

# NEWS NOTES

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Annette Colfax,  
COPW President

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

COPW's mission is to encourage professional women and – since 1999 - men, to support the Philharmonic. Our motto is “*enriching lives through music*”, while our unofficial motto is “*we live for pleasure*”. Our unique combination of a ‘taking care of business’ style coupled with a passion for musical enjoyment and service works!

For example, the Affiliates honored COPW for the greatest number of new members during 2016-17, awarding us ten seats for a Hollywood Bowl concert and use of the Volunteer Cottage. We were also awarded a Philharmonic musician, Minyoung Chang, violin, who will play for us at our Annual Meeting in February, due to our 100% subscription rate among regular members.

This issue of News Notes commemorates our many pleasurable activities from May 2017 until now, and highlights upcoming concerts and volunteer opportunities. We also welcome new members and commemorate those who have passed. It has been quite a while since we last published, so please give special thanks to Gloria Sherwood, who bravely stepped up as News Notes Chair.

Officers for the June 2017-May 2018 year are Cec Schulman, Vice President; Julie Mairs, Treasurer; and Rea Crane, Secretary. New Board members are Joanne Kindler, Gail Conway, Gail Heltzer, Mary Anne Roelke, and Gloria Sherwood. Many thanks to outgoing Board members Sandy Beckley, Julie De Bruyn Kops, and Tom Munsell. We mourn the passing of valued Board Member Carol Pearman.

This go round is my second and final term as President. (I served a term back in 1999-2000). Suffice it to say I am grateful to and thoroughly enjoy working with such an amazing, warm, effective and giving set of people.

Last November, COPW member extraordinaire Elaine Berman led the Affiliates' effort to purchase, wrap and deliver holiday gifts for all 665 kids at the three Youth Orchestra Los Angeles (YOLA) centers. Young student Irene from YOLA wrote back: “Thank you for the presents. I hope you get some too!”

I truly feel that COPW is a gift that keeps on giving intangible but wonderful presents of friendship, music, and service.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE EVENTS

**November 4:** Grand Avenue Arts Day, WDCH: WAR OF THE WORLDS: A Conversation with Yuval Sharon 11 a.m., BP Hall; MUSIC WORKSHOPS: With Toyota Symphonies for Youth 11:30 am–1:30 pm

**November 8:** LA Philharmonic Affiliates “NEW MEMBER WELCOME” 10:30 a.m.—1:15 p.m. in BP Hall at Walt Disney Concert Hall. Open to experienced and prospective members as well, you will enjoy a backstage tour as well as a delicious brunch, at no charge. RSPV to Stephanie Prom at [sprom@LAPhil.org](mailto:sprom@LAPhil.org) or 213.972.0753 by November 1st.

**January 25:** Affiliates Invitational Rehearsal, Dudamel conducting; optional lunch following in WDCH Founders. Chaired by Stephanie Klopfleisch of COPW.

**February 3;** COPW Annual Meeting with Philharmonic violinist, Minyoung Chang, performing.

**March 10,** COPW Spring Event featuring our own talented musicians at the home of Judy and Ed Hirsch

### MESSAGE TO COPW PERFORMERS from Judy & Ed Hirsch

It turns out that our COPW members are not just music lovers. Many of our members are also music performers.

Ed and I have been asked - and agreed - to host a COPW MUSIC SALON. We would like to know who is interested in performing at this event. This is not just for professionals. Anyone who would like to share their gifts is welcome. (No tomatoes will be thrown). You may even want to play with other COPW friends in a group. It does not need to be classical. All genres are welcome. If we have a vigorous response (which we hope we will), it would likely be just one or maybe two numbers per person.

Please send an email to [judy.hirsch@tcw.com](mailto:judy.hirsch@tcw.com) if you wish to perform at this event. We would appreciate a rather prompt response as we cannot move forward until we have an idea of how many performers we will have.

