



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



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Merry Christmas!

Get ready for an exciting New Year!

We are very excited to begin 2020 with the first of a series of excellent programs. We will begin by featuring students from the Portland Youth Philharmonic on January 6th. President Grant Porter and Program Chair, Ardith Stensland will be meeting with the PYP Musical Director and Executive Director this week to build on the enduring relationship we have had with the PYP, the oldest youth orchestra in the United States.

We are anticipating the return of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony's incredible "MYSfits" string ensemble on February 3rd and the Portland Opera on March 2nd. Hope to see you all there!



Club News

The Monday Musical Club celebrated the beginning of the holiday season on December 9th with our Holiday Luncheon as 98 members and guests joined together in the beautifully decorated Multnomah Athletic Club. We enjoyed hearing the music of two choirs with the Gresham High School Overtones, as well as our own MMC Chorus leading us in Christmas carols. In the spirit of giving, our membership raised close to \$2,000 in the raffle and silent auction. Thanks to the Ways & Means Committee and everyone involved who contributed their time, money and gifts in support of our scholarship program.

Scholarship Update

Since our 2020 scholarship program announcement was posted on December 3rd, we have already received 13 applications with four more on the way! We will audition 40 applicants on April 18th. You can find additional information and see last year's winners at: <https://www.pdxmmc.org/scholarship-info/2019-scholarship-winners/> Follow us on Facebook as we begin to post biographies and photos of our 2020 contestants.

Program Information

Schedule Update:

May 5th at 7 pm: We have approved this additional date to allow more performance time for our scholarship winners at HPP. The event has a two-fold purpose to:

- Accommodate students who have legitimate school conflicts and wouldn't be able to perform on May 4th, (must perform to win);
- Recruit new members from Holladay Park Plaza during their regularly scheduled Tuesday evening entertainment night.

Expect up to 4-5 students to perform on May 5th with the majority of students performing during our Tea on May 4th. We simply have too many winners to put on stage in one hour on May 4th so we are fortunate that the HPP residents have welcomed us to join them, and vice versa. Win-Win!

Reminder: You can also update your Directory as the Multnomah Athletic Club has been scheduled as the site for our Annual Meeting on June 1st.

Membership Survey:

We are up from 44 to 52 completed surveys. We hope to reach 100% of our members and identify more volunteers to fill anticipated vacancies on the Board. The survey has helped us to verify that members are receiving our communications and identifies members who want to participate. We will have copies available at the upcoming tea.

Event Highlights

With gifts under the tree, Dee and Bonnie work the crowd.



The Gresham Overtones

Janine Kirstein led the choir through a fabulous performance finishing the program with a rousing performance of the Hallelujah Chorus. Special thanks to past President Janet Orjala for accompanying on piano!

