



NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Happy November Everyone,

I hope this message finds each of you happy and healthy. It was lovely to see so many of you at Deon's home in October. We enjoyed visiting, learning about the Convention and listening to Deb Aitkens' flawless piano program. She is very talented indeed.

We are running full speed ahead to our next function. It is the much-anticipated Founder's Day Celebration in Santa Monica on November 16th. Lots of hard work is going into the program and I am very hopeful to have you all come to show support. It will be wonderful to meet so many members of other Mu Phi Epsilon chapters in the Southern California area. If you care to help, please contact Deborah How or me.

After this very big event, we will have a break from meetings until January. Again, I encourage you to read the wonderful newsletters completely so that you may stay informed.

Directories were mailed today, please email Deborah at dhhow@musette.org or dhhow.music@gmail.com if you do not receive yours by the end of the week.

"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life," so go make some music.

Musically yours, Susan

NOVEMBER MEETING

Sunday, November 16, 2014

**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
1343 Ocean Park Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90405**

7:00 p.m.

Join Us for a combined Southern California Alumni and Collegiate Chapter Special Event

**Founder's Day GALA CONCERT
And CELEBRATION**

Free Admission and Parking

For Participation Details see page 2

UPCOMING

No December Meeting

**Thursday, January 8, 2015
Ceora Winds
Pot Luck Lunch**

Ginger Curea, VP Programs

Founder's Day Celebration Concert Invitation:

We invite and encourage each Collegiate and Alumni Chapter to send a solo performer or chamber ensemble to perform in the gala concert. We will program at least one performer/group from each chapter, more if time permits. To perform in the concert, please RSVP to Deborah How: dhhow.music@gmail.com

In addition, there will be two short SATB choral works for anyone who wants to sing, led by Alex Koppel, CSU Fullerton. Music is attached. Please download and learn your part to be a member of the Mu Phi Founders Day choir! There will be a brief rehearsal immediately before the concert. To be in the choir, please RSVP to Sue Dietz: suedietz@gmail.com

AND, we will also be performing Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 - Movement I & II. The Beam Quartet from University of the Pacific (Mu Eta) will be driving down from Stockton to serve as our principal chairs. Are you a violinist, violist, cellist, or bassist? Please come and play in the Mu Phi Founders Day chamber orchestra! Music is available from Sue or Deborah. There will be a brief rehearsal immediately before the concert. Soloists include Gail Mellert (violin), Palos Verdes/South Bay Alumni Chapter, Deborah How (flute), Los Angeles Alumni Chapter, and Deon Nielsen Price (keyboard), Los Angeles Alumni Chapter.

The church seats about 375-400, so please bring your friends and family. Please plan to carpool as we expect the church parking lot to fill quickly. We will be recording the concert to broadcast later on YouTube. Live Streaming on the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter Facebook page is also in the works.

Light reception will follow the concert.

Presenters from the October Meeting - (left to right) Deon Price with her Orah Ashley Lamke Award, Sue Dietz, Deborah How, and Deborah Aitken.



CHAPTER MEMBER NEWS

Joyce Geeting



Winner of the "Outstanding Studio Teacher of the Year 2014 Award" given by American String Teachers Association, Greater Los Angeles Area Section!

Kyle Champion, outgoing president of ASTA, presenting Joyce her award

Mary Lou Newmark

Mary Lou's composition for Clarinet and Soundscape, "Shattered" will be performed by Andrea Cheeseman, who commissioned the work, on the November 13th ElectroAcoustic Barn Dance concert as part of a multi-day festival of electroacoustic music at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Deon Nielsen Price

On July 31, Deon was thrilled to receive the *Orah Ashley Lamke* Distinguished Alumni Award. The honor was presented at the Mu Phi Epsilon International Music Fraternity Convention in Sacramento and accepted by our Chapter President Sue Dietz. It was an unexpected treat to have retiring MPE 3rd Vice-present, Lenita McCallum present the certificate to me personally at the Mu Eta BEAM STRING QUARTET concert in my home August 13th. See previous page for photo of October meeting presentation.

In Memorium Carol Skinner: Carol Aldrich Skinner was born in Riverside, California. Her mother started her on piano lessons at age three. She was hired, in her senior year, by Max Krone, Dean of Arts at USC, to be his secretary, and she fell in love with USC. She studied voice with William Vennard and piano with Hans Lampl and John Crown. She sang in the University Choir, directed by Charles Hirt, and also in the Madrigals. Carol joined Mu Phi Epsilon, Mu Nu Chapter in 1953, while attending USC. She was soloist at St. John's and for several years sang in the large choir which became known as the Roger Wagner Chorale.

After graduation she signed a contract with LAUSD and settled in to conduct choirs in the school district for the next 35 years. She married Donald Odell Skinner, who was a principal in the district, and they had many years of domestic joy and a lot of traveling. Carol took an early retirement when Don journeyed on for eight years of serious illness until he died.

Carol was the President of our Los Angeles Alumni Chapter from 1998 - 2001.

Memorial services will be held at the Villa Gardens, 842 East Villa Street, Pasadena, CA on November 15th at 11 a.m. Please RSVP to Chris Boutelle: grp45@aol.com In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Dominant Music Club - Ruby Luban, 4738 Orange Knoll Ave., La Canada, CA 91011 or to Mu Phi Epsilon - Deborah How, 843 Yale Street, Santa Monica CA 90403



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUES STATEMENTS

Dues notices have been e-mailed to all members with e-mail addresses; paper invoices have been mailed to all members without e-mail addresses. [Dues are due on October 1, 2014 and may be paid by mailing a personal check or by PayPal/credit card online.](#) Please e-mail Deborah How, treasurer, with any questions - dhow.music@gmail.com. **Yearbooks will be mailed to members who have paid dues!** THANKS!

RALPHS

Hopefully you who shop this store have signed up, once again, to participate in this project which nets us close to \$500.00 a year.

One doesn't have to be a Mu Phi to participate. Ask your family members, neighbors-- anyone who shops at Ralphs is eligible. It costs you nothing and gives back to us much needed funds. If you prefer to have a scan bar letter you can take to the market so the checker can scan, please contact me, and I'll send you one via mail. Shogasan@msn.com or 310-459-5150. Please help your chapter! Ginger Curea, Chair

DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Our new Alumni Advisor, Ruth Cuccia has asked us to be on the lookout for a new District Director for the Pacific Southwest Province. The candidate must be in good standing with the Fraternity and hold a Bachelor's Degree. The responsibilities include some travel and staying in touch with both the Alumni and Collegiate Chapters and performing reviews for the Chapters. President Rosemary Ames makes the final decision on the person(s) for this three-year position. If you have any nominees or are interested yourself, we will discuss at the next meeting.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all news (150 word maximum) and photos by email only by the 20th of the previous month prior to publication on the first.
THANKS! Mary Lou Newmark, Editor - MLN@greenangelmusic.com

