



Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Spring 2022

President's Message

Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. As summer approaches, I hope you are doing well. The Associates is hosting our **80th Reunion Fundraiser** on **September 4, 2022**. The schedule for the day will be similar to our last Reunion. There will be a group photo in the morning, followed by the rehearsal of the choir and orchestra. After lunch, there will be singing followed by chamber music, a brass ensemble, a photo booth, and free time to visit. The concert will be at 5:00 followed by dinner. More details will follow in the next few months. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar now. Contact your Arrowbear friends on social media and make sure they're planning to come as well.

We hope this will be time to reunite with old friends and to reminisce about a different time in our lives. It will be a time to remember those we have lost since the last time we were together at Arrowbear. It will be a time to celebrate the future of music education, and it will be a time to get away from our busy lives and to take time to breathe.

Many music camps are restarting their summer sessions, but they are all struggling with one particular issue. They are having difficulty recruiting students to attend their programs. Why? The number of students enrolled in school music programs is down significantly. Scholarship applicants told us in their letters that their school has only one clarinet or one saxophone in their advanced bands. There are fewer string players in the school orchestras. At-home learning for two school years has resulted in fewer students enrolled in the arts and slower progress in mastering their instruments. I've seen this myself when I substitute for the music teachers in Long Beach. All music camp programs are competing for the same small pool of potential campers.

One thought, Larke recently commented that a summer camp experience is different than summer school. At a summer camp, you live together, learn new things, and participate in activities together with old and new friends. After having this camping experience, they come home having grown musically and with a renewed sense of purpose.

We just finished awarding scholarships for this summer. Every student who applied received a scholarship. Many thanks to all of you donated to our scholarship fund. Many of our recipients could not have attended a summer music camp program without your help. We exist because of your support. In closing, I hope to see you at our Reunion in September.

Cliff Kusaba
President



80 Years of Making Music with Friends

Registration is open now. For your donation we will provide a Reunion picture, a Reunion Note, and lunch. We are also offering an optional Reunion T-shirt. These will be available by pre-order for a small additional donation to cover the cost of the shirts. Limited numbers of additional shirts will be available on the day of the Reunion. Your best bet is to pre-order, so you know you'll get the size you want. The camp will provide breakfast and dinner for an appropriate donation, or you can eat out of camp. It would be great if you could pre-register as soon as you know your plans for the summer. This will help us order the food and the shirts as well as copies of the music.

You're welcome to come into camp on Saturday afternoon and sleep overnight. You can stay until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 5, if you wish. The accommodations at camp are just as you remember them, but there are a number of motels or Airbnb options in the vicinity if you're not up to staying in camp. We do caution you that it is Labor Day weekend and likely to be busy for the motels. Don't wait to make a reservation.

Online registration is available on our website at arrowbearmusicassoc.org. You can use a credit card or PayPal. There is no extra fee for online registration. You can still send in your registration by regular mail as well. The form is included with this Newsletter. We'll keep updating info about the Reunion on our website and on Facebook throughout the summer including even a link so you can print out your music and practice before the big day.

We need help spreading the date of the Reunion, so no one is left out who'd like to attend. Talk to your friends and get them to come! Please send the addresses of alumni by email to arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com.

Fall and Winter 21-22 Donations

Many, many thanks to the alumni and friends of Arrowbear who donated to our Scholarship Fund. Donations from the Fall Newsletter totaled an astounding **\$61,428.01**. We are particularly grateful because we know these are difficult times with families trying to recover after losing their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. People are struggling to pay their monthly bills with rising costs and the effects of inflation.

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.

Anonymous
Robert Baeyens
Stephen Boyett
Charlene Lowe Budd
Jeffrey Cliffe
Alex Cole
David Collins
Heather Dennis
Linda Fletcher
Erin Nakagawa Felix
Edith Marrison Halcrow
Sherry & Lindsay Hetz
Karin Hoesli
Hogarth Family Trust
Stefanie Holzman
Jim Hopkins
Dennis & Jayne Lanners Horn
Liz Bowermaster Huston
Hue Huynh

Lida Lockwood Gerenraich
Julie Gill
Eileen Choi Golden
Lynne Greenwood
Janitta Funk Keck
Marian Kent
Stephen, Jennifer & Alan Kerr
Alyssa Kim
Don & Anita Orahood Kramer
Leonie Kramer
Peter Kozik
Hayden Gerald Lawrence
Marianne Marsi
Robert Menke
Michael & Rosann Monaghan
David Moody
Janet Moore
Morey's Music Store
Yasuko Morihara

