



June 2020 Newsletter

Greetings everyone!

What a challenging year it has been! Thankfully, we got off to a great start and enjoyed excellent musical performances by all of the organizations we support. It wasn't long ago when we assembled to hear the Portland Opera's Artists in Residence program and I think we will all have lasting memories of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony's mariachi performance. Hang on to all those good memories and let's carry them forward into the next season. What's happened since has been troubling and the future may be uncertain, but we plan to continue our mission in the 2020-21 season to do all we can to support each other and our local music scene.

In our May newsletter we provided a tentative schedule for next season at Holladay Park Plaza, but realistically, we all know that health precautions will remain necessary and Holladay Park may not open for a long time. We will not risk anyone's health but we can still support our local musical community. That being said, please plan on voting by email or by regular mail ahead of the upcoming Annual Meeting on September 14th as we elect our new slate of officers and approve changes to our Constitution and By-Laws. Ballots will be provided well in advance. Assuming we will not be able to meet at Holladay Park, please plan to attend a *virtual* meeting on September 14th using the "Zoom" video-teleconferencing (VTC) option. Instructions will be provided as needed.

Board meetings have been held using Zoom to handle MMC business. We have had an average of ten regular VTC attendees. Virtual "Stay-at-Home" Teas will be planned as social gatherings. They really do provide for a fun way to connect and interact with your MMC family. If you would like to join in on our board meetings that proceed any virtual Tea meetings, as always, the board encourages maximum participation. Stay tuned for more updates and voting notifications.

Schedule Changes: There have been a few changes since the last newsletter so you may want to take note. Most significantly, we are postponing the scholarship auditions that we had planned to hold at Portland State University (PSU) in August. PSU made a decision to cancel all planned events throughout the summer. With that, we decided to suspend auditions until the regularly scheduled timeframe next year. Auditions are scheduled for April 17, 2021, and the Scholarship performance is now scheduled for May 3, 2021.

Recent Board Actions: The board voted to continue to support our local musical organizations at the same funding levels. We all agreed that our musical community needs our support now more than ever. I am also glad to report that you will all receive a 2020-21 Monday Musical Club Directory; which will be finalized and mailed to everyone following our elections in September. Thanks to Cynthia Marberry for agreeing to carry on as the Directory Chair. She also updated us on the work of the nominating committee and provided an update to include all changes made since the last newsletter.

Nominating Committee Update:

President - Grant Porter

Vice President - Gyrid Hyde-Towle

Treasurer - Lynda Wendel

Financial Secretary - Jan Petersen

Recording Secretary - Teryl Williams

Corresponding Secretary - Janette Barbour

Directors: April Avery, Connie Gillespie, Judie Jamison, Florence Lersch, Glennis Lundberg, Cynthia MacLeod, Bev Owen and Dee Schiavone.

Thanks to everyone who agreed to serve and also to Cynthia and the “Nom-Com” team of Ardith Stensland, Sandy Tyler and Teryl Williams for their ability to build a team that provides the wisdom and experience of seasoned members as well as the imagination and energy of all the first time officers!

If you are like me, you are probably taking this time to reflect on your own as well as our nations values. Many people are soul searching right now and hopefully we will all learn more about how people want to be treated. Please know that as a retired Colonel with thirty years of service in the Army, I want to support everyone with dignity and respect regardless of the color of their skin, age, gender or sexual orientation, and I will do everything I can to promote equal opportunity and promote diversity within Monday Musical Club of Portland.

Please stay safe, wear a mask and maintain social distancing to protect yourselves and others. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Grant Porter

President and Scholarship Chairman

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