



Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Fall 2020

President's Message

This has been quite a year. Last summer most of the summer music programs across the country were cancelled due to the pandemic. We are allowing our 2020 scholarship recipients to use their scholarships for Summer 2021. Our hope is that by that time there will be a return to a more normal summer for all of us. Arrowbear did provide online experience opportunities for their campers throughout the summer. Laura and I took a road trip to Arrowbear; it was strange to see the camp with no campers. At this time, camps do plan to have their regular programs next summer.

I have watched our live musical experiences disappear only to be replaced with Zoom videos blending individual musicians into a performance. Zoom is entertaining, but it is no match for a live performance. I have substituted for a few music teachers who are finding new ways to teach music to our students. Teachers have to be very creative with the programs available to them. The students seem to be able to navigate through this new way to learn. The main drawback is the time you stare at the computer screen. It really wears one out over a long period of time.

We are still planning to have our 80th Reunion next summer. It will be next Labor Day weekend on September 4, 2021. The question is, "What will this event look like?" The Board of Directors at their next meeting will begin planning for our reunion. If you have any suggestions, please email us. We will keep you updated on our plans on both Facebook and Instagram. Be sure to join us on one of these platforms.

I want to thank you for your generous donations and words of support. We have helped hundreds of young musicians over the past thirty plus years. We will continue our work to help as many students as possible.

I hope that you will have a wonderful holiday season. Please stay healthy and safe through these difficult times.

Cliff Kusaba
President



Scholarships for Summer 2021

Scholarship applications will be available beginning **February 1, 2021**, on our web site at www.arrowbearmusicassoc.org/scholarships. You can also contact our Scholarship Chairperson, Laura Kusaba, at 562-634-5158 or by email at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com to request a paper application after February 1. Last summer we granted \$40,056 in scholarships to 39 recipients. Most scholarships awarded are partial scholarships. There are a limited number of full scholarships available. We grant scholarships to both choral and instrumental applicants. Recipients are chosen based on both need and merit. Nearly all of our recipients would not have been able to attend a summer music camp without financial assistance. Applications are due in mid-April. We notify all applicants by the middle of May. The process includes a written application, a recording of a solo with or without accompaniment on a CD or flash drive, a letter written by the applicant explaining why he or she needs a scholarship, and a recommendation letter from a private or school music teacher. **Please be sure of your summer plans before you apply for a scholarship. Once awarded, scholarships are not transferable to another session, music camp, or person. Recipients are expected to attend the entire session.***

*We are proceeding with our regular scholarship application program with the hope that summer music camps will be able to offer sessions in Summer 2021. If sessions are cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, scholarships will be held for the recipients until Summer 2022.

Spring and Summer 2020 Donations

Many, many thanks to the friends and alumni of Arrowbear who donated to our Scholarship Fund during the spring and summer months. Donations from the Spring Newsletter totaled **\$36,035**. That's a great start in building the scholarship bucket for next summer. All of the donations will go toward scholarships for 2021. We're hopeful that Arrowbear will be able to offer its usual summer program of sessions for Summer 2021.

Every donation is appreciated. We receive amounts from \$10 to hundreds of dollars. It all adds up. Don't worry about waiting until you can give more at some point in the future. Any amount makes a difference. It's always a wonderful surprise to visit the mailbox and hear how you're doing and what is keeping you busy. Please keep in touch and give when you can.

Rejean Schweitzer Anderson
Gilbert Bishop
Martha Gunning Brunsting
Larry Evans
Erin Nakagawa Felix
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*Thank you to Russell Graham for arranging for us to receive payroll withholdings from the Northrop Grumman Employees Charity Organization (ECHO).

*Thank you to Marena Spieker who donated a portion of her Bat Mitzvah money to scholarships to help kids who can't afford to go to camp.

*Thank you to the entire Kisska family for deciding to donate their 2020 camp deposit to our scholarship fund.

Dedications

Ken Sams, Jr. in memory of Roland Sandberg.

Matthew Zavod in loving memory of Ellen Schinnerer Deffner.

Mark Scott in memory of Fran Harding, Joe Burger, and Lee Smith.

Mark Byer and Stephanie Cinereski in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Lennard & Jean Reynolds Eckhardt in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Gustavo Alfaro in memory of his mother-in-law, Cherry Blossom, who taught her children the joy of music.

Mark Fronke in memory of Robert Fronke who paid for many music lesson for his five children.



Choral Conductors - 2019



Do you shop on Amazon? Well, here's an easy way to use Amazon AND help Arrowbear Music Associates at the same time. Just shop at www.smile.amazon.com. It costs you nothing. Our specific charity link is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-3253693>. Once you register and select Arrowbear Music Associates as your charitable organization, it's just like shopping on Amazon except that AMA will receive 0.05% of your purchase as a donation!