## RECENT EVENTS



The “NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS LUNCHEON” took place at Saint Bedes Church on October 28th. Members and their guests were treated to a concert of music by J.S. Bach, played by the Los Angeles Recorder Orchestra, led by conductor Thomas Axworthy. The photo on the left shows Axworthy answering questions from the audience about the many sizes and shapes of the recorders, how they are made, the history of the recorders and how he became interested in them.



The players showed us their instruments and answered our many questions. The largest recorder looked to be about 7 feet high but was able to be broken down to fit into a case. The smallest recorder was the size of a piccolo. In Europe, the recorders are often made from plastic. If you closed your eyes, it was hard to distinguish these instruments from woodwinds or reed instruments.

The Los Angeles Recorder Orchestra is one of a growing number of recorder orchestras that have sprung up in Europe and around the United States in recent years. This orchestra was founded in 2004 and is made up of 30 recorder players from all around Southern CA.



Vickie Pushee, Becky Novy, Joseph Feneck, Elizabeth Paterson and their guests listen to the concert. After the presentation, the new members were introduced to the audience.



Susan Bell (membership co-chair) welcomes the new members and sponsors. Left to right: Adelaide Randak, Bonnie Butler (membership co-chair), Raymee Olin-Weiman; Emily Lawrence; Cec Schulman, (sponsor) Gloria Sherwood, Becky Nedelman, Beverly Schwartz



Annette Colfax and her guest, Marilyn Blacker

## **BREAKING NEWS:**

COPW was honored at the October 23 Affiliates Board meeting in two categories for its success in the 2016-17 Philharmonic Friends Campaign.

- For exceeding our goal: a case of wine
- For the third most dollars overall: a Terrace Box for 4 at the Bowl for a Tuesday or Thursday night performance next season.

COPW Friends Chair 2016-17, Inez Lopez (third from left) accepted our awards. Incoming Chair BJ Peterson also attended and will organize letter writing get togethers for the upcoming campaign - stay tuned.



## **RECENT EVENTS (con't)**

### **OPENING NIGHT Los Angeles Philharmonic September 26, 2017**

Philharmonic Opening Night Gala, September 26, co-chaired by Sona Boyd: COPW members filled two tables at the Affiliate's Gala dinner in Founders. Others members dined at Kendall's. All enjoyed the concert conducted by Gustavo Dudamel, which featured pianists Yuja Wang and Jean-Yves Thibaudet (both in spectacular outfits!)



### **A NIGHT AT THE BOWL August 1, 2017**

COPW members and guests took full advantage of our prize of 10 seats at a Hollywood Bowl concert, with use of the Volunteer Cottage for a pre-concert picnic. We enjoyed comradery, mild weather, and a performance of La Mer. Sona Boyd chaired the event.



## JULY TRIP TO SAN LUIS OBISPO

### COPW BOARD MEMBERS

Adrienne Bass  
Susan Bell  
Elaine Berman  
Sona Boyd  
Bonnie Butler  
Gail Conway  
Michelle Dennis  
Bud Flette  
Nan Flette  
Kathy Forsman  
Jane Goichman  
Gail Heltzer  
John Hermann  
Ed Hirsch  
Judy Hirsch  
Ellen Johnston  
Jo Anne Kindler  
Stephanie Klopffleisch  
Randy Klopffleisch  
Inez Lopez  
Elizabeth Paterson  
B.J. Peterson  
Mary Anne Roelke  
Rieko Sakata  
Karen Scharre  
Gloria Sherwood  
Mary Tower



Another wonderful Mozaic Festival in San Luis Obispo was experienced by 19 COPW members and their guests. Rea Crane, Annette Colfax and Babs Rubens all facilitated our trip. We returned to the very comfortable La Cuesta Inn for our stay from July 28-30 this year.



We kicked off the weekend on Friday evening at Buona Tavola with a sumptuous dinner prior to our event for the evening. It was right next door at the recently renovated 75 year old Art Deco Fremont Theater. The theme was the Jazz Age. There was a segment of a piano/violin jazz duo followed by 3 very unique silent movies accompanied by a string quartet and piano. Ben Ullery, Asst. Principal Viola at the LA Phil, was a member of the quartet.

