



MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB OF PORTLAND



NEWS NOTES



FEBRUARY 2026

FROM PRESIDENT JOE McDONALD

I HOPE YOU JOINED US FOR THE VALENTINES TEA ON FEBRUARY 2. THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY PERFORMED SELECTIONS FROM CHAMBER SYMPHONY OP 110A BY DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH. THE MUSIC WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE PERFORMERS BUT EXTREMELY ENJOYABLE FOR US LISTENERS. SEE THEM IN A FEW PICTURES LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

THE TIME HAS COME TO APPOINT A NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR NEXT YEAR'S BOARD MEMBERS. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TASK THAT NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO REACH OUT FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS. YOUR BOARD HAS BEEN OPERATING WITH 7 MEMBERS FILLING 17 POSITIONS, SO SEVERAL OF THEM ARE DOING MULTIPLE JOBS AND THIS CANNOT BE SUSTAINED. ALSO, WE STILL NEED AN AUDITOR FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR SO WE CAN ENSURE OUR RECORDS ARE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. THIS HAPPENS IN LATE JUNE. VOLUNTEER???

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SOON SO I CAN PUT THAT TEAM TOGETHER.

AND FINALLY, A BIG SHOUT OUT TO APRIL AVERY AND TISA WRIGHTSON FOR THEIR UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF THE REFRESHMENTS AT OUR TEAS. THEY HELP THE HOSTESSES KEEP THE COFFEE FLOWING AND THE GOODIES READY FOR US TO MUNCH ON. OUR MARCH TEA WILL FEATURE MUSICIANS FROM THE COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER. I HAVE SEEN A PRELIMINARY PROGRAM, AND IT LOOKS GREAT!



FROM VICE PRESIDENT AND WAYS & MEANS CHAIR, PATTY CAVANAUGH

MARCH TEA: POT O' GOLD

ON MARCH 2ND, WE WILL HAVE OUR POT O' GOLD TEA AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB USES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOR DONATIONS AS OUR DUES DON'T COVER OUR ADMINISTRATIVE AND PHILANTHROPIC COSTS. PLEASE, DO NOT FEEL ANY PRESSURE TO CONTRIBUTE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PRESENTING AN AFTERNOON OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC BROUGHT TO YOU BY WONDERFUL YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM THE COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER.

ANOTHER GREAT WAY TO CONTRIBUTE IS TO JUST VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH A FUTURE TEA (SPRING CONCERT ON APRIL 6TH) OR THE SOIRÉE HAPPENING IN MAY (SEE NEXT ARTICLE!). THEY ARE NOT MAJOR TIME COMMITMENTS, AND YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!



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(POT O' GOLD, CONT.)

CONTACT CYNTHIA MARBERRY TO HELP WITH FOOD FOR THE SPRING CONCERT, AND MYSELF TO HELP WITH THE SOIRÉE.

SOIRÉE: NEW DATE!!

OUR MAY SOIRÉE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM SATURDAY, MAY 16TH TO SUNDAY, MAY 17TH 2026. IT WILL BE HELD AT LAKEWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM FROM 6PM TO 8PM. THE ADDRESS IS 368 STATE ST, LAKE OSWEGO, OR 97034. THERE IS AMPLE FREE PARKING BEHIND THE BUILDING, AND THERE IS AN ELEVATOR AVAILABLE TO TAKE YOU TO THE COMMUNITY ROOM ON THE LOWER LEVEL.

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THIS STELLAR EVENT:

SHELLY RUDOLPH, WORLD CLASS, PORTLAND-BASED JAZZ AND SOUL VOCALIST ([SHELLYRUDOLPH.COM](http://shellyrudolph.com)) ACCOMPANIED BY THE INCOMPARABLE **TOM GRANT**, PIANIST ([TOMGRANT.COM](http://tomgrant.com)). SHELLY AND TOM HAVE BEEN PERFORMING TOGETHER FOR OVER 20 YEARS! IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THIS DUO BEFORE, YOU ARE IN FOR A REAL TREAT!

TICKETS ARE \$40 EACH AND ARE *JUST FOR THE CONCERT*. FOOD AND BEVERAGE OPTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SUBSEQUENTLY. THIS IS A *FUNDRAISER*, AND \$15 IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE PER TICKET.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE, **SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 6-8 PM** AND JOIN US!!



FROM OUR TEA HOSTESS COORDINATOR, APRIL AVERY

I CANNOT ADEQUATELY DESCRIBE HOW EXACTLY I BECOME INVOLVED WITH TUNES AND TONES SOMEONE ELSE PRODUCES, BY INSTRUMENT OR VOICE, AND WE CALL *SOUNDS OF MUSIC*. I BRAG I CAN PLAY PIANO IN ANY LANGUAGE, BECAUSE, HA! HA! HOW DO YOU PLAY LANGUAGE? IT'S THE MUSIC THAT DRAWS US – INSPIRES, RELAXES, HEALS, ENERGIZES, SYMPATHIZES. YOU KNOW? JUST BREATHE! KNOW IT IS TRUE. RELAX AND ENJOY.

