



Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Fall 2021

President's Message

Welcome to the winter edition of our newsletter. Last summer, many music camps still did not offer regular sessions. Some of them went virtual; many cancelled again because of the uncertainties. A few music camps went out of business. Fortunately, Arrowbear did have their Jazz, Choral, Intermediate, and Advanced sessions, but with limited numbers and distancing protocols. The summer music programs are at a serious crossroads. Their very existence will be determined by what happens in the next few years. Some parents were not comfortable sending their children to an overnight experience because of the risks; however, it is my hope that these programs survive. They provide a unique experience that cannot be duplicated while viewing a computer screen.

I currently substitute for teachers in the Long Beach Unified School District. The music teachers are adapting their instruction to meet the social distancing rules. Many are having rehearsals outside or have students spaced out all across their classrooms. This fall many are having their fall concerts in new and unique ways.

Our organization recently participated the Long Beach Gives fundraising event. We have earmarked these funds for private lessons for middle school students. We want to thank all of you who have donated to our organization. We awarded forty-three scholarships last summer despite the pandemic. The recipients were so excited to attend Arrowbear and play music with their peers after months of staying home and playing virtually.

Ross Durand, a former camper and present-day staff member of Arrowbear, is featured in this edition with his perspective on what is presently happening at Arrowbear. I was his counselor many years ago, and I have enjoyed watching him grow into an outstanding leader and teacher.

At this time, we are still planning to have the 80th Reunion next summer on Labor Day weekend. The reunion is one of our fundraising events that we host every five years. We're hopeful that having this event will be possible and safe for all who can attend.

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

Cliff Kusaba
President



Scholarships for Summer 2022

Scholarship applications will be available beginning **February 1, 2022**, 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 \$45,520 in scholarships to 43 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.**

Spring and Summer 2021 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 **\$16,959**. That's a great start in building the scholarship bucket for next summer. All of the donations will go toward scholarships for 2022.

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

Paul Arundel

Bob Baeyens

Teresa Marsi Bothman

Bill & Marie Course

Mary Elfman

Erin Nakagawa Felix

Eric & Jane Simonsen Frankenfeld

Mark Fronke

Lida Lockwood Gerenraich

Julie Gill

Eileen Choi Golden

Alex Gordon & Mimi Paller

Lynne Greenwood

Neil Harrington

Brooke Hearons Hicks

Sally Settington Hickman

Bonnie Hiler

Dennis & Jayne Lanners Horn

Hue Huynh

Juanita Jackson

Marian Kent

Hayden Gerald Lawrence

Marianne Marsi

Robert Menke

Jon Nowak

Diane Otsuki

Sarah Pretz

Steven Reynolds

Nailah Roque

Ildiko Meracz Siegrist

Bruce Sledge

Matthew Stevens

Karen Tkacayk

Charles & Catherine Dagget Wrench

Tim & Nancy Wu

Additional Donations and Grants

- Thank you to the six alumni who have set up automatic monthly donations through PayPal. We receive \$135 in total every month from these alumni for a yearly total of \$1,620.
- Thank you to Becky Boggs Othmer who set up a Facebook donation for her birthday with the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Thank you to Naomi Norwick who set up a Facebook donation for her birthday with the donations going to the Walter & Natalie Norwick Memorial Scholarship. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Thank you to Thea King Komen who set up a Facebook donation for her birthday with the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Thank you to Jim Garrecht who set up a Facebook donation for his birthday with the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Thank you to Joel Elsten who set up a Facebook donation for his birthday with all the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Thank you to Sarah Solberg who set up a Facebook donation for her birthday with all the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Thank you to Russell Graham for arranging for us to receive payroll withholdings from the Northrop Grumman Employees Charity Organization (ECHO).
- Thank you to Jim Garrecht who arranged for us to receive donations through the United Way.

Birthday fundraisers have raised **\$3,457.50** so far in 2021 with more donations expected in December.

We are so grateful to everyone who sets up a fundraiser and to those who donate. You are awesome!

Dedications

Anonymous in memory of Katy Henderson.

Dolly Ickler in honor of Kevin Hamilton.

Mark Scott in memory of Mike Meckna.

Eastman Family in memory of Rae Boeving.

Robyn Archer in memory of Carole Dockstader.

Marvin Baecker in memory of Charles L Baecker.

Friends and Family in memory of Wallace Umber.

Diane Otsuki in memory of Cliff Ervin and John Ervin.

Marvin Sippel in memory of his parents, Bill & Vera Sippel.

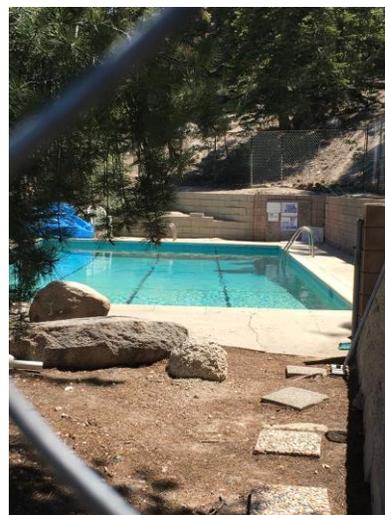
Daniel & Lynne Russell in memory of Myrtle Seymour Watilo.

