



# MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB OF PORTLAND



## ♪ NEWSNOTES ♪ APRIL 2026 FROM PRESIDENT JOE McDONALD

WE HAD A WONDERFUL TEA ON APR 6 WITH THREE INSPIRING PERFORMERS – MARÍA GARCÍA, GREGORY DUBAY, AND GYAN SINGH MARIA. NOT ONLY WERE ALL THREE EXCELLENT MUSICIANS, BUT THEY WERE ALSO VERY ENGAGED WITH THEIR AUDIENCE, TELLING US A LOT ABOUT THEIR WORK AND WHAT THEY WERE PERFORMING AND SUCH. THE EFFECT WAS MESMERIZING AS I FELT THAT I WAS AN ACTIVE PART OF THE PERFORMANCE. MY HOPE IS THAT OTHERS FELT THE SAME WAY.

YOUR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (THE BOARD) IS MAKING A VERY PERSONAL AND DIRECT REQUEST FOR YOUR INPUT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MMC. WE WILL BE MODIFYING THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 1 TO BE MORE OF A TOWN HALL/OPEN FORUM. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT MMC IS AT A CRITICAL POINT IN TIME, AND WE NEED AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO ATTEND TO HELP DETERMINE THE CLUB'S FUTURE DIRECTION. I CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH THAT WE BELIEVE MAJOR DECISIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MMC SHOULD BE MADE BY THE FULL MEMBERSHIP – NOT THE BOARD.

YOU WILL SEE DETAILS COMING SOON AND WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO ENCOURAGE YOUR ATTENDANCE. PERSONALLY, I THINK WE, AS YOUR BOARD, SHOULD FIRST LISTEN TO YOU THE MEMBERS BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISIONS. YOUR OPINION IS VITAL. ***OUR MEMBERS ARE THE REASON MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB STILL EXISTS AFTER 122 YEARS.*** YOUR LOVE OF MUSIC, YOUR APPRECIATION FOR EXCELLENT MUSICAL PERFORMANCE, AND YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT ASSURES MMC CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT BENEFACTOR TO THE MUSICAL ARTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE. IF YOU BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE OUR MISSION, YOU NEED TO SHOW UP ON JUNE 1, VOICE YOUR OPINION, VOTE ON THE ISSUES RAISED, AND BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION. IF YOU FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET ME KNOW PERSONALLY AT 503-312-5952 OR AT [JDMCDONALD44@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:JDMCDONALD44@HOTMAIL.COM). I WILL MEET WITH YOU IN WHATEVER WAY NECESSARY – BE THAT ZOOM, PHONE, OR OVER COFFEE/TEA ON ME. YOUR INPUT IS THAT IMPORTANT!

### FROM VICE PRESIDENT AND WAYS & MEANS CHAIR, PATTY CAVANAUGH

#### ***S' WONDERFUL SOIRÉE! HAVE WE GOT AN EVENING FOR YOU!!***

THE UPCOMING SOIRÉE ON SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026, PROMISES TO BE A UNIQUE PORTLAND EXPERIENCE! WITH PROFESSIONAL LIGHTING, THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT LAKEWOOD CENTER, 368 S. STATE ST, LAKE OSWEGO, OR 97034 WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO A VIBRANT NIGHTCLUB ATMOSPHERE. TALENTED PIANIST TOM GRANT AND SULTRY VOCALIST SHELLY RUDOLPH WILL PERFORM A SELECTION OF SWING, SOUL AND ROMANTIC BALLAD FAVORITES FROM THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK—A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THESE CLASSICS PERFORMED LIVE IN ONE EVENING! (CONT. ON PAGE 2)



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THE TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT ONLY ARE \$25. WE WILL HAVE HORS D'OEUVRES AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$25. THIS WILL INCLUDE A GLASS OF WINE OR TWO SOFT DRINKS. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE CATERED BY TREES RESTAURANT IN SHERWOOD; PLEASE NOTE THAT HORS D'OEUVRES MUST BE **PRE-ORDERED BY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**. WE HAVE DESIGNED THIS EVENT TO BE A VERY AFFORDABLE EVENING OUT. ADDITIONAL GLASSES OF WINE ARE ONLY \$8 EACH, SOFT DRINKS ARE \$2 EACH, AND COFFEE IS FREE!

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED BY SENDING IN A \$25 CHECK PAYABLE TO MMC FOR THE SOIRÉE SHOW, OR \$50 IF YOU WANT TO INCLUDE FOOD + A GLASS OF WINE (OR 2 SOFT DRINKS). YOU CAN ALSO CALL ME TO CHARGE YOUR TICKETS (ALL CARDS ACCEPTED), OR YOU CAN UTILIZE TICKET TOMATO'S WEBSITE: [TICKETTOMATO/EVENT/9984](https://www.tickettomato.com/event/9984) WHERE THEY HAVE A SMALL HANDLING CHARGE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED A RIDE, JUST GIVE ME A CALL!

