



MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB OF PORTLAND



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THE SEASON OF MUSIC IS UPON US! WELCOME BACK ALL YOU LOYAL MEMBERS WHO RENEWED AGAIN IN THIS OUR 123RD YEAR. AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MUSIC LOVERS, FOLKS WHO HAVE JOINED SINCE JULY OF 2025 – SANDRA JACKSON, JOYCE PURDON, ESTHER SCHWARTZ, RADINA WELTON, JAN FORD, MARY POLLOCK, NORRIS AND VIVIENE HIBBLER, RANDI OTNESS, ANN PRINDIVILLE, ANN UHLER, AND LAURA COATES. I WILL BE AT THE DOOR WELCOMING ALL MEMBERS TO OUR OCTOBER 5TH “BRING A FRIEND” MUSICAL EVENT.



EXCITING PROGRAMS ON TAP FOR 2026-2027!

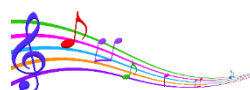
“BRING A FRIEND” IS COMING UP SOON – MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1:00PM, WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1624 NE HANCOCK ST., PORTLAND, 97212, ACCESS CODE 1530#. **PORTLAND YOUTH PHILHARMONIC** ALUMNI WILL BE OUR FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT WITH FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW. INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO SHARE THIS WONDERFUL AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO GREET NEW MEMBERS AND CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS.

NOVEMBER 2ND BRINGS US OUR HARVEST TEA AND MEMBERS OF THE **OREGON SYMPHONY**. OF COURSE, A FRIENDLY SOCIAL WITH REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW THE PERFORMANCE.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON WILL FEATURE A FESTIVE LUNCHEON AND ENTERTAINMENT BY OUR MUCH LOVED **ROYAL BLUES** CHOIR FROM GRANT HIGH SCHOOL. SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENT BELOW FROM VICE PRESIDENT PATTY CAVANAUGH.

2027 WILL BRING MONTHLY MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS NOT ONLY ON A MONDAY, BUT ALSO, FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, ON TWO SATURDAY'S AT 1:00PM. LISTED BELOW ARE THE EVENTS FOR JANUARY THROUGH JUNE OF 2027:

- MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1 PM, **PORTLAND OPERA & TEA** AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1 PM, **METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY & VALENTINE'S TEA**, PARKROSE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 12505 NE HALSEY ST, 97230
- MONDAY MARCH 1, 1 PM, **POT O GOLD TEA & COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER**, WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- MONDAY APRIL 5, 1 PM, **ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT**, REEDWOOD FRIENDS CHURCH
- SATURDAY MAY 1, 1 PM, **MMC AWARD WINNERS' PERFORMANCE & BENEFIT**, LOCATION TBA
- MONDAY JUNE 1, 11:30 AM, **ANNUAL MEETING**, WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





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TASTY AND SIMPLE REFRESHMENTS PLANNED

OUR HOSTESS MOTTO THIS YEAR IS ***"SIMPLE TREATS BEAUTIFULLY SERVED"***. AT OUR GENERAL MEETING JUNE 2, 2026, IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTIONNAIRE, MEMBERS NOTED THAT PROVIDING REFRESHMENTS AT OUR MONDAY EVENTS HAD BECOME A BURDEN RATHER THAN A PLEASURE. THE STREAMLINING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE, ASSIGNED AT OUR JUNE MEETING, HIGHLY RECOMMENDED SIMPLIFYING AND STREAMLINING OUR OPERATIONS TO ADAPT TO TODAY'S MMC REALITY. THIS IS AN AREA IN WHICH WE CAN DO THAT. OUR MEMBERS WILL BE FAR MORE WILLING AND ABLE TO STEP UP AND HOST A TEA IF THE MENU IS PRESCRIBED AND THE OPERATION SIMPLIFIED. THE BUDGET FOR EACH TEA, TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS AND DECORATIONS, WILL BE \$150.

