



## **October 2020 Newsletter**

**Greetings everyone!** We're heading into a new and exciting season and are ready to get started.

Thanks to those of you who participated in our virtual annual meeting on September 14th! In case you missed it, I will cover all of the key points in this newsletter. We had 30 participants attending our meeting and 24 ballots were received in advance for a total of 43 votes cast in all. So we easily met the quorum requirement of 25 members. We elected our new slate of officers and unanimously approved all amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws. On September 28th, our new Board of Management met to prepare for our first event on October 8th, (see "Upcoming Events" below) and approved our 2020-21 budget.

If you are in doubt about your ability to attend our video-based meetings, please know that you can also just call in with audio only, **like a normal telephone call**, even if you don't have video capability. The call-in numbers and instructions will always be provided in advance. If you have a camera on your computer, but are unsure about using ZOOM, please call our host, Jan Petersen for assistance as needed at 503-708-7194.

### **Upcoming Events:**

We will begin our new season on **October 5th at 6 pm** with two members of the **Oregon Symphony** who will join us to talk about the "**Symphony Storytime**" online educational series. In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month we will welcome **Marilyn de Oliveira**, assistant principal cello and **Sergio Carreno**, percussion and assistant principal timpani. They will be speaking about the Storytime series, so please watch some of the episodes in advance to fully appreciate the discussion. Click on the following link to watch Marilyn and Sergio in action on the Symphony's website: <https://www.orsymphony.org/discover/watch-listen/symphony-storytime/> You will need to scroll down and select "[Watch English Stories](#)" or "Cuentos en Español" to select between the two language formats.

This new online format will allow us to engage more with the musicians. The English-based program features Marilyn de Oliveira with the first story, playing the soundtrack for "Mole Music"; which includes discussion with Marilyn about the story, the cello and follows with her performance of the Gigue from the 2nd Suite of Bach's unaccompanied Suites. She is also featured in "Barn Dance." Sergio Carreno hosts the episodes found in the Spanish language series and performs on various percussion instruments. During our Q&A session on the 8th, we will be asking questions of the artists. Please watch these enjoyable stories and enjoy the show!

**Scholarship Program:** We have retained 30 applicants from the past year who will compete in the Scholarship audition scheduled for April 17th. The Finance Committee has identified that we are able to support the same level of funding in 2021 as was planned for this year. We plan to hold the audition and performance either at Holladay Park or an alternate location.

**Website updates:** In addition to hosting virtual events, we will be making improvements on our website. The board approved several proposals provided by Steve Rawlinson who has supported us for many years. Thanks to Janette Barbour for coordinating with Steve for our website updates and for her work on our Facebook page.

**New Directory Mailings:** Thanks to Cynthia Marberry for all her great work updating the directory and for mailing them out this year! She actually went back to her home to rescue the MMC records during the recent fire evacuation of her home! Fortunately her home was not burned and she is now back safe and sound. Last year we had several directories left over as not everyone could come to our events, so this year we will improve our outreach by mailing everyone a directory. Great work Cynthia!

**Committee Chair Opportunities:** There are still a few open committee chair positions available to include Constitution and By-Laws, Historian and Publicity. I am pleased to announce that Judie Jamison will be our Photographer and Vice President Gyrid Hyde-Towle will serve as our Hospitality and Guestbook chair. Please contact me soon to volunteer for any of the positions still available.

**Honoring Past Presidents:** Every year we honor our living past presidents and present them with a small gift. Last year we made special name tags for those who attended our luncheon to include Beverly Owen, Denali Porter, Barbara Fredricksen, Nancy Rawlinson, Jane Bohnstedt, Arleen Crucchiola, Cynthia Marberry, Don Frueh, Janette Barbour, Ardith Stensland and Janet Orjala. I would like to recognize and thank them all again along with Janet Bingham Liharik, Barbara McClincy and Ionne King. Above all, we want to give special recognition to Wilma Lee, our president from 1986-1988 who died from the coronavirus this past March. Her daughter, Barbara Hull sent a heartfelt letter about how much Wilma loved Monday Musical Club and particularly the scholarship program for which she left \$1,000. Condolences to her family and may she rest in peace.

#### **Election of Officers:**

Thanks to Cynthia Marberry and the Nominating Committee team of Ardith Stensland, Sandy Tyler and Teryl Williams who identified the nominees who were elected and installed. Cynthia was forced to evacuate her home so Sandy Tyler agreed to step in and

lead the election process at the annual meeting. Nominees selected and installed this year were:

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, Beverly Owen and Dee Schiavone.

We look forward to presenting you all with another fine season of music!

Grant Porter

President and Scholarship Chairman

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