Mark Byer and Stephanie Cinereski in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Lennard & Jean Reynolds Eckhardt in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Deborah Trutanich Faust in memory of her brother, Tony Trutanich.

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



Camp Pool



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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 **\$289.76** in donations since the last newsletter for a total of **\$3,029.69** since we signed up in 2014. Many thanks to the **225** of you who are already registered!

Alumni Update

Marvin Sippel (47-51) remembers that his dad, Bill Sippel, drove the first truck to camp because Mr. O had no experience driving a truck. His mother, Vera, worked in the kitchen for several summers. His sister, Vina, was a camper at the first session in 1942, while he and his sister, Evelyn, would attend Arrowbear for numerous summers as well.

Sally Settington Hickman (1960s) was a member of the summer choir for three summers and then was a counselor for two more summers. She taught elementary music in Garden Grove for 37 years and is still the youth & children's choir director at Garden Grove United Methodist Church. She shared that Arrowbear was an incredible part of her life and that she appreciates all of the people who keep it going.

In Memoriam

Elise Calderon passed away recently. She was a camper and counselor from 1992-1998 who played the oboe.

Charles L Baecker passed away in July 2021. Our hearts go out to his family.

Daniel Cravens was a bass player and a recent camper who has passed away. We send our love.



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.



Ana Romo Darla Nunez Sharon Wappler Don Crawford Samantha Magdeleno

Liam Drew Eddie Stephens Sarah Rubin Francis White Steve Wamsley Matt & Moriah Solgan

Long Beach Gives – Held September 23, 2021 – Fundraiser for Private Lessons



We are so grateful to the donors who supported our organization through Long Beach Gives on September 23, 2021. We raised **\$1,481.52** for music scholarships and private lessons for middle school students in Long Beach Unified. We are working with the music curriculum leader and the music teachers in the Long Beach Unified School District to arrange for private lessons. We're very excited to help meet this need for young musicians. The recipients will receive private lessons during this current school year. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Anonymous Robyn Archer Ruth Perez Ashley Carolyn Kusaba Carroll

Beckie Roth Celikel Eric Fiero Renee Florsheim Lida Lockwood Gerenraich Dolly Ickler

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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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Coffee Time with Ross

Hi, I'm Ross Durand. I first camped at Arrowbear in 1982 and have been on staff since 1985, which is the same year that the Dockstaders began running the camp program. I was asked to write a piece for each issue of the newsletter highlighting some of the unique aspects of the last 36 years of the camp program for those of us who were campers and staff during those times.

Camp is still camp, of course. The bell still rings; we still rehearse in the bowls; we still sleep in the dorms, and we still sing "O Give Thanks" at every evening assembly. But there have also been some changes to the program these 36 years. One of these is the fact that since 1985 we end almost every night with a campfire. I suspect that for many people in the post-'85 generations of campers, campfire holds some of their most precious camp memories. Campfires during these years have been a time set aside for reflection, on friendship, on our camp experience, on personal growth, or sometimes we can share the funniest thing that happened to us that day. It also serves as a chance for campers to share hurts or difficulties in a safe place of 100 of their peers and friends. I still find it remarkable that we have a place where 100 teenagers will sit in a circle and listen to each other, every night.

We still sing at campfire, of course, and it has been my privilege to be one of the keepers of the songs at Arrowbear. We sing many of the old favorites, "Today," "Circle Game," "Where have all the Flowers Gone?" But various people have introduced new standards into our campfire experience as well, songs like "You've Got a Friend," "That's What Friends are For," and "Shooting Star," that allow us to strengthen our connections to each other and to the experiences of camp.

Are you part of the post-'85 generations? Do you have any special campfire memories? What would you like to see me write about in this space? I'd love to hear from you, and I would especially love to see you next Labor Day at the reunion.



Hugs,
Ross
ross@arrowbear.com

Camp Buildings – What's the Story?

Campers, old and new, often take the buildings and facilities in camp for granted. The dining hall, the O building, the dorms, the A building, the rehearsal bowls, the pool, and so on. They are just part of the experience. Yet, how did they get there? Clearly, there is a story behind how each of the buildings and facilities were conceived and then constructed. I'm aware that friends of Fred Ohlendorf, and some of the parents of the early campers, contributed their time and skills to build the facilities. Mr. O used to share stories of the evolution of camp during rehearsals. Still, those stories are being lost to time. The adults involved in the early days of camp have passed on and even the early campers who might remember the stories are getting on in age.

I'd like to put out a call to those who were there or to those who remember the details of the addition of any of the buildings or facilities in camp to share those stories with me. I'd like to include them as part of our website on a page devoted to the history of the camp.

Write it down and send it to me or just call me and share what you remember. Even a small memory about one of the buildings or one of the facilities can be added to what other alumni share. Please help me create a written record of the history of Arrowbear that can be shared with future campers.

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Girls Dorm

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.
- **Employer deductions** - Does your employer allow for monthly employee deductions from your paycheck to support nonprofits? Many companies will match your donations too. We’re happy to fill out the paperwork to qualify for a matching donation. We receive many of these matching donations electronically.
- **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 **\$760.99** in donations so far in 2021 for a total of **\$3,029.69** 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.



Boys Dorm – Intermediate 2021

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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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