A GOOD CUP OF COFFEE, OR TEA, BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER LISTENING MAKES IT ALL WONDERFUL TOO. WHEN THE MMC TEA HOSTS SERVE OUR FRIENDS IN MUSIC APPRECIATION, WE RECOGNIZE SOMETHING WE HAVE IN COMMON.

OUR TEA HOSTS TRY TO PRESENT AN APPETIZING AND NUTRITIOUS ARRAY OF FOOD. WE ARE A SMALL GROUP, TAKING TURNS SO THAT NO ONE HAS TO DO IT ALL. IT'S A LOT TO THINK ABOUT, PREPARE, PRESENT, AND FINISH WITH A CLEAN KITCHEN, AND TIRED SATISFACTION.



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(TEA HOSTESS COORDINATOR CONT.)

WE LOVE HEARING THE SOUNDS OF HAPPY PEOPLE SHARING MEMORIES OF MUSIC, AND ENJOYING LIGHT REFRESHMENT. EVERY "THANK YOU" IS APPRECIATED. AS LONG AS WE CAN, WE WILL KEEP IT UP. BUT, THINGS DO CHANGE, AND WE ARE NOT ONLY CHANGING BECAUSE WE CHOOSE, BUT BECAUSE OF - YOU KNOW...THOSE "CHALLENGES" IN LIFE THAT ARE OUT OF OUR CONTROL.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH PROVIDING FOOD AND SHARING IN SERVICE, WHILE ATTENDING THE MONTHLY PERFORMANCES BY AMAZING, BEAUTIFUL, COMPASSIONATE, DEDICATED, EAGER, FINE-TUNED GURUS. ALPHABETICALLY SPEAKING, THEY ARE BEYOND X, Y AND Z!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS VIVIANE AND NORRIS HIBBLER

WE ARE NORRIS AND VIVIANE HIBBLER. WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED NEARLY FORTY YEARS. WE HAVE EIGHT CHILDREN - FOUR EACH AND EACH OF US HAS A SET OF TWINS. WE HAVE TEN GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREATS. NORRIS IS FROM RICHMOND, CA. HE JOINED THE MARINE CORPS IN 1951 AND FOUGHT IN THE KOREAN WAR. AFTER THE WAR, HE WENT BACK TO SCHOOL AND THEN WORKED FOR MANY YEARS IN FINANCE.

SOMETIME IN THE 70'S, HE WAS HIRED BY JOHN DEERE EQUIPMENT AND WAS THE FINANCE REP FOR THE WEST COAST. THAT IS HOW WE MET. I WORKED AT A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. THE 1980'S WERE A TIME OF ECONOMIC DEPRESSION AND THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY BECAME DELINQUENT ON ITS JOHN DEERE EQUIPMENT PAYMENTS. THE JOHN DEERE CORPORATE OFFICE INSISTED THAT NORRIS PAY US A VISIT AND TRY TO SET UP SOME KIND OF PAYMENT PLAN AS THEY DID NOT WISH TO HAVE THE EQUIPMENT BACK IN THEIR POSSESSION. I THINK MY COMPANY DID END UP MAKING THEIR PAYMENTS, BUT NORRIS ALSO GOT ME. I'M NOT SURE IF I WAS THE PAYMENT FOR THE EQUIPMENT OR NOT!

NORRIS IS ALSO A PRIVATE PILOT. AFTER HE RETIRED FROM JOHN DEERE, HE OPENED UP HIS OWN INSURANCE AGENCY BECAUSE HE HAD PURCHASED AN AIRCRAFT MODEL THAT NO COMPANY WANTED TO INSURE. NORRIS AND I WORKED THE AGENCY FOR ABOUT 45 YEARS INSURING ALL AVIATION FROM AIRPLANES TO AIRPORTS BEFORE SELLING IT.

I AM FROM FRANCE. MY DAD WAS AN AMERICAN GI WHO WENT TO FRANCE FOR D-DAY. MY MOM WAS FROM PARIS. WE CAME BACK TO OREGON IN THE 50'S TO BE WITH MY AMERICAN GRANDMOTHER. WE HAVE BEEN IMMENSELY BLESSED.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ENJOYING MANY MUSICAL PERFORMANCES.



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CLUB MEMBER NITA VAN PELT

HOW MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT OUR OWN CLUB MEMBER, NITA VAN PELT, IS FIRST CHAIR CLARINETIST WITH THE *TILIKUM CHAMBER ORCHESTRA*? TCO CONTINUES TO BE A VITAL ORGANIZATION IN KEEPING CHAMBER MUSIC ALIVE AND WELL! NITA ASKED US TO INVITE YOU ALL TO TILIKUM CHAMBER ORCHESTRA'S SPRING CONCERT, "LONGING FOR SPRING". PLEASE JOIN US AT *LAKERIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, FEB. 28, 7:30 PM. TICKETS ARE ONLY \$12 FOR SENIORS!!*



PHOTOS FROM THE FEB. 2, VALENTINE'S TEA



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

**KENJI BUNCH, COMPOSER,
MUSICIAN, INSTRUCTOR WITH
METROPOLITAN YOUTH
SYMPHONY.**

MYS MUSICIANS.

CLUB MEMBERS.

