



July 2017 Newsletter

When Karen Hutchinson and I took on the management of Burlingame Music Club, many long-time members came to our aid. I want to express our deep appreciation to them for their unwavering support. Together, we have been able to steer the club to a solid success. Now, as we begin planning the 2017-18 season, you will see below what delights Karen has in store for you.

Let's set some future goals for the students and for ourselves:

- **Membership:** We enrolled 18 new members last season, giving us 88 members, a 12% increase. How about trying for 100 members for next year? Only 12 new ones – doable?
- **Attendance:** We were able to build up an average monthly attendance of 45. How about 60 for next year?
- **Financial allocation:** How about increasing the budget for the music program, especially student awards, to 70%?
- **Outreach:** Both for students and audience. To broaden the diversity of our student participation, we will contact more public schools' music programs, as we had reached out to teachers last season.
- Because our student participation took a jump last season, we had to seek additional venues for their performances. We would like to thank Sterling Court, Versailles, and The Peninsula Regent senior facilities for hosting these events with great enthusiasm. We should make this a tradition!

Annual Fundraiser: Again, the date is Sunday, October 1, 2017, 3 pm, 241 Park Road, Burlingame. The event will be an English Tea. Please mark your calendars, invite your friends and bring your checkbooks. Ms. Ruby Pleasure will be the keynote speaker.

Best wishes,
Roz



Karen's Music Corner:

Ruby Pleasure will be our keynote speaker for our October 1 Fundraiser. Ms. Pleasure is a former professor of voice at the San Francisco Conservatory of music. She was also the international student advisor. She is currently the choir director at Saint Edmunds Church in Pacifica. Ms. Pleasure retired in June but will continue private teaching and being choir director. She turned her students over to Catherine Cook, another one of our prize-winning teachers, a great mezzo with the San Francisco Opera and a wonderful teacher. We will have two young performers singing English songs to entertain us and Ms. Pleasure will regale us with her wisdom.

Programs for 2017-2018 will be somewhat different. In April Angela Kraft-Cross will present an organ performance at the Congregational Church. The club meeting will be there, too. The April meeting will be dedicated to Dr. Margaret Barshell, who was a program chairman and former president of the club

In February, Larry Dunlap and Bobbe Norris will present a Valentine's Day performance. For our other meetings, I will find a Gouzheng performer (the Chinese cousin to the Koto), present an Indian music program, and add some very good student performers. I hope that BMC will be further enriched by these more diverse programs.

I look forward to enjoying and sharing all forms of music with you.

Karen



We look forward to seeing you at upcoming BMC meetings, 1:00 PM on the second Monday of each month, November 2017 through May 2018, at 241 Park Road, Burlingame.

Suggestions? Comments? Contact us: Karen (pianokaren@gmail.com) or Roz (rozko@hotmail.com) or write to us at Burlingame Music Club, P.O. Box 8, San Mateo, CA 94401

Pictures of our musicians, both professionals and students, as well as our visual artists, are on Burlingame Music Club's website:

<http://www.burlingamemusicclub.net/Photos.htm>