WHETHER YOU JOIN US SOLO, WITH A PARTNER, OR WITH A GROUP OF FRIENDS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE. THE SHOW RUNS FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 PM, ALLOWING YOU TO RETURN HOME EARLY (BEFORE DARK) OR CONTINUE YOUR EVENING AFTERWARD.

***LET'S CELEBRATE SPRING TOGETHER WITH BEAUTIFUL MUSIC, DELICIOUS FOOD, AND WONDERFUL WINE!!***

**PATTY CAVANAUGH**

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### FROM CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, CYNTHIA MARBERRY

AS THE SONG LYRIC GOES, "AIN'T IT FUNNY HOW TIME SLIPS AWAY". I'M 81 TODAY AND BOY OH BOY DID THOSE YEARS GO BY FAST! SOMEONE ONCE TOLD ME THAT OUR LIFE SPAN IS LIKE A PIE AND THE PIECES (YEARS, MONTHS, DAYS, HOURS, AND MINUTES) NEED TO BE SMALLER AND SMALLER FOR ANY OF OUR PIE TO BE LEFT. MAYBE THAT'S WHY MY DAYS FEEL MORE LIKE HOURS AND MY HOURS MORE LIKE MINUTES, AND POSSIBLY THE REASON THAT IT FEELS LIKE I JUST SENT THE MARCH NEWSLETTER YESTERDAY.

APRIL IS THE MONTH THAT MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS FORMED AND THE INTREPID COMMITTEE MEMBERS BEGIN THEIR WORK TO FIND CANDIDATES FOR NEXT YEAR'S EXECUTIVE OFFICES. ALTHOUGH I AM NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, AS THE PRESENT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND ALSO A PAST CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, I FEEL I'M QUALIFIED TO GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF THAT OFFICE WITH THE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER STEPPING INTO THE ROLE. ALSO, THINK CREATIVELY, AND AS ANN RAY AND I DO, HOLD THE TITLE BUT SHARE THE WORK WITH ANOTHER MEMBER. LISTED BELOW ARE THE DUTIES:  
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- DISTRIBUTE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND DIRECTORY UPDATE BY EMAIL; USPS TO 7 MEMBERS;
- PREPARE AND MAIL DONATION THANK YOU LETTERS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ASAP WHEN YOU RECEIVE NOTICE FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY;
- MONITOR THE MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB GOOGLE ACCOUNT AND RESPOND TO EMAILS AS APPROPRIATE;
- KEEP THE GOOGLE ACCOUNT "CONTACTS" UP TO DATE;
- RESPOND AS NEEDED TO USPS CORRESPONDENCE AND PREPARE AND MAIL LETTERS FROM THE MMC PRESIDENT AND OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AS DIRECTED;
- PREPARE A YEAR-END REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE HISTORIAN BEFORE THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING.

FEEL FREE TO CALL ME AT 503-739-0578 OR EMAIL [CINDYNLOREN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CINDYNLOREN@GMAIL.COM) WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

### FROM PROGRAM CHAIR, BERNADETTE ARNOLD

#### **AWARD WINNERS' REUNION PERFORMANCE MAY 4, 2026**

THE MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB OF PORTLAND PROUDLY PRESENTS ITS **AWARD WINNERS' PERFORMANCE**, CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC, WITH PERFORMANCES FROM PAST AWARD WINNERS. JOIN US AT 1:00 PM ON MAY 4 AT WESTMINSTER IN THE GREAT ROOM. DOOR CODE FOR BOTH THE 16<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AND THE HANCOCK ST. ENTRANCES IS 1530#. YOU WILL ENJOY AN AFTERNOON FILLED WITH INSPIRING MUSIC AS THESE GIFTED MUSICIANS DEMONSTRATE THE ARTISTRY AND DEDICATION THAT EARNED THEM RECOGNITION. OUR MAY TEA EVENT PROMISES A DIVERSE PROGRAM, SHOWCASING THE EXCEPTIONAL TALENTS OF THIS YEAR'S HONOREES. PIECES ACROSS VARIOUS GENRES WILL BE FEATURED BY THESE WONDERFUL PERFORMERS.

**KAYLEE NAH**, RECEIVED *THE PHILLIPS AWARD* IN 2024. SHE IS A JUNIOR AT SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL AND SERVES AS CO-CONCERTMASTER OF THE PORTLAND YOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. SHE HAS WON PRESTIGIOUS MUSIC AWARDS SINCE MMC'S BEST INSTRUMENTAL VIOLIN PERFORMANCE.