WE ASK THAT ITEMS BE STORE-BOUGHT TO INCLUDE A SWEET TREAT SUCH AS A VARIETY OF COOKIES, A FRUIT AND/OR VEGGIE TRAY, AND NUTS. COFFEE, TEA, AND ICE WATER WILL BE THE AVAILABLE BEVERAGES ALONG WITH THE USUAL ACCOMPANIMENTS. A 40 CUP COFFEE MAKER, A 12 CUP MAKER FOR DECAF, COFFEE CARAFES, AND AN ICE WATER DISPENSER ARE ALL AVAILABLE AT WESTMINSTER. IF HOSTESSES WANT TO USE SEASONAL NAPKINS, PAPER PLATES, AND CUPS THOSE ITEMS WILL BE PURCHASED OUT OF THE \$150 BUDGET. HOWEVER, THE CLUB HAS A SUPPLY OF PAPER PRODUCTS AND PLASTIC WARE SO NO ONE IS OBLIGATED TO BUY THEM. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO COMPLETE AN EXPENSE REPORT FORM ON WHICH TO LIST ALL EXPENSES. THEN SUBMIT IT, ALONG WITH RECEIPTS FOR ITEMS LISTED, TO OUR TREASURER, SUE AUWERTER IN PERSON, BY EMAIL, OR BY USPS. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MARK ANY ITEMS ON THE FORM FOR WHICH YOU WILL NEED REIMBURSEMENT AND A CHECK WILL BE ISSUED TO YOU FOR THAT AMOUNT.

OUR HOPE IS, THAT WITH THIS SIMPLIFIED PLAN, MANY MORE OF YOU WILL WANT TO HOST A TEA. IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS SERVICE YOU WILL NEED TO ASK OTHER MEMBERS FOR HELP. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO INCLUDE YOUR CLUB BUDDIES, OR GET TO KNOW OTHERS BY ASKING MEMBERS YOU DON'T KNOW. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL CYNTHIA MARBERRY, 503-739-0578, EMAIL CINDYNLOREN@GMAIL.COM, JOE McDONALD, 503-312-5952, EMAILJDMCDONALD44@HOTMAIL.COM.



TIME TO BEGIN THE HOLIDAY FUN!

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE FABULOUS GRANT HIGH SCHOOL **ROYAL BLUES CHOIR** WILL PERFORM FOR US AGAIN AT OUR UPCOMING HOLIDAY LUNCHEON! THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL BE **ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2026, AT 11:30 AM**. WE WILL BE AT A NEW VENUE:

HILTON GARDEN INN CLACKAMAS (FORMERLY MONARCH HOTEL)

12566 SE 93RD AVENUE, CLACKAMAS, OR 97015

WE WILL HAVE A DELICIOUS FULL-PLATE LUNCH, WONDERFUL MUSIC AND A RAFFLE OF NUMEROUS ITEMS, ALL FOR \$55 PER PERSON. TABLES WILL HAVE 8 SEATS, AND YOU CAN BUY A FULL TABLE



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FOR ONLY \$420! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS TO JOIN US. FLYERS WITH RESERVATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE OCTOBER TEA + MUSIC ON OCTOBER 5TH. WE HAVE ROOM FOR A LARGE CROWD AT OUR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION, SO ***ALL ARE WELCOME!!***



MUSIC AWARDS – ANOTHER WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

IT'S SEVEN LONG MONTHS AWAY UNTIL MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB DISTRIBUTES THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AT OUR MAY MUSIC AWARDS EVENT. AS FAR AWAY AS OUR ***APRIL AUDITIONS*** SEEM, BERNADETTE ARNOLD, MUSIC AWARDS CHAIR, AND HER COMMITTEE HAVE ALREADY SCHEDULED THEIR FIRST MEETING. THEY WILL BEGIN THE WORK OF SECURING A VENUE, HIRING ADJUDICATORS, NOTIFYING MUSIC TEACHERS AND SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR STUDENTS, SETTING UP THE APPLICATION AND PAYMENT SYSTEM, AND SCHEDULING THE AUDITIONS FOR 40-50 YOUNG MUSICIANS. ***MUSIC AWARDS*** – THAT'S WHAT THE HEART OF OUR ORGANIZATION EMBRACES! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THIS EXCITING PROGRAM, LET BERNADETTE KNOW BY EMAIL AT MMCPDXBARNOLD@GMAIL.COM.



NOTES FROM APRIL: WHAT'S IN A NAME?

