

PALOS VERDES/SOUTH BAY ALUMNI Newsletter



President's Message

Our January Holiday Party was a wonderful gathering of members, patrons, and friends at the beautiful home of our treasurer, *David Champion* and his wife *Janice*. It was a delightful afternoon of singing & feasting.

David opened our party by singing a wonderful solo. Then he led us in a singalong from the Mu Phi Epsilon songbook that he had compiled for 2008 Convention. We enjoyed singing some of the rounds and simpler songs. Then the special treat, was hearing *Annette Smith*, at the young age of 103, enchant us with her impromptu performance. Her musicality, breath control & beautiful tone, were most impressive. Annette is the example of a resilient, productive, & purpose-filled musical life!

The shout out for this month goes to our immensely talented pianist/composer, *Leslie Sharp*. She most capably & effortlessly accompanied our singers & the singalong. She skillfully sightread the songbook, played by ear, as well as provided background jazz music as guests arrived. Leslie is truly multitalented & we are deeply appreciate her generosity in sharing her gifts with us.

Our upcoming "Musical Mosaic" is our most important fundraising concert of the year. Our committee has curated a superb afternoon of music making. We urge every member, patron & friend to buy tickets, sponsor a musician, donate additional funds & most certainly attend. You don't want to miss these amazing performances.



Dr. Joanna Medawar Nacheff

Four Ways To Donate

- Make a check to Campus Concerts. (This is our new tax-advantaged account); Write Musical Mosaic on the memo line. If you donation is to specifically provide an honorarium to a performer, add a note.

Mail to:

Lois Jen Tai

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- Contributions may be made using ZELLE (a type of bank transfer). Use the following email address for sending money and add a message that you are paying for a Musical Mosaic donation, indicate the number of seats you want to reserve. Be sure to copy the email address [exactly](mailto:donatecampusconcerts.org).
- Scan the following QR Code
- [Click here to Purchase a Ticket or Donate to Musical Mosaic 2026](#)

Checks and cash will also be acceptable at the door.

All funds raised will be used to award grants to local school music programs. \$8,120.35 was awarded in 2025 and our total philanthropy in the 2024-2025 fiscal year was \$16,069.69. Help us raise even more funds and we look forward to seeing many of you in the audience with friends and family!!



Musically,
Dr. Joanna Medawar Nacheff
President

Photo Highlights



Some photos from our festive and musical Holiday Party on Sunday, January 11.



Submission from *Betty Chung*:
"Anli and I visited Mona a couple of days before Mona moved away."



Submission from *Janelle Catbagan*: 1 month down in my new choir teacher position at Santa Ana High School!

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2026

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Upcoming Dates

Saturday, February 7th @ 4:00 p.m.

Musical Mosaic

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church

See Flyer for Address

Wednesday, February 18 @ 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Board Meeting

SERV Hours

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A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS

SPOTLIGHT ON A TRUE MOSAIC OF MUSICAL STYLES



El Segundo High School Choir



Saya Nishimura
violin



Betty and Justin Cheung
piano and cello



Sofia Marmaud
soprano



Aaron Grooves
multi-instrumentalist

Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 4pm

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church

26438 Crenshaw Blvd Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

ADULTS \$30 | JR/SR HIGH \$10 | CHILDREN FREE

SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