Just login with the same login and password that you use on regular Amazon. If you're on Facebook or other social media, please share with your friends when you purchase something. That will advertise to other Arrowbearites that they can help send kids to a summer music camp by shopping at AmazonSmile. We've received **\$445.88** in donations so far during 2020 for a total of **\$2,074.30** since we signed up in 2014. Many thanks to the **205** of you who are already registered!

Alumni Update

Bruce Sledge (82-86) is singing the lead tenor role in "Carmen" at the Denver Opera in Colorado in the spring of 2021.

Eileen Marrison Halcrow (62-67) remembers being mesmerized by listening to Jay Kohorn telling the story of "The Engulfed Cathedral" followed by his performance of an enchanting Debussy piano prelude.

Larry Evans (57-63) remembers that a bunch of counselors would go up with Fred Ohlendorf in the winter, spring, and fall to help with repairs at camp. He and Rick Ohlendorf used to drive a work trailer around. The whole Arrowbear experience was very formative for him and one he remembers well.

Rejean Schweitzer Anderson (47-49) is still playing and teaching cello, but she feels it's her daughters who had real careers in music. One is a cellist with the Cassatt String Quartet in New York. The other just retired after playing viola with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra for 27 years.

In Memoriam

John Ervin passed away on August 29, 2020, after a short illness. He was a fine trombone player who was known as "Johnny bone". He was a camper in the 1970s and played professionally, often with his brother, Cliff Ervin.

Michael Meckna passed away on May 23, 2020, after a long battle with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. Mike was a camper in the 1950s and became a counselor, trumpet instructor, and cook well into the 1960s. He loved Arrowbear and never missed any event that we sponsored. Our heart goes out to his family.



Lost Arrowbearites

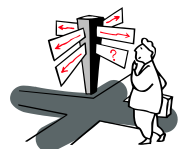
We're having trouble with the post office letting us know that you've moved. Usually we receive your new forwarding address, but we've received only a few notices the last two newsletters. Your newsletter is being sent on to your new address, but we're not being consistently notified as in the past. This is where you come in. Please try to remember us during the stress and craziness of moving. We need your new address as well. You can send the new address to our PO Box or you can email it to Laura at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com. Many thanks to those of you who let us know when you move.

If you know how to contact any of the following Arrowbearites, please let us know. It's really helpful if you have their mailing or email address rather than just telling us you think they moved a certain city.

Aaron Ziegler Randy Swanson Denise Amling Frances Lee Brad Coleman Jamie Brown

Daniel Lusher Presley Schlarb Kevin Giser Chris & Sue Toppen Sachin Pandya

John Choi Adrienne Scarcello Eugene & Sammy Yoon Monique Boustani Lois Yum



Scholarship Update

While our scholarship recipients for Summer 2020 couldn't attend Arrowbear due to the pandemic, they are no less grateful for the chance to attend in Summer 2021. Below are some of the thank you letters we received from our scholarship recipients. Their appreciation and excitement reveal the impact your generosity has on their lives and families.

Thank you so much for the scholarship you have given me. This means a lot to me, and I can't wait to go to Arrowbear Music Camp. My family was relieved to see that I got this scholarship because it meant that we wouldn't have to struggle as much to get the money, especially during this time of pestilence. I have been playing my cello for 6 years and this is the first time I will be attending a music camp. This will help my dream to become a professional musician. I cannot thank you enough for this amazing scholarship and I look forward to being at Arrowbear Music Camp to improve at playing my cello.

Thank you for being thoughtful and establishing this scholarship for me. I truly appreciate this. I'm excited about camp for next year. I just can't wait! Sadly this year's summer camp had to be canceled, but my family and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend this camp. Thanks to you, my dream of becoming a professional flute player is slowly becoming a reality. I will put the best of my ability in music when camp begins. Thank you once again. I won't disappoint you because music is my passion.

This is the third time that I have received your scholarship. I think that I view the honor now differently than I did two years ago when I was fourteen. Two years ago, I was finishing eighth grade, my final year of middle school. I had just decided that I would attend an arts-based high school, the LA County High School for the Arts. Your scholarship gave me the opportunity to develop my musicianship to prepare for high school, but also gave me a sense of worthiness, that it was not a fluke that I had been accepted to the school.

Contact us:

We encourage you to join our group on Facebook. We post information, photos, updates, videos from camp sessions, and fun cartoons and articles that are music related. It is also the best place for info on the Reunions that take place every 5 years. Please join us!!

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I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for this opportunity! I cannot express how much it means to me! Last year I was able to attend Arrowbear's Choral Session for the first time and it was such a moving and growing experience for myself as a musician and person. I learned a lot about myself and who I am. This goes without saying, but the minute I left camp, I wanted to return. And that would not be possible without you and this program! I am so happy to be able to spend more time at Arrowbear. One day I hope to pursue music as a career and help others find their path that way as well.



