

# MU PHI EPSILON NEWSLETTER

When Words Fail, Music Speaks

## CALENDAR

### Meeting

**“Music Speaks Through  
the Rhythm of Drums”**

**Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 3:00 PM**

@ Home of Pearl Kim

Co Hostess – LaVerne, McCoy, Noriko Sato  
& Darlene Vlasek

Drumming Program - Debra Shrader  
& Ramona Gifford

### Board Meeting

**Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10:00 AM**

@ Home of Ramona Gifford

### Music Speaks Through Many Voices

**Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 7 PM**

El Camino Recital Hall

International Artist - Katsuya Yuasa, clarinet

### District Conference

**Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

@ University of LaVerne

### Board Meeting

**Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10:00 AM**

@ Home of Ann Terrill

## President's Message

Greetings on this first day of October!

We began our new year of meetings on a newly installed deck overlooking the rooftops of San Pedro and the Los Angeles Harbor. Emily and Dave Anderson convinced their remodelers to finish the deck to the place where we could sit and enjoy a meal together and listen to the rhythmic strains of our guitar duo, Tamer Maamoun and Julio Sequeira. Thank you for the perfect accompaniment to the scene, guys! I'm also remembering the yummy food provided and the ease of provision by our hostesses, Ann Terrill, Elizabeth Turner and Debra Shrader which makes this a night worth savoring on many levels. A Silent Auction yielded over \$200 for our treasury and some members found treasures to take home or enjoy. Thanks to all those who contributed. Yearbooks finished, thanks to Julio and Wendy Sequeira, were available to those in attendance and will be again at the October meeting. Be sure to pick up yours. That simple action saves us beaucoup \$\$\$.

Looking forward to our October meeting, we will be honoring our 30-50 year members, celebrating Founder's Day and participating in a drum circle led by Debra Shrader and Ramona Gifford. Please see the front page for complete information for this meeting where we will also vote to accept the changes to our standing rules. These were sent out about 10 days ago. Also in a separate file sent out with this newsletter are the SERV guidelines. Help us to keep our title to the most number of hours per member. I know most of you don't have to smudge even a smidge to come up with hundreds of hours that you donate to worthy musical causes in our area. Just write them down so WE and YOU can get credit for them!

Our PSW1 District Conference is coming up soon also. It will be held at the University of LaVerne on November 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 AM. Several of us will be attending and if you would like to go, please pre-register (and pay through PayPal) at our website [www.muphipvsouthbay.org](http://www.muphipvsouthbay.org). The cost is \$50 which includes lunch.

You 'll have the chance to meet our International President and hear International Artist, Katsuya Yuasa, clarinet, accompanied by Mary Au. Mary Lou Newmark, performance artist, will round out the list of notables on the program. But, lo, I forget.... Jeanine Wagner (daughter of Roger) is going to lead us in a Sing Along, also at the conference. And there's more. Come and be surprised!

Rounding out the activities of the next two months is a concert by the International Winner I just mentioned at El Camino College (a bit closer to home) on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Please invite your friends to this free concert. What an opportunity to hear a world-class clarinetist (before he becomes more famous and ticket prices go through the roof)!

## Announcements

Remember the special award we won in September, the Katherine Doepke prize for Creative Programming? Well...the board voted to give the prize to a group named TLC which was recently formed by Debra Shrader. What? Who is TLC? Debra has written the following.

*“In the winter of 2018, a few friends who love to sing gathered to consider forming a new singing group. It began with members of Rolling Hills United Methodist Church, but included other friends, too. We discussed community service while we enjoyed harmonizing together. Thus, was born the TLC Singers. We have sung for people who are grieving, those who are home-bound, and those who are hospitalized or in hospice care. The purpose? To bring soothing music that might recall memories and to offer joy of song.*”

They may be reached through this number: (424) 262-6483 or email: [pvtlcsingers@gmail.com](mailto:pvtlcsingers@gmail.com). You may also contact Mu Phi member Debra Shrader (424) 242-4438 for requests.” (She also indicated that they are open to adding new singers so if this interests you, please contact her.)

Lest we forget, one of the chief interests of Mu Phi Epsilon a few years back was the establishment of degree programs in Music Therapy at the college level. The value of music as a palliative in stressful situations has been well documented. We are excited to be able to undergird their mission with this gift to be used to purchase music for the group.

## Member News

Frances Steiner's Orchestra, the **Chamber Orchestra of the South Bay**, is offering \$15 rush students to concerts one hour before performance (if there are any tickets remaining). This month's concert on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM features **KENNETH BROBERG**, piano, *2017 Van Cliburn Silver Medalist playing Beethoven's 3<sup>rd</sup> piano concerto.*

We announced via email the passing of former member, **Maria Jaque**, flutist. Her memorial service will be On October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM at El Segundo UMC, 540 Main St.. Please hold her family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Wendy and Julio Sequeira** continue adding to their long list of responsibilities. Julio has accepted the position as head of the music program at Belmont High School. Wendy is now in charge of the integrative Music and the Arts program at her school, Edwin Markham Middle School. Congratulations to both of you.

Member **Jan Bunker** and husband **Gordon Goldberg** have enjoyed a cruise to Norway. We're hoping that it means that he's totally recovered from a year's worth of back surgeries and the long haul to recovery. Wonderful news!!!

## **SERV Hours**

Keep track of them. Lois Tai will be checking with you at the end of the year.

## **WEBSITE**

Did you know that you can find our about our chapter and check on dates and times on our website? Check it out!!! [www.muphipvsouthbay.org](http://www.muphipvsouthbay.org)

## **Tired of Being Bored at Home**

It's never too late to start racking up service hours for this year. There are still plenty of volunteer opportunities. 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, or volunteering for the 2018-2019 year. If interested any of the above contact Teddy Greenwald at [tgmosco@att.net](mailto:tgmosco@att.net).

## **♪ Editor's Note ♪**

Thank you to those of you that have submitted items for the newsletter. Keep them coming so that we all keep inform of what's going on with you!

For next month's newsletters please send submissions to [wreyes87@gmail.com](mailto:wreyes87@gmail.com).