AFFILIATES NEWS

SUMMER 2011

AFFILIATES EXPAND GALA PACKAGES

Join the Affiliates on Tuesday, September 27th for the 2011 LA Phil Gala and enjoy special Affiliate ticket packages. Gustavo Dudamel and the LA Phil will be performing an all Gershwin program, with special guest Herbie Hancock. This will be followed by an Affiliate sit-down dinner, catered by Patina. There are three Affiliate ticket options: 1) Pre-Concert Champagne Reception, Orchestra E/W Ticket and Dinner, $805; 2) Concert Orchestra E/W Ticket and Dinner, $380; and 3) Orchestra Terrace Ticket and Dinner, $300. Your invitation includes details for your R.S.V.P.

AFFILIATE CHAIRS TRANSITION IN SUMMER OF 2011

Aida Gaona (International Committee), left, and Arlyss Burkett (Long Beach Auxiliary), right, plan a smooth transition. Arlyss completes her two-year term as Affiliate Chair on June 30th, and Aida begins her 2011-13 term on July 1st. Arlyss says, “Both of us are committed to the implementation of the Affiliates’ Six-Year Strategic Plan. It gives us a framework for dealing with changes and guidance on keeping us relevant to our members and to the orchestra whose mission we support.” Aida says, “I plan to continue the action-oriented direction of the Strategic Plan as I further serve this remarkable organization of outstanding volunteers who share the same common goals in supporting the LA Philharmonic.” She finds inspiration from this quote by Plato: “Musical training is a more potent instrument than any other, because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul.”
OUTREACH TO STUDENTS FOR LA PHIL LIVE—FOOTHILL COMMITTEE TAKES THE LEAD

Foothill Committee took to heart the suggestion from LA Phil Affiliate Chair Arlyss Burkett that Affiliates might wish to promote LA Phil LIVE in the community. It is Gustavo Dudamel’s hope to make the streaming of live concerts into local theaters an opportunity to present classical music to those who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend a concert. Foothill’s Board voted to offer 20 tickets to the Tchaikovsky program on March 13 to members of the middle school orchestra in Claremont. It was such a gratifying surprise to hear that the instructor had to draw straws in order to distribute the 20 tickets among 47 teenagers eager to attend! After reading the enthusiastic thank you notes received from these young musicians, Foothill Committee hopes to extend the program next season.

Remembering Beloved Affiliate Members Who Passed Away in 2010-2011

Marian Burke
Committee of Professional Women, worked with Dorothy Chandler to found the Committee, member since 1965

Muriel Cameron
Los Angeles Philharmonic Committee, member since 1946

Peggy Davis
Santa Monica-Westside Committee, held many Board positions

Kee DeBoer
Long Beach Auxiliary, member since 2004

Barbara Eddy
Long Beach Auxiliary, member since 1975

Norma Futterman
Santa Monica-Westside Committee, member since 1990

Martha Feutz
Women’s Committee, member since 2003

Audree Greenwald,
Santa Monica-Westside Committee

Nina Irwin
Santa Monica-Westside Committee, member since 1997

Ida Johnson
Long Beach Auxiliary, member since 1968

Lucy Kuster
Long Beach Auxiliary, member since 1956

Dr. Ruth McConnell
Affiliates at Large, member since 2003

Cecilia Bessel Rauch
Foothill Committee, President, Encore, Affiliate Treasurer for 13 years, member since 1996

Dorothy Stotsenberg
Santa Monica-Westside Committee, President twice (last term in 2002 when she was 92!), initiated the Affiliates 5K/10K Run, member since 1965

Seba Koll Tomkins
Santa Monica-Westside Committee

INTRODUCTION OF NEW VOLUNTEER AND SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR SHARLEEN EUSEBIO

Welcome, Sharleen!