IT'S ABOUT THE MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB, REGARDING 'MONDAY TEA'. WE ARE DEFINITELY A CLUB, YES. I ADD THAT THIS CLUB IS MORE THAN MEMBERSHIP, DUES, AND NAME TAGS. OVER THE PAST CENTURIES, CLUBS REPRESENTED AN INTEREST AND RESPONSE, TO WHAT WAS GOING ON IN A COMMUNITY, CITY, OR OTHERWISE. IT'S SORT OF A FOCUS FOR PEOPLE'S SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT. IN OUR CASE, WITH MUSIC AND YOUNG PEOPLE, WE HAVE A HUGE, AND VERY RICH AUDIENCE. OUR SUPPORTERS ARE PEOPLE WHO LOVE MUSIC, APPRECIATE HEARING IT, SUPPORT THE EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED, AND HAVE A GOOD TIME WHILE DOING IT. MUSIC RESOUNDS FROM FIRST HEART-BEATS IN THE WOMB, TO TALL TOWERS OF PIPES AND BELLOWS, ACROSS THE LANDS AND SEAS.

ONE ISSUE IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO ALWAYS MEET ON MONDAYS AT 1 PM. WE ***DO WANT TO CONTINUE MEETING MONTHLY, AND OFFER SOME LIGHT REFRESHMENTS***. WHAT IS DIFFERENT NOW, IS REACHING MORE PEOPLE WHO LIKE US, DO SUPPORT MUSIC, EDUCATION AND APPRECIATION. WHAT WE OFFER IS INTIMATE CONCERTS BY EXCELLENT MUSICIANS. OUR FUND-RAISERS FOR MUSIC AWARDS ARE BEHIND THE TIMES, I DARE SAY. POCKETS ARE DEEP FOR MANY, AND SEWN CLOSED



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FOR OTHERS. BUT THE SUPPORT KEEPS COMING, THROUGH MEMBERSHIPS, GRANTS, OR FOUNDATIONS. WHO ELSE? I KEEP THINKING, WHAT BETTER NAME FOR OUR MONDAY AFTERNOON GATHERINGS, COULD WE USE TO ADEQUATELY DESCRIBE WHO WE ARE, AND WHAT WE DO? IMAGINE EXPLAINING OUR VISION, MISSION AND GOALS TO SOMEONE NEW TO PORTLAND. POPULATIONS CHANGE, FOLKS, AND THAT'S WHERE THE CHALLENGES SOMETIMES GET TO US.

SPEAKING THE TRUTH OF WHAT WE SUPPORT AND WHY, IS OUR MESSAGE. OUR MEANS ARE VARIED, AND COMPLEX. MODERN SOCIAL MEDIA IS A BIG STEP TO GET THE WORD OUT. AND OUR PERSONAL TESTIMONIES ARE VALUABLE AS EVER. DO NOT GIVE UP, WE ARE STILL MAKING MUSIC. THANK YOU TO THE CONTINUING BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO WORK HARD TO FIND SUITABLE OUTLETS FOR OUR MUSICAL TREASURES; OUR NEW STAFF, THE MEMBERSHIP, AND ALL VOLUNTEERS. THANK YOU! APRIL AVERY



FINANCIAL NEWS

OUR AUDITOR, MENDI MENAFEE, HAS COMPLETED HER WORK WITH NO SIGNIFICANT ERRORS NOTED. SHE DID MAKE SOME PROCESS RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH TREASURER SUE AUWERTER WILL BE INCORPORATING. ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER ARE THE BALANCE SHEET AND PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENTS FOR THE LAST FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026. OVERALL COMMENT:

SINCE WE DID NOT HAVE AN AWARDS PROGRAM, MANY CATEGORIES OF BOTH INCOME AND EXPENSE ARE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE. WE HAD FEWER FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AND ALL FUNDS THAT WERE COLLECTED FOR AWARDS WERE SEQUESTERED IN A SEPARATE SAVINGS ACCOUNT AT KEYBANK WITH AN ENDING BALANCE OF \$7,620. THOSE FUNDS ARE TO BE USED FOR AWARDS FOR OUR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, 2026 - 2027.

AFTER ADJUSTING FOR THE SEQUESTRATION OF THE ABOVE FUNDS FOR AWARDS, THE NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS FOR MMC WAS \$1,080.

WE SAW AN INCREASE IN OUR INVESTMENTS DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN STOCK VALUATION (CONSISTENT WITH THE CHANGE IN THE S & P 500 AND OTHER INDICES). THE TOTAL INCREASE WAS TO \$ 216,716 FROM \$184,169 (\$32,547 AND 18%). OF SIGNIFICANCE IS THAT THE INVESTMENTS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO THE CLUB FOR USE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT INCREASED TO \$67,647 FROM \$57,481 (\$10,166 AND 18%).

