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MORE 2017 CONVENTION #MUPHICON2017



Emily Joy, Ruth Carver, and Beverly Fernald (all members of host chapter *Denver Alumni*) enjoyed the festivities.



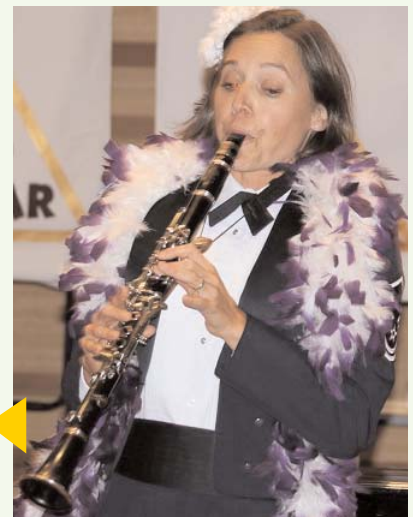
Chris Young of The Order of the Flying Purple Funk (all *Zeta Thetas*) helped get the crowd on its feet for the Friday evening dance party.



Kristín Jónína Taylor in the Foundation's fashion show skit.



Conga line at the Friday dance party.



Clarinetist Heike Gazetti of the USAF Rampart Winds got into the purple and white spirit.

FINAL NOTES

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Margaret Paulian Benian

Phi Kappa, June 15, 1952

Detroit Alumni

Died April 22, 2017

Pianist, educator. Margaret taught high school and coordinated many cultural activities in Detroit's American Armenian community.



Nadine Elaine Stuhlmuller

Salonites

Mu Eta, January 17, 1951

Died January 25, 2012

Vocalist, educator. Nadine taught voice and performed as soprano soloist with orchestras in Fresno, Sacramento, and Redding, CA. She appeared in twenty operas and performed for military and veterans' organizations. Also an elementary school teacher, she was named educator of the year in her district.



Carol Sue Morge Newton Hawk

Alpha Delta, 1997

Died September 25, 2016

Organist.

Mary Louise Gunn Knutson

Alpha Kappa, April 26, 1964

Kansas City Alumni

Died March 30, 2017

Pianist, music educator. A longtime piano teacher, Mary earned her M.M. degree at age 80. Earlier in her life, she was a secretary to J. Edgar Hoover.



Wendene Wilson Shoupe

Tau Alpha, May 22, 1946

Toledo Alumni

Died April 5, 2017

Pianist, educator. Wendene performed and taught piano for nearly six decades. She received many awards including induction to the Wall of Fame at University of Findlay (OH) and Marathon Performing Arts Center. Wendene was the oldest person in attendance at the 2014 convention, where this photo was taken.



Mary Bovey Malm

Epsilon Delta, 1959

Phoenix Alumni

Died February 7, 2017

Pianist, flutist, educator. Mary taught children with special needs and later was a middle school principal. In her early music career, she performed in the Portland Junior Symphony Orchestra and the 1960 Rose Parade. An active Mu Phi, she attended the 2014 convention, where this photo was taken.



Shirley Carol Shields Smith

Epsilon Pi, May 17, 1953

Denver Alumni

Died March 1, 2017

Vocalist, arts patron. Shirley performed in opera, was a church soloist, and directed a children's choir. She served as president of Denver Lyric Opera and Santa Fe Opera, and sponsored The Opera Colorado Young Artist Program and the Opera Colorado Outreach Program.



Betty Ferris Nolting

Mu Upsilon, April 4, 1942

Atlanta Alumni

Died April 29, 2017

Pianist, educator. Betty taught piano privately and was president of Atlanta Music Teachers Association (1978-1980) and its 2002 Outstanding Teacher of the Year. She served many local music organizations, founded the multidisciplinary United Artists Conference (GA), and was a nationally certified teacher and adjudicator.



Mary A. Stern

Mu Delta, May 11, 1956

Kansas City Alumni

Died April 1, 2017

Vocalist, music educator, church musician. Mary was a music teacher, church choir member, director, cantor and lector. She worked as an administrator in the Social Security Administration.