Born and mostly raised in Southern California, Sharleen also spent five years of her childhood in the Philippines. She received her B.A. in English Literature from Chapman University, then earned her Master’s in Museum Education from The George Washington University. She had the good fortune of working in a wide range of cultural institutions, from the Getty Villa to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. Aside from her love of culture and books, Sharleen is a travel enthusiast and notes, “My goal is to fill my passport with stamps by the time it expires in 2014,” and she has her eye on Austria as her next stop. “The Sound of Music is my favorite movie of all time,” she says. Sharleen can be reached at 213.972.3530 and seusebio@laphil.org.

“I am thrilled to join the LA Phil as the new Volunteer and Special Projects Coordinator,” says Sharleen.
95 = A GREAT SUCCESS FOR THE YOLA INSTRUMENT DRIVE!

Affiliate groups Peninsula, Long Beach Auxiliary and Foothill brought in excellent and needed instruments. But the star this year was COPW whose members contributed 54 excellent, playable instruments. They had set a goal of 25 but were so successful in their effort that they were able to obtain some instruments specifically requested by YOLA, including a brand new French horn—the COPW Affiliate symbol.

The instruments were collected at Walt Disney Concert Hall before each program by Affiliate volunteers: Adrienne Bass-COPW; Arlyss Burkett-Long Beach Auxiliary and Affiliate Chair; Jan Corey-Foothill; Meg Evans-COPW and Foothill; Nan Flette-COPW; Suzanne Olsen-LA Philharmonic; Colleen Robertson-COPW; and Mary Ann Sowers-COPW. Melanie Sanguinet, Manager, Volunteer Activities, and Sharleen Eusebio, Volunteer and Special Projects Coordinator, were at the Walt Disney Concert Hall to help with the collecting and transferring to safe storage. Each instrument was tagged with the donor’s name and the information put on a spreadsheet for the records.

The Education Department is delighted with our success and looks forward to our continuing interest in this project.

Click the link below for a video of the youngest YOLA players starting their musical experience on paper instruments:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?
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Crescendo Co-Coordinators Sona Boyd and Marie Stiebing did a fantastic job putting together a tea with an unusual program describing what is involved in taking the LA Phil on tour. The guests from the LA Phil, Summer Bjork, Guido Lamell, second violin, Meredith Snow, viola, and Barry Socher, first violin, brought laughs from the 70 plus attendees as they shared travel memories and joy with the performance of Antonín Dvořák’s “Terzetto” for Two Violins and Viola.

Guido Lamell shared a tale about increased security at airports. In the past, he was able to carry in his violin case a saw that he played as an instrument. When security increased, he was questioned about his saw and had to perform with it for the security officer before he was allowed to carry it on the plane. He also commented that the restrictions on carrying knives on board has surely helped the mental health of oboists who would formerly have spent all their waking hours honing their reeds. Barry Socher shared his enjoyment of playing gypsy music with local musicians during their time-off.

Affiliate Camaraderie and Service

Past Affiliate Chairs welcome incoming Chair Aida Gaona at a luncheon on June 6th. From left: Shirley Farley, LA Phil's Melanie Sanguinet, Sue Claus, Wendy Kelman, Aida Gaona, Arlyss Burkett, Doris Segall, Jan Corey, Mineya Jones, and Barbara Hart

Affiliates Delegation to the 2011 AMSOV Biennial Conference in Houston, Texas, April 27-30, 2011. From left: (seated) Sue Clauss, Valley Committee; Aida Gaona, International Committee and Incoming Affiliate Chair; Arlyss Burkett, Long Beach Auxiliary and Affiliate Chair; Wendy Kelman, LA Philharmonic Committee; (standing) Malinda Pretz, Peninsula Committee; Judy Cohn, Santa Monica-Westside Committee; Ginny Cushman, Encore; Sheri Gill, Peninsula Committee; Lucetta Kallis, Santa Monica-Westside Committee.

