



MARCH NEWSLETTER



By Grant Porter

Upcoming Events ???



April thru June

April 6th: Our Duo-Piano concert at Reedwood Friends Church has been postponed due to concerns over the Corona virus.

* **April 18th:** Scholarship auditions for our 40 applicants will very likely be moved to an alternate location (to be determined). Attendance will be limited to essential personnel.

* **May 4th:** Scholarship Winner's Tea.

* **May 5th:** Select Scholarship winners are scheduled at 7 pm.

June 1st: Our final event of the season is scheduled to be held at the Multnomah Athletic Club at 11 am.

* **All events scheduled at Holladay Park Plaza are tentative due to Corona virus concerns. We will be looking for alternate locations or postponing/canceling events.**

See "*Corona Virus Impact on MMC*".

Club News

Portland Opera Resident Artists Performance!

We were honored to feature soprano Emilie Faiella, mezzo-soprano Camille Sherman, tenor Ricardo Garcia, and baritone Geoffrey



Schellenberg along with excellent commentary and piano accompaniment provided by Chorus Master, Nicholas Fox at our March Tea. Their wide-ranging performances ranged from Italian composers such as Vivaldi, Rossini, Puccini and Leoncavallo to Mozart, Handel Strauss, Massenet, Bizet and Korngold. Thanks to Portland Opera's Producing Director Laura Hassell and Assistant Conductor Nick Fox for bringing these young artists to our stage. Check our Facebook page for additional photos.

Corona Virus Impact on MMC

In the interest of the health and welfare of our members, we have postponed our Duo-Piano concert. It is also more than likely that Holladay Park will cancel our scheduled events this year to avoid the risk of spreading infections. In the event that any of our MMC events are cancelled, or rescheduled, we will send out email notifications and make telephone calls to those without email. The "COVID-19" disease, short for **coronavirus** disease, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The number 19 refers to the fact that it was first detected in 2019, (continued below).

Corona Virus Impact (cont.)

Wilma Lee, Past President, 1986-88. I am very sorry to report that one of our own, past President Wilma Lee, was among those affected by the Corona virus. She passed away earlier this week at the age of 97 years old. She had recently moved to a retirement community in the Sacramento area of California. Her last place of residence in Portland was the Courtyard in Raleigh Hills, where the MMC Chorus would have sung last week had they not cancelled their scheduled performance due to the pandemic.

Health Tip: The elderly with underlying conditions are most vulnerable. Avoid crowds, use disinfectants and sanitizers, wash hands frequently, avoid touching your face, bump elbows instead of shaking hands and stay home. This tragic set of circumstances gives us a pause to plan for the future and next year specifically.

Nominating Committee:

The Board of Management will select a nominating committee in April to select officers and Directors. Please consider serving on the nominating committee or accepting a position when you are called and asked to volunteer. This is a time when we need leaders to come forward. Not all work has to be done in person and can be done from your home.

Good Luck and Best Wishes to All

Thanks to Connie Gillespie and her great team for all their creativity and charm as they provided a traditional St. Patrick's Day theme for our March Tea. Our Directors continue to excel in making our events fun, entertaining and colorful.



Judy, Connie & Sandy

Our **Pot of Gold** fundraiser event not only added to the fun and festivities but also raised \$422 to support our scholarship program. Thanks to Bonnie LaFord and Dee Schiavone for carrying on this great tradition and for putting the fun in fundraising! Best of luck to everyone from all of us. Be well!

