graduates will be joining our alumni chapter! It is truly an exciting time to have growth within our membership. Remember that this is a potluck as mentioned in last month's newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all in person at this event!



Now that I am back to school, I have been running around getting everything set up for my graduate composition recital at CSUF, as well as filling out applications for my doctorate. I am also working once again as a grad student assist for my composition professor, Dr. Pamela Madsen. My recital is schedule for Saturday, November 12, 2022, at 6 pm, in the Recital Hall at CSUF. The recital is free, and parking is also free.

Also coming up will be a concert at CSUF at Meng Hall on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 8 pm. It is the World Premiere of Pamela Madsen's Opera, "Why Women Went West." **"This multimedia chamber opera explores controversies over human rights, water wars, and early 20th-century feminist artist communities through the life of Mary Hunter Austin — a writer, feminist, conservationist, and defender of Native American and Spanish American rights. Austin's quest, trauma, and journey uncover dark mysticism in the American Southwest. Resonating with concerns over marginalization of Indigenous cultures, desecration of women, nature, and escape from conventions through artistic agency, this work reveals ongoing trauma in woman's quest for autonomy."**- Pamela Madsen, Composer and Librettist.

The opera will feature Brightwork new music, and Stacey Fraser – soprano. The students of the CSUF New Music Ensemble will also be performing on stage, including yours truly on flute. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://artstickets.fullerton.edu>. There is a promo video that I had put together in my copious spare time. I have also provided that link: <https://vimeo.com/745581927/98d8e084b4> .

That's all for now! I look forward to seeing you at our Welcome Back event this month!

Your President of the Palos Verdes/South Bay Alumni Chapter -- Mu Phi Epsilon
Lorna Katz



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September 20th, 2022 – 9:30 AM – Virtual Board Meeting

**September 25th, 2022 – 4:00 PM – at Emily Anderson’s home,
1505 Sunnyside Terrace, San Pedro, **Welcome Back Potluck**
(Names starting with A-L—salad, side dish, or dessert; N-Z -- main or
vegetarian dish) (RSVP to Mona Gifford: monagee@cox.net)
Featuring entertainment from Gamma Sigma friends.**

**October 4th, 2022 – newsletter deadline (send entries to
teach2play@gmail.com)**

Following our historical roots AND creating our future



Reminder: 60th year chapter anniversary in 2024

David Champion would like to have a member or two join him in planning a gala for our chapter anniversary in 2024. It's time to choose a venue and date. If you would like to join the 60th anniversary planning committee, send him an email message or give him a call.

Who will we welcome next to the PV/SB CHAPTER?

Is music important to you? Do you have friends who could be a part of our MPE, too? Contact **Anli Lin Tong** (anli90275@yahoo.com) if there is someone you'd like to nominate for membership. She can answer your questions and give you the steps to take. We're all stronger together!

Member and Patron News

Members we remember even if they're not at our meetings:



Mary Feyk's family surrounds her, now at 91. At her daughter's house, the Great Dane Sue is happy to share a chair with Mary. Mary did our newsletter for many years. We're



glad to be able to see her in a good environment.

New members to be brought in at our September meeting, all coming by transfer from the Gamma Sigma chapter at Cal State Dominguez Hills. Some will be performing for us at the meeting. Be sure to welcome them!

Janelle Catbagan



George Osorio



Gabriela Flores

Jonathan Haislip



Alexis Ramirez

From Patron **Anne Destabelle**:

Please click on magazine link for description of my 10/9 performance at Warner Grand Annex, where I am bringing my suffrage musical. This will be the fourth time for my new production, each time offering it as a benefit for a different organization. Perhaps I could offer it sometime to MPE – or any of the other 8 productions I have created. Some would be of particular interest to MPE, I know. www.pennyroyalplayers.org. Perhaps you will come 10/9. Men are particularly taken and overwhelmed with the production. They learn a lot! -- Anne

<http://palosverdesmagazine.com/calendar/#event=72842219;instance=20221009150000?popup=1>

<https://grandvision.org/event/pennyroyal-playersthe-suffragette-musical/>

Here is the direct ticketing link:

<https://grandvision.secure.force.com/ticket/#/instances/a0F8Y00000tqp8yUAA>



And speaking of members we are not seeing at our meetings, remember **Jennifer Cannon**? She was hosting our Patron's Dinner in June. This photo of her did not make it into the Peninsula News, so we thought we'd share it here! We miss you, Jennifer! (She recently moved to Atlanta, Georgia)

Update to your recently produced yearbook:

Anita Chang's phone number should be **(626)678-6028**.