



# MU PHI EPSILON

## NEWSLETTER

*Cast a Wider Net*

### CALENDAR

#### Scholarship Auditions

March 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Potluck Luncheon

#### “Catching Collegiate in the Net”

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

@ 12:30 PM

Collegiate Performances

(Music in our Schools Month)

Home of Mary Feyk

Musical Program: Collegiate

MPE Foundation Presentation: Lenee Bilski

Co Hostess: Kathy Kerstein & Leslie Sharp

#### Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

@10:00 AM

Home of Pat Maki

#### “Netting Some Cocktails and All That Jazz”

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

@ 4:30- 6:30 PM

Musical Program: Akiko Dohi, Perry Hayes,

baritone, Leslie Sharp, Piano

Home of Beth Howell

Co Hostess: Gail Mellert-Gerding, Nancy Carr, Jan Bunker

#### Board Meeting

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#### Newsletter Deadline

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### President's Message

MUSICAL MOSAIC was a rousing success. The musical performances were outstanding, interesting and varied. We heard from Jan Bunker’s prize winning singer, Olivia Iacomo and Gail Gerding-Mellert’s large and very accomplished violin ensemble. Member Beth Nam and her partner So-Mang Jeagal dazzled with their pianistic skills. Sean Stackpoole and Kenton Youngstrum proved again what a winning combination flute and guitar can be in the right hands while the Coastal Winds provided just the right amount of spice and lastly, the Palos Verdes High School Jazz Band nearly blew the roof off the church with their renditions of standard jazz pieces. We had a full audience that acclaimed all of these performers with applause and superlatives heard during the reception afterwards.

**Darlene Vlasek and Beth Howell** and their committees deserve our heartfelt thanks for a job more than well done.

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Particular thanks to **Kris Basua** and her cohorts for a lovely reception afterwards. All of this hard work produced nearly \$8,000 for our awards to local schools.

Loyally,  
Lenita McCallum

## COMING TO OUR NEXT MEETING – COLLEGIATE PERFORMERS

One of the nice things about a year's worth of programs for our chapter is that the meetings are quite varied. Our March meeting presents the future of Mu Phi in that we have the collegiate members performing for us. It's always fun to meet the "kids" and discover what they are up to. We make an effort to pair an alumnus with a student while we eat our potluck lunch and these conversations are usually interesting and sometimes thought provoking or surprising. Our District Directors who are coming so they can get to know us better and vice-versa will also join us. They may also have information regarding the District Conference to be held next fall. Be sure to join us on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Mary Feyk's for the latest installment of this event. More specific instructions are elsewhere in this newsletter

## MEMORIAL CONCERT PLANNED FOR JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>

Perhaps some of you remember back a few years when we held concerts to honor the memory of members who have passed away. We are planning to do just that again to honor the memories of Ruth Cuccia and Helen

Freeborn. A Memorial Benefit Recital is scheduled on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 PM at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church. This event will take the place of Musica Primavera which is on hiatus. To date we have Anli Tong, piano, and John Walz, principal cello of the Los Angeles Opera Orchestra, performing movements from the Rachmaninoff Cello Sonata and a choral ensemble from Los Cantioneros who will perform two pieces of choral literature. Other performers will be added. Proceeds from their concert will be used to support Music Education Programs in the South Bay area. Teddy Greenwald has graciously agreed to organize a reception following the concert but is looking for helpers. If you would like to be a part of the committee that produces this concert please contact me, Lenita, to offer services. It would be helpful if someone could take responsibility for the printing of the program, publicity, and/or serve as co-chair.

## MEETING

March 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at Mary Feyk's. Everyone please bring a salad and your friendliest face to meet and get to know our collegiate members. Drinks and desserts will be provided by the hostess and her co-hostesses. Lenee Bilski will also make a brief presentation on the work of the Mu Phi Epsilon Foundation.

## WEBSITE

Our website continues to grow. Julio Sequeira manages to find time between teaching and grad school to add things that we have sent him (Hint! Hint!) Check it out at [www.muphipvsouthbay.org](http://www.muphipvsouthbay.org). New and old pictures abound. The fraternity website is also continually being updated. Establish yourself on it with a user name and password and you'll

find a whole host of information about Mu Phi around the country and what is going on with the leadership. We have a lot to be proud of.