**NIKITA ISTRATOV**, SINCE WINNING *THE MMC COLLIVER AWARD* IN 2025, NIKITA HAS PERFORMED LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. HE IS STILL IN UNDERGRADUATE PIANO PERFORMANCE STUDY ON SCHOLARSHIP UNDER STEINWAY ARTIST DR. ALEXANDRE DOSSIN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE.

**MINNTAH HAEFKER**, RECEIVED *THE BONNIE LAFORD VOICE AWARDS* FOR BEST NON-CLASSICAL PERFORMANCE. SHE IS CONTINUING TO PURSUE HER PASSION WHILE ATTENDING PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY. SHE CONTINUES TO EXPLORE NEW STYLES OF MUSIC, COLLABORATING WITH OTHER MUSICIANS FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD. SHE HAS AN UPCOMING SHOW WITH HER GROUP, THE MINNTAH QUARTET, APRIL 29, 2026, AT THE JAZZ CLUB IN PORTLAND. (CONT. ON PAGE 4)



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ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT THESE RISING STARS. **THE AWARD WINNERS' PERFORMANCE** IS NOT ONLY A CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT BUT ALSO A TESTAMENT TO THE VIBRANT MUSICAL COMMUNITY IN PORTLAND. WE INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILIES, AND MUSIC LOVERS TO SHARE IN THIS MEMORABLE OCCASION.

### FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, TERYL WILLIAMS

#### **NEW MEMBER!**

OUR NEWEST MMC MEMBER, MARY POLLACK, LIVED IN GREELEY, COLORADO, AND MOVED FIRST TO CALIFORNIA AND THEN TO PORTLAND IN 1966. SHE WAS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER, MOSTLY TEACHING FIRST GRADERS. HER HUSBAND WAS A TEACHER AT PORTLAND STATE. THEY LIVED IN THE SELLWOOD DISTRICT. MARY HAS A DAUGHTER AND A SON, WITH 2 GRANDSONS AND 2 GREAT-GRANDSONS. SHE MOVED TO CARMAN OAKS ABOUT 2-1/2 YEARS AGO. MARY CLAIMS TO HAVE NO MUSICAL TALENT, ALTHOUGH SHE DID PLAY THE ACCORDION IN HER YOUTH. SHE ENJOYS OUR MUSICAL PROGRAMS VERY MUCH AND IS VERY PLEASED WITH OUR SUPPORT OF YOUNG MUSICIANS. (CONT. ON PAGE 5)

### FROM TEA HOSTESS COORDINATOR, APRIL AVERY

*"THEY SAY GREAT MUSIC CAN TAKE YOU PLACES YOU CAN'T GET TO ON YOUR OWN".*

OUR NEXT MUSICAL ADVENTURE IS COMING ON MONDAY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AT THE WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT 1:00 PM. PLEASE DO JOIN US, AS WE SETTLE IN FOR A TIME OF PURE BEAUTY THROUGH MUSIC. AFTER, TEA/COFFEE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE. IF YOU ARE SO INCLINED, PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOU WILL CONTRIBUTE A PLATED OFFERING OF SWEET TASTY TREATS, TO SHARE.

OUR MONTHLY GATHERING ON JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> BRINGS THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. THIS IS THE TIME WHEN OFFICERS-TO-BE ARE PRESENTED, AND WE ELECT THEM FOR THE NEXT YEARS' RESPONSIBILITIES. AND THAT, DEAR FRIENDS, IS A VITAL ASPECT OF OUR MUSIC CLUB...HOW WE MOVE FORWARD. YOUR PRESENCE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED, AND WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YOUNG MUSICIANS WE RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE. WE VALUE THEM, AND THEY VALUE US. I FEEL WE NEED EACH OTHER TO SURVIVE!

*"OH THAT MY EARS COULD HEAR DEEPLY, AND MY SOUL RESTORE SWEETLY".* BLESSINGS FOR THE SONGS OF SPRING...HUMMING, TWITTERING, CHATTERING, BLOOMING AND BLOSSOMING!



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**FROM FRIENDSHIP AND ILLNESS CHAIR, BEV OWEN**

I AM SO GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO KEEP ME INFORMED ABOUT CLUB MEMBERS WHO NEED A CARD, A NOTE, OR A PHONE CALL FROM ME. I AM A DEVOTED CARD AND NOTE SENDER AND HAVE BEEN ALL MY LIFE. IT MAKES ME HAPPY THAT I CAN SEND (CONT. ON PAGE 4)

ENCOURAGEMENT, CONDOLENCES, AND CONGRATULATIONS WITH JUST A SIMPLE PIECE OF MAIL OR A PHONE CALL. YOU'D BE SURPRISED AT HOW MUCH THAT MEANS TO THE RECIPIENT AND I LOVE DOING IT. PLEASE CALL ME AT 503-968-3001 IF YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER WHO WOULD APPRECIATE A CARD, NOTE, OR PHONE CALL. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

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