



Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Fall 2022

President's Message

Welcome to the Fall edition of our Newsletter. It's hard to believe that 2022 is winding down.

Many thanks to all who attended our 80th Reunion Fundraiser on September 4. It was a memorable event. It was a day to visit with old friends and relive favorite memories. We had alumni who attended from every decade of the history of the camp from the 1940s through current campers. Over 140 alumni and their families filled Arrowbear with many staying overnight in camp on Saturday evening. There was a rainstorm and hail in the afternoon that brought back memories of our days as campers. It seems that coming back to this place brings back the memories much more than if we were to have this event somewhere else. The camp itself is the place that unites us and holds our memories of music and friendship. The day ended with performances by our Reunion Choir, Brass Choir, and Orchestra. For those of you who were not able to be there, we have pictures taken by numerous alumni on our web site. Please visit the Reunion Page to download a copy of the Reunion Photo, The Note, and a Contact List of everyone who attended.

<https://www.arrowbearmusicassoc.org/80th-reunion>

Many thanks to the Reunion Committee and all the alumni who volunteered during the Reunion to do the many jobs that were needed to host this event. We raised **\$4,260.10** for scholarships for next summer.

This summer Arrowbear ran a full summer of instrumental sessions including Elementary, Pre-Intermediate, Jazz, and a choral session. Laura and I visited every session and took pictures of our scholarship awardees and videos of the performing groups in rehearsals. I invite you to join our Facebook page to see the photos and videos. I cannot thank all of our alumni and friends enough for your generous support. Most of the students we help would never have had the experience because of their family circumstances.

As winter approaches, it's time for all the holiday traditions. We are required to have a tree by our children even though they are adults. I hope your holiday plans are fun and full of celebrations.

Cliff Kusaba
President



Scholarships for Summer 2023

Scholarship applications will be available beginning **February 1, 2023**, 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 \$54,775 in scholarships to 52 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 without arriving late or leaving early unless there is an emergency.**

Spring and Summer 2022 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 and Reunion fundraiser totaled **\$28,052.86**. That's a great start in building the scholarship bucket for Summer 2023.

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. We'd love to hear from you.

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Additional Donations and Grants

- Thank you to the seven alumni who have set up automatic monthly donations through PayPal. We receive \$155 in total every month from these alumni for a yearly total of \$1,860.
- 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 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 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 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) and the Charities Aid Foundation America program.
- Thank you to Jim Garrecht who arranged for us to receive payroll deductions through the United Way.
- Many thanks to Miles Murray for arranging a grant from the J.S. and G.H. Murray Foundation.
- Thank you to Daniel Morenus for a matching grant through Benevity.

Birthday fundraisers have raised **\$2,237.50** so far in 2022 with more donations expected in November. We are so grateful to everyone who sets up a fundraiser and to those who donate. You are awesome!

Donation Dedications

Mark Scott in memory of Jim and Jacque Scott.

Norma Mearns in memory of Vina Mae Sippel Woodland.

Mark Byer and Stephanie Cinereski in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Lennard & Jean Reynolds Eckhardt in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Violette Guthmann in memory of her husband, Herb Guthmann.

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



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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 **\$574.03** in donations since the last newsletter for a total of **\$4,249.05** since we signed up in 2014. Many thanks to the **238** of you who are already registered!

Alumni Update

Marian Kent (64-65) has played in the Atlanta Symphony for over 50 years. When she started in 1972, she was the youngest player in the viola section. Now she is the oldest.

Bruce Sledge (83-87) sang the Verdi Requiem with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra in June 2022.

Eileen Choi Golden (73-82) is an OB/GYN at the Cleveland Clinic. She has two grown children. Eileen still thinks of Arrowbear as the happiest place on Earth.

In Memoriam

Vina Mae Sippel Woodland passed away in July at the age of 94. She attended the first session of Arrowbear in 1942. She played the cello throughout her college years. Vina Mae was a faithful supporter of our scholarship program.

Evelyn Sippel Baeyens passed away in July at the age of 90. She attended Arrowbear with her siblings from 1945-1950 and played the string bass. Both Vina Mae and Evelyn enjoyed attending the Arrowbear Reunions.

Gerald Wood was a tuba player who camped at Arrowbear in the late 1940s into the 1950s. We send our love to his family.



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Go Green and become a subscriber. Instead of receiving a paper edition of our newsletters, you'll receive an electronic version. The numerous photos are in full color and all the links are live. You'll help us save money on printing and postage that can help send more young musicians to a summer music camp. It's easy. Just go to our website at arrowbearmusicassoc.org/alumni and register.

Lost Arrowbearites

Every fall and spring we receive numerous newsletters back stamped, "Not Deliverable as Addressed. Unable to Forward." Not only are we sorry to lose an address, but it costs us \$1.09 per piece to get a newsletter back. We also receive regular address changes for every newsletter. These pieces cost us \$0.57 cents each. Now we're having the problem that we're not getting back all the address changes from the Post Office. Your newsletter is sent on to your new address, but we're not being notified of your new address as we were 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 arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com.

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 to a certain city.

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Long Beach Gives – Held September 22, 2022 – Fundraiser for Private Lessons



We are so grateful to the donors who supported our organization through **Long Beach Gives** on September 22, 2022. We raised **\$2,307.32** for scholarships to fund private lessons for middle school students in Long Beach Unified. We helped sixteen young musicians receive private lessons in Spring 2022. We are funding lessons again for one student at each middle and K-8 school in LBUSD for the Fall Semester. Thank you to everyone who donated.