Musical Arts Club of Long Beach
Mark & Linda Olson
Abraham Piñeda
Paul Rabinov
John Rabold
Steven Reynolds
Nailah Connor Roque
Terry D. Schoessow
Cynthia Schutz
Philip Simmergren
Michael & Elettra Sorrentino
Rosemary McNamee Waller
Mike West
Bruce Wilkison
Irene Wood
Charles & Cathi Daggett Wrench
Gary Wrench
Ruth Luippold Zantiny

Additional Donations and Grants

- Thank you to the six alumni who have set up automatic monthly donations through PayPal. We receive \$145 in total every month from these alumni for a yearly total of \$1,740.
- Thank you to Dominica Pimentel 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 Rocky Reames who set up a Facebook donation for his birthday with the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Many thanks to Naomi Norwick's friends and family for donations through a Facebook birthday fundraiser and Network for Good. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Many thanks to Russell Graham for completing the paperwork for a grant through the ENGPAC program from the Northrop Grumman Foundation and through the ECHO payroll contribution program.
- Many thanks to Robert & Jennifer Mitchell Spier for a matching grant from the Benevity Community Impact Fund.
- Thank you to Nancy Rodriguez-Bell for a matching grant from the Bank of America Matching Gift Program.
- Thank you to Jim Garrecht for donations through United Way and Kaiser Permanente programs.



Dedications

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

Harold J. Russell in memory of his mother, Ruth Russell, who helped Mrs. O. in the camp kitchen for a number of years.

Sarah Solberg in memory of Fran Harding, Ellen Deffner, and Carole Dockstader.

Michael & Janice Fluchere in memory of Suzanne and Juliette Fluchere.

Kiki Collins Bussell & Leslie Collins Edwards in memory of their parents.

Beckie Roth Celikel in memory of Carole Dockstader and Ellen Deffner.

Daryl Temkin in memory of Carol Strange Jackson and Cliff Ervin.

Marcia and Anna Schechter in memory of David L. Schechter.

Lon and Jean Reynolds Eckhardt in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Kate Shaughnessy in memory of Katy Henderson.

Anonymous in memory of Katy Henderson.

Ralph Klestadt in memory of Hanna Hoesli.

Barbara Goorevitch Cook in honor of Sarah Solberg.

Beth Mills Grace and Jeff Mills in memory of Ted Mills.

Cynthia Peikoff in memory of Carole & Seth Dockstader.

Naomi Norwick in memory of Walter and Natalie Norwick.



Giving Tuesday – November 30, 2021

Giving Tuesday is a national event designed to encourage donations to worthy causes. The event took place on November 30, 2021. We raised **\$650** for the scholarship fund. Many thanks to the donors who contributed.

Ri-Jen Chou Carolyn Kusaba Carroll Alan Suboter Carole Lincoln Toppen Michaela Quinby Becky Boggs Othmer

Beckie Roth Celikel Naomi Norwick David James Katy Bridges Sarah Solberg Laura Dean Kusaba

In Memoriam

Roger West (1960s) passed away in 2021. He was a clarinet player who attended camp in the late 1950s into the early 1960s.

Carolyn Baker Halliburton passed away on February 11, 2022, after a three-year battle with cancer. She graduated from Wilson High in 1974 and attended Arrowbear with her sister Joanne in 1970.

Daniel Cravens was a Choral Camper in 2014. Our hearts go out to his family.



Alumni Update

Bruce Sledge (83-87) is singing the principal tenor role in the Verdi Requiem with the Seattle Symphony in June 2022.

Peter Davison (62-65) and Iris are still living in Idyllwild and doing great. Peter has been doing TV/film scoring since 1975. In 1980, he released his first album of his music on his own label. He is now working on his 42nd album. His website is peterdavison.com. The “music” button has links for everywhere his music plays on the Internet.

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



We are excited to share with you that Arrowbear Music Associates was selected as one of just over 200 non-profits to participate in **Long Beach Gives** on **September 22**. What does that mean? It means that many more alumni and supporters of music education will have the opportunity to donate to help young Long Beach musicians receive private music lessons during the school year. We raised \$1,481.52 last year for private lessons.

Our Scholarship Committee has noted how many of the young musicians who apply for a scholarship do not have the benefit of private music lessons. Their families just can't afford the expense of weekly lessons that cost anywhere from \$25 to \$50 each. We've decided to try to help meet this need.

We are partnering with the music teachers of Long Beach Unified to identify young musicians who would flourish musically with the support of private lessons. We are currently providing private lessons for one student at each of the district's Middle and K-8 Schools. Nineteen young musicians are participating this school year.