Saturday began with a delicious lunch in the patio at NOVO Restaurant followed by an afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping, wine tasting or simply taking it easy.



At 5:30 we regrouped at Cuesta College where we began with a Notable Encounter Insight event "On Stage with Strauss." .. Scott Yoo, the Music Director of the Festival, led this educational event. He did a wonderful job providing background about the evening performance of Metamorphosis. He and 6 other string players performed parts of what would be played by 24 players later that evening.



Of special interest was the back-story on what Strauss was experiencing during World War II when he composed the piece and that each member of the larger (24) chamber orchestras had a different score.

We stayed at Cuesta College for a "Picnic in the Patio" dinner and then attended the evening performance, which had enhanced resonance due to the earlier tutorial.

We also heard Copeland's Clarinet Concerto and Mendelssohn's Symphony #5 in D, op.107 "Reformation"

## SAN LUIS OBISPO (con't)

**WELCOME**  
to our  
**NEW MEMBERS** and  
their (SPONSORS).

Leslie Boatwright  
(Reiko Sakata)

Lillian Chin  
(Mary Ann Roelke)

Sharon Griffin Galamba  
(LAPA)

Emily Lawrence  
(Cec Schulman)

Becky Nedelman  
(Cec Schulman)

Adelaide Ranchel  
(Reiko Sakata)

Beverly Schwartz  
(Sona Boyd)

Gloria Sherwood  
(Cec Schulman)

Ruth Lynn Sobel  
(Becky Nedelman)

Raymee Olin Weiman  
(Emily Lawrence)



Dinner at Buono Tavola



Sunday found us at the historic and idyllic Dallidet Adobe and Gardens for another Notable Encounter based on Ravel's Sonatine Trio. Alice Dade, flute, hosted, along with Meredith Clark, harp, who gave a great primer on her instrument along with Luke Fleming, viola. Their presentation was followed by a lovely brunch in the garden

## Day Trip to Ojai Music Festival, June 10th



COPW members attended the celebration of contemporary music in Ojai, chaired by Chris Upton, enjoying several concerts, including a performance by the Brentano Quartet and an al fresco lunch.



## Installation Luncheon at Bistro Garden on June 3, 2017

COPW members and friends enjoyed our second annual installation luncheon at the lovely Bistro Gardens in Studio City. Elaine Berman organized and purchased 75 new children's books, which along with donations of "gently used" books were given to HOLA to establish a library for the HOLA members who not only practice after school but complete their homework at the HOLA site. The instructor pointed out to Elaine that when the students are finished with practice and homework, there are few distractions for them until they leave for the day.

The new library will provide them with the opportunity to "read a book." COPW members and friends financed the donation by purchasing books at \$10.00 per and printing their names on specially designed nameplates placed inside the books.

We listened to the City of Angels Saxophone Quartet play a variety of pieces as they introduced the different saxophone each was playing. Most classical music does not include the use of saxophones so the quartet's interpretations were very exciting.

Colleen Robertson, past President and active member, returned from Arizona for the event to introduce and install the new officers and board members for the coming year. As always, she was amusing and informative.

The group actively engaged in our silent auction, bidding a total of \$1,774. which will be used for future COPW activities supporting music for children, as well as the L.A Philharmonic



**Former President Colleen Robertson installs Cec Schulman, Vice President, Julie Mairs, Treasurer, and Rea Crane, Secretary**



**Elaine Berman "book-raises" for YOLA along with Adrienne Bass and Ann Walker**



## IN MEMORIAM

David A. Clark passed away June 28, 2017. David was a retired finance professional and a beloved leader in the Affiliates. We were proud when he chose to join COPW in 2004, while continuing his active role in the Business and Professionals Committee and with AMSOV (American Major Symphony Orchestra Volunteers, a prestigious nationwide group). He chaired the all-Affiliate Fundraiser, and served as Affiliate Chair 2015-17, lending his financial expertise to the 16 Affiliate groups by offering seminars on budgeting. He was kind and gracious to all, and will be sorely missed. We were very lucky to have him in our lives.