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Michael Segerblom in honor of the Segerblom and Daugherty Families

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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, it's me again! It was great seeing so many of you at the Reunion in September. As I said in the first Coffee Time segment, 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.

One of the things that always has made Arrowbear so unique is the way we blend the music making focus with the experience of a traditional summer camp with activities like crafts, ping pong, volleyball, group singing, and hiking. One staple of Coffee Time with Ross at Advanced Session (evening assembly) is a "recreation report" where campers can share highlights of their afternoon.

One of the differences in recreation the last 36 years is the expansion of the hikes we do. When I first camped in the early '80s, I remember there primarily being Happy Gap and a local spot called "New Inspiration Point" which was a small outcropping on the fire access road above camp. Thanks to Albert Jeung, and later Seth, Dennis and Carole's eldest son, we now have many more, and some longer, hiking destinations in and around camp. This was also catalyzed by the camp's acquisition in the early '90s of about 100 acres above camp that border the National Forest.

Some of the popular new destinations include "Devil's Pile," a slightly bigger and more vertical cousin of Happy Gap up the creek bed from camp; "Commando Rock," a very large granite outcropping across Keller Peak Road from Devil's Pile; and Mill Peak (a Sierra Club registered peak), which we refer to as "Seth's Peak," since he originally pioneered that hike, which he called "The Hike to the Edge of the Mountain" before campers named it after him. There are others like some hikes that end up on the ridge above camp, and Larke, the current custodian of camp hike culture, has begun forays to a large rocky area up Keller Peak Road she has named "Albert's Rocks" in honor of his legacy. We have even occasionally had full day hikes all the way up to the fire lookout station at Keller Peak!

So, enjoyment of the outdoors is alive and well at Arrowbear even for the iPhone generation, and we still end our days around a fire in the dark and get together to sing in the evenings at "Coffee Time."

Are you part of the post-'85 generations? Do you have any special hiking memories? What would you like to see me write about in this space? I'd love to hear from you and hear what your special memories from camp are.



Ross
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Arrowbear Hall of Fame

Arrowbear Music Associates inducted four honorees to join the **Arrowbear Hall of Fame** during the 80th Reunion. The Hall of Fame recognizes staff members whose contributions to Arrowbear made the experience of a summer music camp magical for campers. The honorees are recognized with a bronze plaque that is permanently affixed to the back wall of the Orchestra Bowl – now known as the Ohlendorf Bowl.

The inductees for the 80th Reunion include:

Jay Kohorn – Jay was a camper, counselor, and staff member at Arrowbear from 1959 through 1983.

Roger Johnson – Roger joined the Arrowbear staff in 1964. He conducted the Junior High Band each summer from 1964 until 1984.

Carol Ulviden – Carol was the conductor at Choral Session from 1959 to 1986.

Ross Durand – Ross first camped at Arrowbear in 1982. Since then, he has been a counselor, dish washer, song leader, and is currently the Assistant Camp Director for the Advanced Session.

Congratulations to our new inductees.

Are you curious about who else is a member of the Hall of Fame? Would you like to read more about our new inductees? Please visit our website at <https://www.arrowbearmusicassoc.org/hall-of-fame> to learn more.



Ross Durand

80 Years of Making Music With My Friends

The Reunion on September 4 was a great success. We laughed, reminisced, played great music together, and enjoyed each other's company. We also raised **\$4,269.10** for scholarships after paying all the bills. We are so grateful. Cliff and I would like to thank all of the people behind the scenes who made it happen:

- **Dolores Loera & Liz Vader Meripol** for printing and organizing the music into folders.
- **David James** and **Ross Durand** for acting as song leaders for Camp Singing.
- **Claudia Hoskins Fitzpatrick** for organizing the Happy Gap Hour.
- **Ann Haberman** and **Laura Collins** for helping with Registration.
- **Jeff Haberman** for designing and ordering the Reunion T-Shirts.
- **Cassie Donohue, Charlotte Papp, and Jess Whitten** who answered our call for assistance with kitchen setup and cleanup.
- **Beckie Roth Celikel** who helped sell the Arrowbear mugs.
- **Davina Cave Kaiser** who helped with sectionals and accompaniment with the Reunion Choir.
- **Jay Kohorn** who helped with the Reunion Choir.
- **Allen Carroll** and **Tim Kusaba** who shuttled alumni from the parking area at the lake up to the camp.
- **Martine Korach** and **Gary Bell** who spent the entire day prepping and serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The food was delicious!
- Our conductors: **Albert Jeung** and **Dennis Dockstader** who conducted the Reunion Orchestra, **Jack Hollander** who conducted the Brass Choir, and **G. Cameron Keys** who conducted the Reunion Choir.



Many, many thanks to all the alumni who pitched in and who offered to help throughout the day. We appreciate it so much.

Visit our website at <https://www.arrowbearmusicassoc.org/80th-reunion> to relive the 80th Reunion. Along with over 150 photos taken that day by different attendees, you can download:

- The Reunion Note
- The Reunion Photo
- The Song Lyrics for songs we sang during Camp Singing
- A Contact List for everyone who attended the event.

Included is the Reunion Concert Program, photos of the rain and hailstorm we enjoyed for an hour, and a link to join our Alumni Facebook group. We have some **Reunion T-Shirts** still available for a minimum donation of \$25. Please contact Laura at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com before ordering to make sure your size is still available.

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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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