Save These Dates

Sunday, August 21st — Board Get Acquainted Party, Music Center Plaza
Tuesday, September 27th — Opening Night Gala
Friday, September 30th — Leadership Workshop for Presidents and Potential Presidents
Tuesday, October 4th — Philharmonic Friends Awards Lunch and Campaign Kick-Off
Friday, October 14th — Music Mobile Orientation

Planning for 2011-2012

From left: Incoming Affiliate Chair Aida Gaona, Finance Coordinator Kathy Keller and Outgoing Affiliate Chair Arlyss Burkett discuss the budget for the coming year.

Summer 2011
AFFILIATES NIGHT AT THE BOWL—THE LA PHIL, FIREWORKS AND SPECIAL GUESTS DARYL HALL AND JOHN OATES—A HAPPY & PATRIOTIC EVENING, JULY 3, 2011
AFFILIATE DONATIONS TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND MAKE AN IMPRESSIVE YEAR-END TOTAL

“The Affiliates Endowment Program has been very active this year,” reports Coordinator DeAnne Hayes. This fiscal year, **268 Affiliate member donors have contributed $41,508** to the LA Philharmonic Endowment Fund. *Do* continue to consider the Endowment Fund for remembrance donations in lieu of gifts—birthdays, anniversaries, memorials and more. For a gift of $100 or more, you will be invited to a special Invitational Rehearsal next season and receive a set of Walt Disney Concert Hall note cards. All gifts are tax-deductible, and you will receive a receipt from the LA Philharmonic. Also, the person whom you are honoring will receive a card from the LA Phil if you wish.

Donation forms are available from your committee president or from Melanie Sanguinet in the Volunteer Office at 213-972-0753 or msanguinet@laphil.org. Please contact the 2011-2012 Affiliate Endowment Coordinator Vickie Pushree at 310-393-8165 or vpushee@verizon.net if you have questions about the Endowment Fund.

VOLUNTEER FOR TOYOTA SYMPHONIES FOR YOUTH (TSFY) 2011-2012

The Toyota Symphonies for Youth (TSFY) season was a great success thanks to a marvelous cadre of volunteers. A total of 116 Affiliate members from 13 committees donated nearly 500 hours of service. A special thanks to the **Affiliates at Large volunteers who contributed 110 hours; and to Sachiko Higuchi, who volunteered at every TSYF concert, arrived early, and shared her energy and enthusiasm with countless children.**

The new TSYF season begins on Saturday November 5th, with Mendelssohn’s Mystical Landscapes. Volunteers are always needed and those volunteering are welcome to attend the concert following the youth activities.

For more information, contact Coordinator Colleen Robertson at 310.592.4017 or colleen@cjrobertson.org.

MUSIC MOBILE® WILL MOBILIZE AGAIN THIS FALL

“We want to thank all of you who participated in the Music Mobile® program this year. The children are so excited about the opportunity to handle the instruments and their wonderful smiles are very rewarding. We appreciate the time and effort given by all of you in bringing this valuable program to the school children,” say Co-Coordinators Margo Penney and Shirley Farley.

There will be an orientation at The Colburn School on Friday, October 14th for all who want to learn about the Music Mobile® program and join the team. A flyer with details will be e-mailed to all affiliates.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Speakers Bureau recently completed an on-line fundraising auction and raised $2,100. On August 25th, members will celebrate at a “Thank You” dinner and concert at the Hollywood Bowl with use of the Volunteer Cottage.

AFFILIATES AT LARGE

Nine members of the Affiliates at Large completed a very successful season by assisting backstage at the Walt Disney Concert Hall for the June 19th *Beethoven 9 for Japan* benefit concert for earthquake and tsunami survivors. LA Phil violinist Guido Lamell directed the concert.

August will bring members together for dinner and a concert at the Hollywood Bowl...always a treat.
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**ENCORE**

Encore’s Spring Social Outing, arranged by Juanita O’Marah, was a wonderful visit to the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, which is dedicated to modern and contemporary Latin American art. The Museum’s permanent collection includes works by Tamayo, Mata, and Crez-Diez. A tamale lunch followed the docent-led tour in “café VIVA” at the Museum.