Carol Pearman, a practicing workers compensation attorney, and COPW member since 2005, passed away on November 25 after a long battle with cancer. Carol served on our Board of Directors with grace and humor, and was a dear friend to many. COPW members represented our group at her service at Green Hills Memorial Park. Carol generously co-chaired our trip to San Luis Obispo's Festival Mozaic in summer 2016, yet sadly her illness prevented her attending and enjoying the fruits of her efforts.

Erma Darling, a COPW member since 2003, passed away February 11 after a brief illness at the age of 92. Erma enjoyed an active and fulfilling life up until her last few days. Erma was an award-winning sailor and successful businesswoman, with sparkling eyes and a personality to match. She was a beautiful lady in every way, greatly liked and admired by all who knew her. Her memorial was fittingly held at the California Yacht Club, where she was a long time member. Erma attended Affiliate Night at the Bowl, July 3, 2016 with COPW, as shown in this picture.







# COMMITTEE OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

*Enriching Lives Through Music*

## 2016-2017 Summary

**Subscription Chair,** Ed Hirsch. For the 2016-2017 season COPW had a total of 116 subscriptions to WDCH and the HB. Including individual tickets purchased, the Braille Fund donations and the Toyota Symphonies for Youth donations, the total amount of support to the L.A. Phil through tickets was \$109,520.50.

**Friends Campaign Chair:** Inez Lopez. COPW members contributed an incredible total of \$47,365 to help fund LAPA operations.

**Membership Chair.** Susan Bell. We added eight new members to COPW this year. COPW was the affiliate with the most new members and was awarded a prize of 10 bench seats to the Hollywood Bowl at the Spring Celebration.

**Volunteer Activities Chair:** Sandy Beckley. **Pasadena Showcase House:** COPW volunteers worked 25 shifts which provided us with a \$1,000 donation. In addition COPW is credited with an additional \$1,500 given by COPW volunteers in lieu of working as volunteers. Total to LA Phil: \$2,500.

**Toyota Symphonies for Youth: Becky Novy.** 32 COPW members volunteered 64 hours of time for the pre-program activities.

**YOLA Holiday Gift Drive: Elaine Berman.** While this was an all affiliate event COPW members took the lead in purchasing and wrapping most of the 665 gifts that were distributed to all three youth orchestras. The total amount of affiliate donations was \$8,067, with \$2,427 coming from COPW.

**HOLA/YOLA Book Sale: Elaine Berman.** A total of 75 books were purchased new and sold to COPW members at the June 3 Installation Luncheon. The books sold for \$10/book and the purchaser could write their name on a specially designed and produced name plate in the front of each book. Additional gently used books were donated by COPW members.

**Toyota Symphonies for Youth Tickets Chair,** Reiko Sakata. This year we distributed 130 symphony tickets to the following five agencies:

Maryvale, Rosemead	30
Hathaway/Sycamores, Pasadena	30
Hillsides, Pasadena	20
Family Crisis Center, L.A.	20
House of Ruth, L.A.	15
Upward Bound, Santa Monica	15

### **COPW Contributions to LA Philharmonic Affiliates:**

COPW is also very well represented in the L.A. Philharmonic Affiliates, the umbrella organization for all of the 16 individual affiliate committees. COPW member Becky Novy is Affiliate President for 2017-18, following late COPW member David Clark, President 2016-17. Sona Boyd co-chaired the Affiliate's Gala Dinner, September 26. Annette Colfax is a member by virtue of her presidency and the following have held Directorships for the last year: Elaine Berman, Rea Crane, Barbara Lake, Becky Novy, and Vicky Pushee.

