



NEWSNOTES
MAY 2026

FROM PRESIDENT JOE McDONALD

THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF YOUR PROGRAM CHAIR, BERNADETTE ARNOLD, WE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WITNESSING THREE OF OUR PAST AWARD WINNERS PERFORM FOR US AT THE MAY TEA ON MONDAY THE 4TH. AS WE LISTENED TO THEM TALKING ABOUT THEIR PATH, I WAS REMINDED THAT THIS IS EXACTLY WHY WE EXIST – INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF CLASSICAL MUSIC FOR MORE THAN 120 YEARS! ALL THREE TOLD US HOW MUCH THEY APPRECIATED ALL THAT WE DID FOR THEM. I WOULD SAY IT WAS MONEY WELL SPENT IF THEY ARE EXAMPLES OF THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR.



MINNTAH HAEFKER

LAFORD VOICE AWARD 2025



NIKITA ISTRATOV

COLLIVER PIANO AWARD 2025



KAYLEE NAH

PHILLIPS AWARD 2024



FROM VICE PRESIDENT AND WAYS AND MEANS CHAIR, PATTY CAVANAUGH

- PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NEW STYLE ANNUAL MEETING! -

OUR PLAN IS TO ENGAGE AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE ON **MONDAY, JUNE 1ST AT 11:30 AM** AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IN WHAT WE HOPE IS A FRUITFUL, INTERACTIVE TOWN HALL STYLE MEETING. OUR GOAL IS TO GET DIRECTION FROM OUR MEMBERS:

- WHAT HAVE YOU ENJOYED MOST ABOUT MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB?
- WHAT DO YOU LIKE LEAST?
- WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO JOIN THE CLUB?
- DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR THINGS WE ARE ALREADY DOING, OR THINGS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE US DO?
- WHAT IS YOUR OWN VISION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB BECOME GOING FORWARD? (CONT. ON PAGE 2)



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WHEN BRAINSTORMING, THERE ARE NO LIMITATIONS AND EVERYONE'S INPUT IS VALID!

IN ADDITION TO GETTING YOUR INPUT, WE WILL ALSO GET A RECAP FROM JOE McDONALD, OUR HARDWORKING PRESIDENT, ABOUT WHAT MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB HAS BEEN IN THE RECENT PAST, WHERE WE ARE NOW, AND THE CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING.

THERE ARE AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR MMC, AND WAYS WE CAN STILL GROW AND THRIVE. YOUR BOARD HAS BEEN DILIGENTLY LOOKING AT QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS REGARDING OUR FUTURE, BUT WE UNDERSTAND *THAT EACH ONE OF YOU* IS WHAT MAKES UP MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB! THE BOARD REPRESENTS YOU, BUT YOU 'VOTE' WITH YOUR FEET, YOUR TIME AND YOUR MONEY.

IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE A RESERVATION YET, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT ME AT 971.645.6322, PREFERABLY BY SUNDAY, 5/24/26. I NEED TO KNOW YOUR CHOICE OF SANDWICH BASED ON REGULAR DIET, GLUTEN-FREE, VEGETARIAN OR VEGAN. IF YOU ARE ALLERGIC TO ANYTHING, PLEASE LET ME KNOW THAT, TOO. ALSO AVAILABLE WILL BE CHIPS, FRUIT, COOKIES, COFFEE, TEA AND WATER.

WE PROMISE A FUN, STIMULATING EXPERIENCE WITH DELICIOUS FOOD AND WONDERFUL CAMARADERIE. CLUB HISTORIAN, JANETTE BARBOUR WILL HAVE A COMPILATION OF YEARLY REPORTS FROM OUR BOARD MEMBERS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR INSPECTION AND WE'LL WRAP IT UP WITH NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

 **PLEASE JOIN US!!!** 

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- *S'WONDERFUL SOIRÉE '26 RECAP* -

WE SOLD 69 TICKETS TO THE SOIRÉE, AND THE CROWD FIT NICELY INTO THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT LAKEWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS. WE ALL ENJOYED THE SHOW PUT ON BY NOTED JAZZ PIANIST, TOM GRANT, AND SULTRY VOCALIST, SHELLY RUDOLPH. THEY PERFORMED AN ECLECTIC VARIETY OF SONGS, INCLUDING MANY OLD FAVORITES, A FEW INTERNATIONAL SONGS, AND ALSO PLAYED SOME AUDIENCE REQUESTS. THE FOOD WAS CATERED BY TREES RESTAURANT AND CATERING, AND THEY SERVED THE WINE FOR US. I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT JAZZ AFICIONADOS LOVE RED WINE THE MOST! WE ALL HAD AN ENJOYABLE EVENING AND WERE DONE IN TIME TO GET HOME BEFORE SUNSET.





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FROM CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, CYNTHIA MARBERRY

AMERICA CELEBRATES ITS 250TH BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR. HERE'S AN INTERESTING FACTOID – *MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR ALMOST HALF OF OUR COUNTRY'S LIFE!* WE HAVE SURVIVED WWI, THE 1918 FLU EPIDEMIC, THE STOCK MARKET CRASH OF '29, THE DEPRESSION OF THE 1930'S, WWII, VIETNAM, AND THE SOCIAL CONFLICTS AND CHANGES OF THE 1960'S. IN SPITE OF ENORMOUS CHALLENGES, FOR 122 YEARS, MMC HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE EXCELLENCE OF OUR COMMUNITY MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS, MUSICIANS, AND PROGRAMS. I AM PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF SUCH A DYNAMIC ORGANIZATION AND WILL CONTINUE VOLUNTEERING. ALL MUSIC, BUT ESPECIALLY CLASSICAL, FILLS ME WITH JOY, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT MUSIC ARTS. I'M ALSO FORTUNATE TO HAVE MET LOVELY PEOPLE WHO HAVE BECOME MY FRIENDS, NOT AN INSIGNIFICANT BY-PRODUCT OF GETTING INVOLVED. JOIN ME IN VOLUNTEERING, MAKING NEW FRIENDS, AND STRENGTHENING THE MUSICAL HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. YOU WILL ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE – I GUARANTEE IT!



FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR, GUS PAPPETIS

OUR CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REQUIRE THAT A ROSTER OF CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 26-27 BE PUBLISHED IN THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER. AT THIS TIME, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING:

PRESIDENT – JOE McDONALD
VICE PRESIDENT – PATTY CAVANAUGH
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – CYNTHIA MARBERRY
TREASURER – VACANT
FINANCIAL SECRETARY – VACANT
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – VACANT

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE I OFFER MY SINCERE THANKS TO JOE, PATTY, AND CYNTHIA FOR AGREEING TO RE-UP.

PLEASE KNOW THAT IF ANYONE ELSE DECIDES THEY WANT TO THROW THEIR HAT IN THE RING, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT ME AT 503-522-4073. ALSO, WE INVITE AND WELCOME NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 11:30AM.





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FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, TERYL WILLIAMS

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER! HER NAME IS JAN FORD, AND SHE IS A FRIEND OF SUSAN VAN LENTE AND OTHER MEMBERS WHO LIVE AT WILLAMETTE VIEW MANOR. JAN'S MOTHER WAS A MEMBER OF MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB! HER NAME WAS RUTH PEDERSEN, LATER KNOWN AS RUTH PLUE. HER MOTHER SAW THAT JAN RECEIVED PIANO LESSONS AS A CHILD, AND JAN ALWAYS SANG IN CHOIRS. IN FACT, SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE CHORUS AT WILLAMETTE VIEW MANOR. JAN HAS ALWAYS LIVED IN PORTLAND. HER FIRST CHILD, A BOY, WAS BORN WITH DOWN SYNDROME. HE LOVED MUSIC, AND HE AND JAN ENJOYED SINGING TOGETHER. HE DIED AT AN EARLY AGE. SHE ALSO ADOPTED A GIRL. JAN RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP WHICH ALLOWED HER TO PURSUE AN EDUCATION IN SPECIAL ED, WHICH SHE TAUGHT FOR MANY YEARS.

ON ANOTHER NOTE, AS MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, I WANT TO GIVE YOU A HEADS UP ABOUT 2026-2027 DUES. THEY ARE DUE AND PAYABLE JULY 1, 2026. LISTED BELOW ARE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP - \$50

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP - \$75

PATRON MEMBERSHIP- \$125

ASSOCIATE - \$12

PAY WITH A CHECK OR CREDIT CARD AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 1, *OR* ON OUR WEBSITE, *OR* BY MAIL TO MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB AT PO BOX 15300, PORTLAND, OR 97293.



FROM TEA HOSTESS COORDINATOR, APRIL AVERY

I VOLUNTEERED TO BE TEA HOST COORDINATOR, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026. I KEEP TRACK OF WHO VOLUNTEERS TO "HOST" THE MONTHLY TEA, AND THEIR WORK TEAM. I PROVIDE THE COFFEE AND TEA SERVICE, AND SOME REFRESHMENT, WHILE THE OTHERS MAKE THEIR MENU.

ATTENDANCE: SIGNING THE GUEST BOOK HAS BEEN ONE WAY TO KEEP TRACK BUT THAT IS NOT A COMPLETE COUNT. FROM OCTOBER 2025 TO MAY 2026 THERE WERE TOTAL 191 NAMES IN THE GUEST BOOK. ON AVERAGE 32 PERSONS, PER MONTH. WE CAN LOOK AROUND AND KNOW THERE ARE FEWER PEOPLE THAN LAST YEAR.

AS HOST COORDINATOR, I BASICALLY SEE TO IT THAT EACH MONTH HAS SOMEONE TAKING ON RESPONSIBILITIES SUCH AS TABLECLOTHS, DÉCOR, MENU, FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVICE. PLUS CLEAN UP. EVERYONE DOES SOMETHING. (CONT. ON PAGE 5)



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THERE IS GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE FOOD AND SERVICE, AS FRIENDSHIPS BLOSSOM AND BLOOM. CONVERSATION IS THE MUSIC WE MAKE, SHARING OUR STORIES WITH ONE ANOTHER. THE MUSICIANS ARE SOMETIMES ABLE TO STAY TO EAT AND TALK WITH US.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE A BUDGET ALLOWANCE OF \$150.00 PER TEA/CONCERT, WHICH COULD BE REIMBURSED IN REQUEST FORM TO THE BOARD, WITH PAYMENT VIA CHECK. HOWEVER, THUS FAR, WE HAVE EACH BEEN CONTRIBUTING OUR EXPENSES TO THE CLUB AS IN-KIND DONATIONS. AS TO THE ACTUAL PREPARATIONS AND SERVICE OF THE DELICIOUS FOODS WE HAVE PROVIDED THIS YEAR, THE THANKS AND GRATITUDE GOES TO: TISA WRIGHTSON, CYNTHIA AND LOREN MARBERRY, LORI KAMMERER, NANCY WOO, BRENDA AND RUSTY KOSTOVOS, ELOISE MARK, BEV OWEN, AND MANY OTHERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT.

WE COLLECTIVELY ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN, TO UPHOLD THE TRADITIONS OF MMC, AS WELL AS ACKNOWLEDGE AND FACE CHANGES AND CHALLENGES. TOGETHER, AS MEMBERS, WE CREATE THE TOTAL OUTCOME.



MORE PHOTOS FROM THE MAY 4 CONCERT

