

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL SUMMER 2025 EDITION



Happy New (Fiscal) Year to Our Wonderful Members. I hope you are enjoying your summer (and can stay cool in this current spate of heat).

As your new president, I am humbled by your expression of support and fully aware of the challenges of this office. My team (your Board of Management) has much to do in the coming months as we prepare for a spectacular year full of exciting events!

OPERA AND PICNIC IN THE PARK



We begin those events this very month, at **6:00PM, Sunday July 27th**, at beautiful Peninsula Park in Portland – a **free** performance by Portland Opera of excerpts from the opera “Carmen”.

Vice President and Ways and Means Chair, Patty Cavanaugh, invites MMC members to meet at the park (street parking only) or meet at New Seasons Market parking lot, 6400 N. Interstate Ave., 97217 for car pool. You will need to find street parking nearby the New Seasons and meet Cynthia Marberry at the parking lot. She will have yellow and blue balloons so you can find her easily. ***Please call or text her at 503-739-0578 or email cindynloren@gmail.com to let her know you will meet her there.*** Do not park in the lot or you will be towed. Several members have already committed to attend so join them for a musical picnic! Judie Jamison will have our spot selected at the park. Look for yellow and blue balloons there also. You will need a folding lawn or camping chair, snacks, and beverages (no alcohol). If you don't have a chair Cynthia Marberry has six. Let her know you need one. *This is short notice but please put this on your calendar.*

SIPS N SOUNDS



On Wednesday August 20 at 6:00PM, Ways and Means Chair Patty Cavanaugh along with help from her committee will host ***a special summer event*** at the Lady Hill Winery near Champoege Park (exit 282A off I-5). Featured will be **Dan Balmer**, jazz guitarist extraordinaire. Some of us were privileged to hear him at last November's Musicale at the home of Bill and Joan Diehl. A “Sips N Sounds” flyer is attached.

Also, at the annual meeting in June, three officers were elected and a series of recommended changes to the constitution were proposed. A quorum of active club members present voted in favor of the changes. You will see these changes in the membership directory that will be published in September. Featured below are MMC officers for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

MMC ELECTED OFFICERS 2025-2026



Meet **President Joe McDonald**. His work history is primarily in Financial Leadership positions with several well-known high-tech companies. Joe enjoys playing golf, taking pictures (he is also club photographer), and traveling in the Northwest with his wife, Ann, a MMC club member since 2021.



Meet **Vice President Patty Cavanaugh**. Patty is both Vice President and Chair of Ways and Means. This is her 2nd year on the board of management. Patty rejoined MMC in April of 2024 after being a member in 2017-18. She was caregiver to her elderly parents for many years after a varied business career that focused mainly on marketing and sales. Patty studied classical piano and classical ballet for 10 years and qualified for Conservatory after graduating from high school. Born and raised in New York, she came out to Oregon to get her MBA at University of Oregon. Her interests include all the arts, sailing, football, travel, reading, and legal podcasts on interesting court cases. Patty is past President of Portland Opera Guild and has been on its Board of Directors for 9 years.



Meet **Treasurer Bernadette Arnold**. Keyboardist Bernadette Arnold is currently the Director of Music and Liturgy in the Archdiocese of Portland for the churches in the greater SE Clackamas area. Prior to that, she held the same position for the Diocese of San Jose for twenty-four years. Bernadette studied with concert pianist, Anna Poklewski and keyboardists Gilbert Martinez and Katherine Heater. She has conducted and served as a percussionist and pianist for the De Anza Wind Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra, and along with violinist, Eric Finley, she currently plays the harpsichord for the music ensemble, *Camerata Moresca*. She taught music for private schools in Portland and Salem. She currently teaches at her home in the Eagle Creek, Estacada and Sandy area. Along with all of her music activities, her active family keeps her busy.

We thank Joe, Patty, and Bernadette for your willingness to serve our club and community. There are still three offices to fill – Recording, Financial, and Corresponding Secretaries.

In addition, we thank Grant Porter who has agreed to continue as Awards Chair, Judie Jamison continuing as Directory Chair with the help of Nancy Woo, Teryl Williams as Membership Chair, Patty Cavanaugh as Ways and Means Chair with help from Judie Jamison, and April Avery who has agreed to be Tea Chair/Coordinator.

HELP NEEDED

In addition to the need of three more executive officers, there are several committees that need your help to keep Monday Musical Club running smoothly. My philosophy on this is that “many hands make for light work,” so I am asking that you consider stepping into a role that fits/suits your interests and skills. It would be great if members agreed to share the load with each other. For instance, Ann Ray has agreed to send out thank you letter/receipts via email and/or USPS which will reduce the workload of the Corresponding Secretary.

The same strategy could be employed for the Financial Secretary. It is not necessary that all the load be borne by only one person. For the immediate future, that position will be filled by Joe, the president, but this is **not** the preferred method. It would be very easy to break up the position into smaller parts. In order for Monday Musical Club to thrive, we really need help from our members. Please consider sharing your experience, skills, and talent with the club and the community we serve. Do you like to meet and greet, get to know new people, have the gift of gab – how about helping with “door duty and ushering services” at monthly teas, making reminder phone calls for special events, sending greeting cards? Do you like to plan menus and decorate for parties – how about helping April Avery with monthly teas? Judie Jamison and Patty Cavanaugh have already volunteered to host the February 2026 Tea. Do you have ideas and/or contacts for press releases and announcements to radio stations, TV stations, organizations like Lions Clubs, social directors at your retirement communities, the bulletin board at your local market, church or senior center - how about helping with Publicity? Do you have any website development or maintenance experience? Have you ever posted anything on FaceBook, X, or other social media? How about helping with our social media outreach? Are you interested in keeping the story of our 121 year old organization current, relevant and on-going – how about Club Historian? Or simply put yourself on a “call-list” for occasional help with teas, events, and projects.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

To date, 42 members have renewed membership in MMC. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!** Dues are due on July 1 **and become delinquent on August 1** per the change made at our June 2 General Membership Meeting. Our dues are: Associate - \$12 per year, Active Member - \$50 per year, sustaining Member - \$75 per year, and Patron Member - \$125 per year. The current descriptions and privileges are described in our red 2024-2025 club directory, page 26.