## BYLAWS

Our revised by laws have been approved at long last. David Champion, Darlene Vlasek and I are busy perusing our Standing Rules to make sure they conform to the national bylaws and give substance and guidance on how to proceed with local activities.

## GUITAR CONCERT

**Aaron Larget-Caplan**, outstanding guitarist and Mu Phi member from the Boston area will be performing a guitar recital at the home of David and Lenita Witherspoon on Wednesday Night, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Suggested donation is \$25. Having heard Aaron at several previous conventions I can only say that he is a wizard with the guitar and a master of many styles. The following is a brief biography from his website [www.alcguitar.com/about.php](http://www.alcguitar.com/about.php)

**"Aaron is a unique talent not to be missed"**

- Washington Post

*Noted for his “astounding technical proficiency and artistic delicacy” (Boston Musical Intelligencer), classical-world guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan is an international touring and recording artist. He has performed solo and chamber music in Russia, Europe and across the United States including El Palacio de Linares (Madrid, Spain), Yelagin and Sheremetev Palaces and the St. Petersburg Conservatory (Russia), Mantova Chamber Music Festival, Corte Eremo and Castillo de Galeazza (Italy),*

*Crocker Art Museum (Sacramento, CA) and Jordan Hall, (Boston, MA). At the age of 16 he made his debut at the Tabor Opera House and has since premiered over 65 solo and chamber compositions, performed with orchestras, created commissioning endeavors, directed concert series and brought classical music into schools and community settings.*

*A gifted performer and speaker, he is sought for his deft programming of new and standard repertoire while connecting with audiences with a Bernstein-esque ease.*

Reservations for this concert can be made online at Lenita's email address [lbandcb@cox.net](mailto:lbandcb@cox.net)

More information can be found at the following website.

[Aaron Performs an Evening Salon](#)

Use CODE SUPER-FD8881D

## NEWS FROM THE LOS ANGLES ALUMNI CHAPTER

David Champion forwarded an email from Sue Dietz, president of the Los Angeles alumni announcing that Anli Tong is playing at their March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at 10 AM. They are also celebrating their 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Congratulations to this practically centenarian group. In their newsletter I learned of the recent passing of Marian Davidson and Ellie Kane. Both were long time members and Marian was a past international president. Many of us remember both of them and send our condolences to the chapter and their families.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It's that time of year again. Pat Maki is working on putting together our committee. So far we have Jennifer Holly and Emily Anderson on the committee. Yours truly is on board for another year as president since my term of office is two years. Everyone else has the opportunity to opt in or out for another year and there is always a need for enthusiastic supporters. If you like to be enthusiastic, join us. We have a lot of fun and do a lot of good.

## PIANO

Our peripatetic member Ramona Gifford was offered a good teaching piano by a realtor who needed to clear it out of a house. She arranged for it to be moved twice, its second home being AMUSE Music Store where it has found its destiny as a studio piano. Proceeds from their purchase of this piano will be added to our philanthropies fund.



## Update to directory

Please note the following update, member Joon Sung Jun.

Last name is Jun

First name is Joon Sung

It should be alphabetized under Jun.

## MARCH EVENTS - A busy month

for us ☺

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** - Deadline for applying for a School Grant

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** - Scholarship Auditions on

Flyers have been printed and distributed to our local colleges in preparation for the auditions. Thanks to Emily Lacina and Pat Maki who are working hard on this.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** - General Meeting

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** - Board Meeting at 10 AM at Pat Maki's home.

## Need Service Hours?

It's never too late to start racking up service hours for the year. There are still spots for co-hostess or chairpersons for events. Please consider signing up for any position by contacting Teddy at [tgmorosco@att.net](mailto:tgmorosco@att.net).

## Tired of Being Bored at Home

Perhaps your schedule is opening up or need an excuse to be out of the house, consider signing up for hosting a meeting, leading a committee for the 2017-2018 year. If interested any of the above contact Teddy Greenwald. ALSO: Bring a friend to a meeting and help us cast a wider net! For next month's newsletters please send submissions to [wreyes87@gmail.com](mailto:wreyes87@gmail.com). Deadline for submissions is April 18<sup>st</sup>, 2018

## Stay informed

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Alumni Chapter  
[www.muphipvsouthbay.org](http://www.muphipvsouthbay.org)