Jean Ferguson Stevens

Mu Upsilon, March 4, 1942

Spokane Alumni

Died March 24, 2017

Pianist, educator, church musician. Jean taught piano at Eastern Washington College of Education and then privately for more than fifty years. She performed in a touring two-piano duo (1964-84) and was a longtime church organist.



Hazel Mae Stratton Parsell

Mu Pi, February 20, 1947

Denver Alumni

Died April 20, 2017

Pianist, music theorist.

Ida May Swigart

Gamma, February 15, 1953

Detroit Alumni

Died March 27, 2017

Music educator. Ida taught in the Avondale public schools.



Gretchen Elizabeth Weed

Epsilon Iota, June 3, 1952

Spokane Alumni

Died March 11, 2017

Trombonist, music educator. Gretchen played in the Spokane Philharmonic Orchestra. She later was a missionary, Wycliffe Bible translator, and taught English as a second language in Japan and the U.S.



STERLING PATRON



Beulah Strickler

Sterling Patron, 1999

Died February 3, 2017

Pianist, harpsichordist, music educator. Beulah founded the Friends of Music in Fullerton, CA, in 1959 and was its artistic director through 2002, presenting top quality artists in free concerts supported by memberships and donations. In 1976 she started and performed with the Renaissance Players, appearing at venues ranging from the Getty Museum to public schools, and with the Liberty Consort, specializing in historical American music. The Arts Council of Orange County honored Beulah in 2013 with a lifetime achievement award.



Top: Denver Alumni hosts Carolyn Gentle and Sherry Legler check in Rachel Reed at the registration table.

Center: Convention parliamentarian Kurt-Alexander Zeller sang at the Honors Luncheon. Bottom: Clarinetist Katsuya Yuasa at the moment he was announced winner of the 2017 International Competition.



APPLAUSE & ENCORE

news from members and chapters

APPLAUSE



Composer **Aaron Alon** (*Phi Omicron, ACME*) announces the September 24-25 premiere of his first feature film musical **BULLY**, with screenings in the Houston area before hitting the film festival circuit in 2018. The film took about 6 years from

inception to completion and involved more than a hundred people. The project's many financial donors included the *Cleveland Area Alumni* chapter, and Aaron received a Mary Alice Cox grant to support the purchase of the technology used to remix the film in surround sound. Details at bullythemusical.com.

Pianist **Ann Davis** (*Phi Lambda, Washington D.C. Alumni*) performed a Mother's Day concert with her son, French hornist Rick Todd, in a program that included music by Schumann, Strauss, Bernhard Heiden, and several solo piano works.

Flutist **Jan Scott** (*Epsilon Tau, St. Louis Area Alumni, Immediate Past 4th Vice President*) was featured recently in a local magazine article. The profile explores her many musical accomplishments as well as her longtime advocacy for women's advancement, including her current two-year term as president of American Association of University Women (AAUW)-Missouri. Read the article at bit.ly/2pjWcPv.



A master class at Levine School of Music premiered *Sonatina for String Trio* by composer **Marcus Wyche** (*Delta Delta, Washington D.C. Alumni*) in April, and in May the University of Maryland Jazz Band premiered his composition "Morse Code Blues" at its Outdoor Showcase. Both performances are available on YouTube. This photo of Marcus was taken at the 2017 convention.

ENCORE

Instead of having a typical formal banquet at the spring semester's end, **Mu Theta** decided to save up enough money to have a boat banquet. The chapter rented a party barge on Lake Travis near Austin and spent three hours enjoying the late spring sun. Another Mu Theta innovation is having each membership class compose or arrange a work for the class's unique instrumentation and perform it at the spring recital as NAME (New Active Members Ensemble). Recent NAMEs have performed Beethoven's Tempest Sonata, arranged by **Joshua Baker** of Tempest class (2014-15); Beyoncé's "Love on Top," arranged by **Emily Bingham** of Apollo class (2015-16); and this year, "Planetarium" from *La La Land*, arranged by **Jake Wohleb** of Opus class (2016-2017).



Above: Mu Theta officers at boat banquet. From left, front: Moises Correa, Jessica Martinez, Joshua Barker, Michael Hernandez. Back: Donald Hale, Nick Nunley, Natalie Miller, Chanse Morris.

Below: New Active Member Ensemble from Mu Theta's "Tempest" pledge class (2014)