Long Beach Gives for 2022

Would you like to help? Our Long Beach Gives website is <https://donate.longbeachgives.org/Arrowbear-Music-Associates>. The official day for donations is **September 22, 2022**. Please add the date now to your calendar.



It's not too late to enroll in a session at Arrowbear.

Visit their website at arrowbear.com.

There are still openings available.



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 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 **\$645.33** in donations since the last newsletter for a total of **\$3,675.02** since we signed up in 2014. Many thanks to the **231** of you who are already registered! Come join us and help to make a difference just by shopping on AmazonSmile.

Scholarships 2022

It's so difficult to decide who should receive assistance. We agonize, argue passionately for students who touch our hearts in some way, and finally reach a consensus on who gets a scholarship, and who we are unable to help. We walk a delicate line trying to balance merit with need, those who have the advantage of lessons versus those who have potential but whose parents can't afford private lessons. These last two years have been difficult on all the arts with learning from home on Zoom. Enrollment in music classes is down and the progress is slower than usual. It's going to take time to rebuild programs. Students are eager for the musical challenge and the camaraderie that a session at camp provides.

We are excited to announce that we awarded **\$54,775** in scholarships to all **52** young musicians who applied for Summer 2022. Congratulations to them all!

Morey's Music Store Scholarship

Tyki Cantu-Wang	violin	Big Bear City
Dominic Guevara	violin	Temecula

David L. Schechter Scholarship

Brenden Watson	alto sax	Crestline
Emily Silvernail	euphonium	San Diego

Robert "Bob" Dill Foundation Scholarship

Rogelio Raya	violin	Burbank
--------------	--------	---------

Robert Simmergren Scholarship

Zachary Gerhart	cello	Long Beach
Ivanna Moore	flute	Long Beach

Newton and Elsie Wrench Scholarship

Avi Kenyon	tenor sax	Las Vegas, NV
------------	-----------	---------------

Robert Collins Choral Scholarship

Lillian Dunlap	soprano	Spokane, WA
----------------	---------	-------------

Arnold & Judy Hogarth Scholarship

Giovanni Carroll	percussion	Long Beach
Liam Ellison	cello	Ojai
Angela Frerichs	violin	Long Beach
Emily Gil	euphonium	Garden Grove
Christian Maya	alto sax	Goleta
Nolan Sheets	violin	Long Beach
Sunne Oscislawskebeck	choral	Running Springs
Matisse Tari	violin	France
Christian Velez	alto sax	Goleta

Raye Fairchild Scholarship

James Fenton	cello	Whittier
--------------	-------	----------

Walter Norwick Scholarship

Natalie Whiteside	string bass	Tehachapi
-------------------	-------------	-----------

Loren & June Collins Scholarship

Akito Kato	percussion	South Pasadena
------------	------------	----------------

Carole Ohlendorf Dockstader Scholarship

Aria Henson	flute	Long Beach
-------------	-------	------------

Katy Henderson Scholarship

Alvin Reyes	flute	Long Beach
-------------	-------	------------

Carol Lyn Jackson Scholarship

Nina Cantu-Wang	violin	Big Bear City
-----------------	--------	---------------

Suzanne & Juliette Fluchere Scholarship

Andrew Gerhart	violin	Long Beach
Renata Raya	cello	Burbank

B.T. Ted Mills Scholarship

Branden Berumen	tenor sax	Long Beach
-----------------	-----------	------------

Myrtle Seymour Watilo Scholarship

Allison Suárez	violin	Escondido
----------------	--------	-----------

Wallace UMBER Scholarship

Lucas Wheeler	trumpet	Running Springs
---------------	---------	-----------------

Cliff Ervin Scholarship

Maggie Jenkins	trumpet	Long Beach
----------------	---------	------------

John Ervin Scholarship

Kenny Tran	trombone	Long Beach
------------	----------	------------

Frances J Harding Scholarship

Andrew Marquez	drums	Lakewood
----------------	-------	----------

Mark Masterson Scholarship

Katherine Erber	flute	Long Beach
-----------------	-------	------------

Choral Scholarships

Jacob Connolly	baritone	Murrieta
Liam Getzin	tenor/baritone	Port Angeles, WA

Middle School Scholarships

Max Balusik	trumpet	Long Beach
Olivia Castro	cello	Long Beach
Ciaran Fitzgerald	trumpet	Dana Point
Tucker Keele	violin	Long Beach
Giulietta Luongo	violin	San Diego
Kiana Lee	cello	San Diego
Asher Lowery	clarinet	Twin Peaks
Kaydin Lowery	trombone	Twin Peaks
Christopher Nichols	tenor sax	Laguna Niguel
Corey Plooy	saxophone	Running Springs