COPW Members also hold responsible positions in other affiliate groups. For instance. Stephanie Klopfeisch recently completed her year as President of the Encore (Past Presidents) group. Others holding offices in Encore included: Sona Boyd, Barbara Lake, Inez Lopez, and Becky Novy.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



RAYMEE OLIN –WEIMAN

I was born and raised in Boston MA. I graduated Boston University, majoring in English and Theatre Arts. I married a native LA man and we had 3 children. I dabbled in interior design and later became a paralegal, graduating from UCLA. I then remarried and extended my family to three more children. I have ten remarkable grandchildren. My interests are widespread including investment club, book club, PPLA, bridge, golf, skiing, hiking (now walking) swimming, travel. I thrive on the outdoors, especially mountains and beaches. Culture is a main focus in my life. Theatre and music dominate, especially classical. I attend all forms of art, the philharmonic, museums, theatres, ballet and opera. When many of my close friends spoke of their involvement in COPW I became interested. For years I attended the Toyota Symphony with my grandchildren not knowing of the organization's participation. That alone was an incentive to join. I can never give back to the LA Phil the enjoyment and spiritual uplift they have given to me over the years but I can try.



LESLIE BOATWRIGHT

I am married to my husband, Bill, a financial planner. We are enjoying being "empty nesters" for the first time with both our daughters now off to college (one in Nashville, the other in Baltimore!). I have been in sales and marketing management my entire professional career, most recently in the gourmet food/restaurant industry. However, I have been on sabbatical for the last few years so that I could focus on volunteer work (primarily at my girl's school) and getting our daughters launched to college. I'm now looking for my next exciting adventure! I enjoy playing tennis, sort of play golf, am an avid reader and member of two book groups and am learning how to play bridge.



BECKY NEDELMAN

I am originally a Midwesterner, growing up in Detroit and graduating from the University of Michigan. My late husband and I moved westward while he completed his medical training and residency. With 2 children in tow we landed in LA in 1967 and have been here ever since. Before retirement, I taught school, worked at UCLA in the Department of Graduate Education and spent several years working in the business office of a cardiology practice. I am a volunteer at Planned Parenthood and belong to an investment and book club. I grew up listening to classical music in my home and to Leonard Bernstein and his young people's concerts. It has always been a part of my life. Attended philharmonic concerts in LA. I have 2 grown children and their spouses living in Studio City and Manhattan along with a total of 5 grandchildren. I play "at" golf and am an avid walker



EMILY LAWRENCE

I grew up in Roscoe, a small town in upstate, New York. I attended the University of Roscoe there and got my degree in nursing. I then married John, a young physician and we have been married 55 years. We are lucky to have 3 wonderful daughters. Early on I began a career designing and making one of a kind wedding dresses, which I enjoy doing till this day. I am very active in our local home owners association, and enjoy chairing the architectural review committee. I love skiing, the mountains, and traveling. My passion is theatre, classical music and all of the arts



GLORIA SHERWOOD

I am a native of California and have lived here all my life, except for the 5 years I lived in Las Vegas in the mid 1990's. I graduated UCLA, married just before graduation and we had 3 children. When they were in school, I got my real estate license and worked for Harleigh Sandler for 18 years. During that time I went back to school and got a degree in marriage and family counseling and a Ph.D in clinical hypnotherapy. Moving back to Los Angeles, I joined the LA Doctors Symphony Orchestra as a violinist. My other passions are travel and tournament bridge. My favorite work is supervising new therapists at Bet TShuva, and playing violin in a quartet and a trio. I am looking forward to being a part of COPW.



RUTH LYNN SOBEL

My family moved to Los Angeles in 1961 and I was in heaven. No more winters! Shortly after the move, I met and married Hank (Henry) and here we are 55 years later, two children, their spouses and four grandchildren. In between, I finished college, later returned to school for my education degree and became a teacher for LAUSD. I retired from teaching from Brentwood Science Magnet as the Magnet Coordinator. We like to travel, I play mah jongg, attempt to work out at the gym, am in a book club, take classes, knit, and enjoy movies, plays and music. I have to thank my roommate in the first year of college, a music major, for introducing me to the wonderful world of classical music. It has been a constant in my life since then.