The Jonathan Club in Santa Monica was the site for a luncheon and installation of officers for 2011-2012. Suzanne Sposato was thanked for her past year of dedication as Chair and incoming Chair Joan Callanan was installed with her Executive Board. New members were introduced and welcomed by Penny Hutchinson, Membership Chair. An amazing program followed featuring Yoonbe Kim and Anna Vosbigian, violin students from The Colburn School. Gizella Greenlee and Ursula Krummel coordinated the program.

*All past presidents of LA Phil Affiliate Committees are invited to join Encore and expand contact with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association and other Affiliates.*

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL (B&P) COMMITTEE**

The B&P Committee ends its season year in super shape, having enjoyed many great luncheon programs, get togethers and special fundraisers under President John Amberg’s leadership.

Our Sunday, March 13th, Soirée Memorial Tribute to our late Vice President Richard Popkin proved to be a great fundraiser for the Phil’s Music Library. The Philharmonic’s Associate Principal Flute Catherine Ransom Karoly, and Cellist Jonathan Karoly, with pianist Keenan Reesor, were the featured soloists.

Luncheon meetings this season have been held at Kendall’s to great approval. Next year this tradition of luncheons with great musicians and personages from the LA Philharmonic and nearby will continue. New members are always welcome and Affiliate committee members are encouraged to attend as guests. Please let us know if you wish to be added to our mailing list!

At the Spring Celebration, Treasurer Dave Clark was most pleased to present the B&P’s check for $40,000 to the LA Philharmonic for its library.

Besides the great luncheon speakers, there’s the great camaraderie!

Deborah Borda makes a wonderful surprise visit to our Kendall’s luncheon meeting and tells us about the new HD theater concert series.

Joe (“the drummer”) Pereira shows us how it’s done.
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The International Committee rejoices at the prospect of closing the year 2011 with yet another successful International Night Ball “Armenia: The Melody of Eternity,” and is grateful to Consul General and Mrs. Grigor Hovhannissian for inspiring the Armenian community to participate as full partners.

The Committee is also rejoicing at the selection of one of their members and past president, Aida Gaona, who was named Affiliate Chair for 2011-2013. She was formally introduced at Spring Celebration on May 19th with a large number of members cheering her on.

COMMITTEE OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN (COPW)

Spring was busy for COPW. On March 26th, the New Member’s Tea, held at a private home in Century City, featured Johnny Lee, second violinist from the LA Phil, and his accompanist, Chris Weldon. The 64 members and guests present were captivated with their performance of Mozart and Poulenc. Gourmet appetizers were prepared and donated by TV chef, Kelsey Henderson, winner of the NBC show Chopping Block.

COPW’s participation in the YOLA Instrument Drive was phenomenally successful. On May 15th, COPW delivered 18 used instruments, which were donated by members and friends, and 36 new instruments, which were purchased with monetary donations. Credit for the success of this drive goes to Stephanie Klopfleisch, Coordinator, and to Colleen Robertson who conducted the “shout out auction” soliciting donations at the New Member’s Tea.

The year ended with Installation of officers for 2011-2012 on May 21st at the historic Biltmore Hotel in Downtown LA. Sixty-seven members and guests were treated to a luncheon followed by a musical performance by incoming President Stephanie Klopfleisch, playing both piano and viola, with violist Gherman Markosian, a studio musician, featuring selections from Schubert, Wilhelm Friedemann Bach and Bartok. A great end to a great year!

Musical Musings

When the French horn was first made, nobody used it indoors because it sounded harsh. Even though it is called the French horn, it first began to be developed in Germany. It was completed as we know it today in France. Some French horns are really two horns in one. They have two sets of tubing (if all of the tubing were uncoiled, it would be over 20 feet long.) The player switches between the two sets of coiled tubing by working a valve with his left thumb. One set of tubing gives a mellow, rich, deep tone. And the other makes a higher, brighter sound. French horn players put their right hand inside the bell of the horn to adjust the tone. Love that sound!
FOOTHILL COMMITTEE

Foothill Committee was most pleased with their first offering of LA Phil LIVE tickets to students for the March concert (see pg. 2).