High School Scholarships

Jordan Barnes	flute	Covina
Shayna Beckerman	clarinet	Carson City, NV
Keyra Ickler	flute	Long Beach
Rebekah Rodriguez	oboe	Long Beach
Katie Nuñez	violin	Escondido
Eli Nuñez	violin	Escondido
Alyssa Plooy	clarinet	Running Springs

Scholarship Update

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. They are thrilled to attend a summer music camp and spend time with other young musicians who share their passion for music.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to sing with Arrowbear Music Camp. I am grateful that I get to go to this camp again to sing, learn, and make new memories with the people I meet and make friends with. I hope to sing and learn exciting new music that the choir will perform during our concert. I hope to see you there so I can thank you personally.

A huge thank you for the scholarship! We're so grateful to the donor and to your scholarship program that helps so many kids attend camp. Our son is so excited to be able to go to Arrowbear for the first time! I have two older orchestra children who never attended any kind of camps like this, and he knows it's an incredible privilege and is very excited. Thank you for making it financially possible!

I am so grateful for the scholarship that you have given me. I was very happy to receive it. I smiled for the rest of the day. The camp is something I really wanted to do and with this scholarship it has made it possible for me to attend. I love playing the flute, and I also started learning to play the ukulele. I'd like to play more instruments and music, and the camp will give me a chance to learn more about them. Again, I would really like to thank you. I'm looking forward to camp.

I would like to thank you so much for funding my scholarship for Arrowbear. It helps my family and me so much. This is an opportunity that I never thought I would get! Playing in orchestra is so important to me, so I am going to take advantage of this chance and make the most out of it. I will put all my effort into camp and will leave knowing that I learned the most that I could. Again, thank you so much for this opportunity to help me improve at violin. Thanks for making it possible.

I wanted to say that you have made the impossible, possible, because now I can keep sharing my love of music at Arrowbear without having to worry about the financial burden to my family. From my family to yours, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your scholarship has only emboldened me to strive to work harder in my path of music. Once again, thank you so much for this opportunity.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend Arrowbear. I will cherish every second. My goal is to absorb every lesson every single hour in order to grow in my music abilities. What I plan to do with all the information that I acquire is to excel in my music abilities so I can qualify for wind ensemble. Music is my passion. Recently I picked up the bass clarinet and I'm doing pretty well. I am so excited to grow this summer. Thank you for this amazing opportunity.

Arrowbear Music Associates Board of Directors

Carolyn Kusaba Carroll	Member-at-Large	Clifford Kusaba	President
Michelle Chace Fraser	Member-at-Large	Laura Dean Kusaba	Secretary/Treasurer/Scholarships
Virginia Lee Frazier	Vice President	Dolores Loera	Member-at-Large
Jeff Haberman	Alumni Chair	Ken Olson	Member-at-Large
David James	Member-at-Large	Luanne Langevin Olson	Member-at Large

Contact us:

arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com

562-634-5158

Website: arrowbearmusicassoc.org

Follow us on:

Facebook: Arrowbear Music Associates

Instagram: arrowbearassoc



PLEASE REGISTER BY AUGUST 21

Number of Adults _____ @ \$60 donation each or \$100 per couple _____

Number of Young Adults _____ @ \$25 donation (ages 16 – 25) _____

Number of children _____ @ \$10 donation each (ages 10 - 15) _____
(Ages 9 and under are free.)

Optional T-shirt with Reunion logo _____ @ \$25 donation each _____

Men's sizes: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ Ex Large _____ 2X _____

(Limited additional shirts will be available the day of the Reunion. Please pre-order.)

Total \$ _____

Yes or No I will bring my instrument. Instrument _____

Yes or No I would like to sing. Voice _____

Yes or No I plan to stay in camp on Saturday night.

Yes or No I'm willing to help on the day of the Reunion.



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Summers at Camp _____ Instrument or Voice _____

****I cannot attend the Reunion, but I would like to send a donation to the**

Fred and Edna Ohlendorf Scholarship fund. \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Arrowbear Music Associates**

Mail to: **Arrowbear Music Associates - PO Box 1294, Lakewood CA 90714**

All donations are tax deductible.



You can also register for the Reunion using **PayPal** or a credit card on our website at arrowbearmusicassoc.org

No extra fees added to online registration.

Alumni addresses: _____

Comments: _____

ARROWBEAR MUSIC ASSOCIATES
AN EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION
PO BOX 1294
LAKEWOOD CA 90714-1294

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NonProfit Org
U.S. Postage
PAID
Long Beach, CA
Permit No. 368