I wanted to express my sincerest gratitude for the music scholarship awarded to my daughter for music camp. Arrowbear was originally supposed to happen only one year, but it changed my daughter's life so much we cannot imagine her not going. Financially the camp is a challenge for us because, in addition to camp fees, we live out of state. Without this scholarship, it would be a hardship, if even possible at all. Thank you so much for your generosity. It means so much to our entire family.

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Camp Memories

My Next Door Neighbor – Do you know who he is?

It was the first day of Easter vacation in 1958 or 1959. Everybody's on vacation, my mom, dad, my sisters, me, and . . . my next door neighbor. My dad says, "You going?" You bet! My dad was already sitting in our Plymouth station wagon, and here comes my next door neighbor. Off we go down Clark Ave, across PCH, turned right on Anaheim St, almost to the river to Paramount Truck Rentals. They had it all ready to go, a really, really big red stake bed truck. My dad says, "You ridin' in the truck?" "Yup," I replied. But to myself I said, "Not in the cab." I climbed into the back of that truck. Standing on my tip toes, I could just see over the cab. Said my next door neighbor, "Jim, you ready?" "Yup."

When we got back to Heather Road, they already had one of them on the dolly. We're not talking a baby grand, here, no siree. This was the biggest dang piano made by the hand of man, and not just one, but there were two of them. Rick was there with some friends. My dad and Mr. Rausuer lent a hand. I was told to stay out of the way. And into that big red stake bed truck both those giant pianos went. With my next door neighbor at the wheel of that big red stake bed truck and followed by my piano teacher at the wheel of a well-packed Chevy station wagon, off they went. We'd join them the next day as we always left right after Mass. Where were we all headed? Where else . . . to Arrowbear Music Camp.

It was time to get the camp ready. The first session would be June 14. We had this vacation week and a couple of weekends, and we might just be ready. Oh, there's Running Springs. Right at the Trading Post. There's Arrowbear Lake and Don Bosco Boys Cap. The road was worse than last year with some snow and some dust. Finally, we made it. There was that old split log cabin, and up on the hill, the water tanks. There was the mess hall, orchestra bowl, boys' dorm, girls' dorm, and Happy Gap. My mom and older sister joined my piano teacher and Carole doing tasks that needed to be done. For my dad, an industrial arts teacher at Lakewood High and jack-of-all-trades, my next door neighbor, and Rick, it was plumbing time. Frozen pipes, septic tank, and lots more. Out came the tools, pipe wrenches, screw drivers, hammers, nails, paint, and brushes. I left my violin at home, but I did bring my Daisy Red Ryder BB gun . . . but first, there was work to be done.

Jim Lanners
1953-1967



Valorie Fairchild Beer (69-72) shared it was with sadness and a smile that she read the obituary of Fran Harding in our last newsletter. Valorie shared that at the very first band rehearsal of Summer 1971 first Junior High Session (her third year at camp), the French horn player sitting behind her decided to tickle her. She was startled and dropped her bassoon, cracking off the long section right at the base where it fit in the boot or bottom section. Valorie was heartbroken, thinking her week at camp was ruined. Sarge Harding to the rescue! She lent Valorie her own bassoon for the week, and Valorie got to play the whole time, not missing any rehearsals or concerts. She is so thankful to Sarge for lending her own bassoon to her.



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How Can I Support Music Scholarships Besides Writing a Check?

For some of you, writing a check, addressing an envelope, and locating a stamp is too time consuming or just flat-out "old school." There are lots of other ways you can help us help young musicians.

- **PayPal** – You can send a donation through PayPal whether you have an account with them or not. Just go to our website at arrowbearmusicassoc.org and click on the PayPal link located on our homepage. PayPal also offers an option to set up an automatic recurring monthly donation amount. It's easy!
- **Online Bill Pay** – Set up our organization as a "bill" in your online banking platform. You can arrange for an automatic monthly donation or just initiate a payment when it's convenient for you. No stamps required.
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- **Amazon Smile** – This program costs you nothing but the time to register. Then you're set. Every time you order from Amazon, we receive a percentage. Our specific charity link is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-3253693>. We received **\$445.88** in donations so far in 2020 for a total of **\$2,074.30** since we signed up in 2014.
- **Donate stock** – Yes, we can now accept stock donations through our account at Vanguard. This has great tax advantages for you and benefits us too. Contact us at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com for information.



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Newsletters which are published in the fall and spring. We mail Newsletters to just over two thousand alumni and friends.

The members of the Board of Directors volunteer their time and talents so that we can provide scholarships and keep you informed about what is going on at Arrowbear. We are always in need of more help. If you are interested in joining a committee, please call (562) 634-5158, email us at Lkusaba@sbcglobal.net, or write to us at PO Box 1294, Lakewood, CA 90714. We meet three to four times a year. We'd love to have you join us.

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