Mt. San Antonio Gardens was the site of the April meeting featuring Andrea Choi, the 2010 Bronislaw Kaper Award winner. Her excellent piano recital was matched by her knowledgeable and engaging responses to questions posed by audience. Members left with warm memories of the Bronislaw Kaper competitions which came to an end with this final Kaper winner.

The last meeting of the year was the In & Out Board Luncheon at the home of Velma McKelvey—a lovely get-together of a group of people well pleased with the achievements of their year.

PENINSULA COMMITTEE

The Peninsula Committee will hold a day-long “Music Promenade” on October 9th at three unique venues that capture the beauty and the soul of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

The major portion of the event, from 2:30-6:00 p.m., will be in the new, state-of-the-art performing arts complex of Chadwick School. Featured will be three classical artists, two ethnic performances, and string quartets of talented young musicians. Acclaimed guest artists include pianist Dr. Wojciech Kocyan, first prize winner of the Paderewski Piano Competition, Esther Keel, a 24-year-old piano dynamo who made her debut with Esa-Pekka Salonen and the LA Phil at the age of 13, and tenor Dennis McNeil, the 1993 National Winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. Ethnic performers include Max Sadeghi, a Persian Santur virtuoso who fuses modern music with the age-old traditions of Iran, and the Firebird Balalaika Quartet whose fiery, rhythmic Russian and Eastern European music is performed on traditional Russian instruments.

The first stop on the “Music Promenade” will be at the South Coast Botanic Garden from 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. with performances by six award-winning jazz and pep bands from local high schools.

A limited-seating evening program from 7:30-9:00 p.m. will conclude the day at an elegant private home featuring a demonstration of beautifully restored 1820-1920 European and American automatic musical instruments that are marvels of musical and mechanical ingenuity.

We invite all Affiliates and their friends to spend the day with us. Information on ticket purchases and parking/shuttle arrangements are available on our website at www.pvpen4laphil.org.
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LONG BEACH AUXILIARY

The Long Beach Auxiliary began its year with a group attending Crescendo and an entire bus load going to Walt Disney Concert Hall for Carol Williams’ organ concert. The Committee’s Winter Musicale followed featuring a string quartet from Long Beach Poly High School which has been the recipient of the Auxiliary’s 100 Tickets to the LA Phil project.

It was a big treat in April when LA Phil violinist Elizabeth Baker, the Committee’s “gift musician,” brought Catherine Karoly, Ingrid Hutman, and Gloria Lum to perform as a quartet at the Auxiliary’s Gift Recital and Reception. The Auxiliary’s Spring Musicale featured a presentation of Chinese music with Chi Li and her daughter playing a variety of Chinese instruments.

LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC COMMITTEE

The LA Philharmonic Committee is ending this year on a very high note. At Spring Celebration, the Committee was able to make a large donation, $65,000, to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Music Education programs for youth, made possible by the efforts of the Committee Chairs and all the members that assisted them in raising money through the Benefit, Silent Auction and the Letter Writing Campaign.

The Committee celebrated a smashing success at their “Jazz Age” benefit held on April 2nd. The setting was beautiful; the people were dazzling; food was delicious; and the atmosphere was wonderfully fun and festive.

The meeting in May included a program that was a step away from the usual classical music with a presentation of “Blue Grass” music, full of pep with toe-tapping, hand-clapping entertainment.

Members of the Board for the past year and new Board members met on June 1st, for the annual In & Out joint Board meeting at the Napa Valley Grille in Westwood. Members are looking forward to another great year beginning in the fall.

Music, of all the arts, has the greatest influence over the passions...

...and legislators ought to give it the greatest encouragement.

—NAPOLEON
**SOUTH WEST HEIGHTS COMMITTEE**

The SouthWest Heights Committee presented its third Multicultural Musical Celebration on Sunday, June 13th at Knox Presbyterian Church. The featured artist was violinist Mitch Forte, III. He played “And I Love Him” by the Beatles and “Endless Love” by Lionel Ritchie. Mitch is an eighth grade student at the Renaissance Arts Academy in Eagle Rock, California.

September 11th is the date for the fourth program of the series. It will recognize renowned musicians Ottorino Respighi, Leontyne Price, and George Shirley.

The Committee celebrated its accomplishments this year culminating in accepting the award at Spring Celebration for increasing membership by 50 percent this season. In recognition of this membership increase, they were awarded tickets for each member to a concert at the Hollywood Bowl this summer and the use of the Volunteer Cottage. They plan to have dinner and then enjoy a wonderful concert under the stars.

**GLENDALE COMMITTEE**

The Glendale Committee recently held its last meeting of the year which traditionally is an installation of officers for the coming year. Members are looking forward to an active new year with an emphasis on youth music education in Glendale. The Music Mobile program and funds to support instrument rental for elementary schools will continue. Additionally, middle school music teachers will receive a stipend to augment their programs.

In May, the Committee hosted a Spring Luncheon at the Oakmont country club. The group was so fortunate to welcome Carolyn Hove, English horn musician from the LA Phil. She provided a beautiful and diverse musical program ably accompanied by Vicki Ray at the piano.

**SANTA MONICA-WESTSIDE PHILHARMONIC COMMITTEE**

Committee members and guests enjoyed Rufus Choi, pianist, performing Franz List’s “Sonata in B Minor” at the home of Jane McNealy and Alice Kuhns on May 11th. The members provided salads and desserts that were enjoyed in lovely garden surroundings. Judy Cohn was installed as the incoming president and is already planning for an exciting new year.

The annual In & Out meeting was at the California Yacht Club on June 15th. Members are now looking forward to summer parties and other enjoyable get-togethers.
A mini-fundraiser was held in April at Monterey at Encino restaurant featuring the Ceora Winds Chamber Music with Michelle Matsunami, flute, Heather Millette, clarinet and Christin Webb, bassoon. It was a delightful program of classical and contemporary music. Each artist played a solo piece and lunch followed with the opportunity to visit with the performers.

The May Spring Salon and Tea gave 20 guests an opportunity to hear LA Phil Principal Bassist Dennis Trembly perform pieces by Adolf Misek, Ernest Bloch, C.M. von Weber and Franz Schubert, accompanied by Dr. Grace Zhao, on piano. One guest, a retired professor from Idyllwild School of Music, knew Dennis when he attended there but they had not met since that time.

Martha Feutz, a member since 2003, passed away in May. She was a member of at least 15 organizations including the LA Philharmonic Affiliates and the Opera Guild. Years ago she was involved in the support organization for the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. She once told how members would meet at Dorothy Chandler’s home to prepare and assemble fund raising materials. In those days they would bring their own sack lunches to the gathering...times have changed!

The Annual Meeting, election of officers and luncheon was held on June 21st at the home of Anne Van Trigt. Members were able to enjoy Dennis Trembly’s music a second time, thanks to his gift of a CD of the recital.

Fran Ulrich, a member of the Valley CommitteeS, presented an interesting perspective of "Music Education: Then and Now" on Wednesday, April 13th, at the Orange Grove Bistro at California State University, Northridge (CSUN). Fran was a special music teacher at CSUN. She retired in 1997 and has traveled to many countries always seeking to hear the local and instrumental music. She also arranged a docent-led tour of the CSUN campus.

The Spring Salon was held on Sunday, May 15th at The Village at Northridge, a retirement residence. The lovely ambiance provided a perfect setting for the spring event. L.A. Phil’s David Garrett, cello, with pianist wife Junko Ueno Garrett, made for an enjoyable evening. They performed Hungarian music by Kodaly, Ligeti, Liszt and Bartok. Barbara Camilleri and Virginia Bass helped with planning this event.

The In & Out Board meeting and potluck was held on June 2nd at the home of Judith Butler. Barbara Camilleri, 2011-12 President, and the board, were installed and are now ready for action.

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