



Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Spring 2020

President's Message

During this time of social distancing, my hope is that life will find a new normal. We must always remember that the performing arts are a social and emotional experience. The arts help us express our emotions and give comfort in difficult times. It is gratifying to see all the creative ways musicians are finding to perform whether they are giving impromptu performances for their neighbors, choreographing dance steps to songs with their families, or using virtual technology to perform master works together. The arts bring us closer and help us share a common bond.

Sadly, many of the summer music camps have cancelled their programs for this summer. I just spoke with Dennis and Larke. They shared that Arrowbear must cancel their traditional summer sessions; however, they are working on a smaller camp experience and hope to connect with campers using technology and social media. We've included part of the letter they sent to campers explaining why they felt they had no choice but to cancel the summer. It is included in this newsletter.

Our scholarship applicants for Summer 2020 knew it was a possibility that camp might be cancelled. Our promise to them was that if camp were cancelled, we would hold their scholarships until Summer 2021. They won't need to reapply next spring, and we'll work with them and their families to adjust their scholarship as needed for next year.

I heard this quote on a news broadcast last month. It resonated with my thoughts on what is needed at this moment in our lives. "Art has the power to bring people together to celebrate, to encourage, and to heal amid this current crisis. This life affirming force is more important than ever." I hope this summer you can explore ways to make and enjoy music.

Cliff Kusaba
President



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 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.

Eric Robinson	Kris Brand	Alan & Karen Bennett	Linda Cain	Anne Lowrey	Brendon Parmelee
Emmi Armstrong	Eric Hendricks	Stephanie Selover	David Rain	Jessica Goldman	Sarah Sehnert
Ranen Garcia	Jim Cook	Dean & Natalie Hegenwald	Jesse Sonntag Garcia	Sally Butterworth	
Julie Freeman Luckey	Andrew Aram Patzsch	Celia Crane	Laura Slania	Avery Schroeder	Nick Price
Carla Palmer	Morgan Conway	Adam Ainsworth	Jessica Jones	Bill Cook	Gene Wie

Fall and Winter 19-20 Donations

Many, many thanks to the friends and alumni of Arrowbear who donated to our Scholarship Fund. Donations from the Fall Newsletter totaled an astonishing **\$62,749**. We are particularly grateful because we know these are difficult times with families in dire economic straits from the various state mandated stay-at-orders. Numerous businesses have temporarily closed putting thousands of people out of work due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All of the donations will go toward scholarships for this coming summer and Summer 2021. We want to especially thank **Morey's Music Store** who has faithfully donated to our efforts for over 30 years. They never hesitate to help young musicians go to music camp.

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
Nancy Rodriguez-Bell
Michell Otto-Boden
Jon & Liz Huston Bowermaster
Carolyn Kusaba Carroll
Ri-Jen Chou
David Collins
John Curtis
Carlos Cymerman
Bonnie Russell Davis
Heather Dennis
Larry Evans
Darlene Waymile Falco
Deborah Trutanich Faust
Erin Nakagawa Felix
Jim Garrecht
Lida Lockwood Gerenraich
Kim Gibson
Julie Gill
Jennifer Hornung Gille

Ann Hebert Gilleran
Sherry & Lindsey Hetz
Karin Hoesli
Arnold Hogarth Family Trust
Stefanie Holzman
Jim Hopkins
Janitta Funk Keck
Marian Kent
Jennifer & Alan Kerr
George C. Keys
Peter Kozik
Don & Anita Orahood Kramer
Charles Lamont
Hayden Gerald Lawrence
David Low
Robert Menke
John Middlebrooks
Janet Moore
Michael & Rosann Monaghan
Morey's Music Store

Yasuko Morihara
Jon Nowak
D. Wilson Ochoa
Linda, Trish, & Isabel Olson
Ellen Pesavento
John Rabold
Steven Reynolds
Patricia Wall Richardson
Nailah Connor Roque
Ildiko Meracz Siegrist
Ralph Siemsen
Philip Simmergren
Bruce Sledge
Sarah Solberg
Marcy Sudock
Daryl Temkin
Karen Tkaczyk
Rosemary McNamee Waller
Stan Weber
Mike West
Gary Wrench



Additional Donations and Grants

- Many thanks to the Arrowbear Campers from Summer 2019 who donated the unspent funds left in their personal camp bank accounts at the end of their sessions. This totaled **\$865**.
- **Giving Tuesday** – We received \$1,360 in donations on Dec. 3 as part of Giving Tuesday. Thank you to all the donors!
- **Blaze Pizza Fundraiser** – We received **\$59.08** from our event in January. Thanks to everyone who attended.
- Thank you to Katy Fraser Bridges 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 David James 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 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.
- Facebook birthday fundraisers totaled **\$3,303.53** since November 1, 2019.

Additional Donations and Grants, cont.

- Many thanks to Ken Sams, Jr. for completed the paperwork for a matching grant through Your Cause.
- Many thanks to Cathy Daggett Wrench for completing the paperwork for a matching grant through Allstate.
- Many thanks to Nancy Rodriguez Bell for completing the paperwork for a matching grant through Bank of America.
- Many thanks to Russell Graham for completing the paperwork for a grant through the ENGPAC program from the Northrop Grumman Foundation and a donation from the Charities Aid Foundation of America.
- Many thanks to Robert & Jennifer Mitchell Spier for a matching grant from the Benevity Community Impact Fund.

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 parents, Ruth and Harold Russell, who helped in the early years of Arrowbear.

Leslie Collins Edwards and Kiki Collins Bussell in memory of Loren and June Collins.

Sarah Solberg in memory of Ellen Schinnerer Deffner, Joe Burger, and Bruce Ford.

Kirk Watilo and family friends in memory of Myrtle Seymour Watilo.

Lon and Jean Reynolds Eckhardt in memory of Brian Reynolds.

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

Naomi Norwick in memory of Walter and Natalie Norwick.

David & Gina DiSalvo Burcham in honor of Stacy Burcham.

Allan & Stephanie Crlenica Carter in memory of Joe Burger.

Janette Dill and the Dill Family in memory of Bob Dill.

Barbara Goorevitch Cook in honor of Sarah Solberg.

Bruce Wilkison in memory of Fred Ohlendorf.

Anonymous in memory of Katy Henderson.

Oliver Seely in memory of Martha Ebersole Eads.

Mary Blythe in honor of Stacy Burcham.

Christine McGinley in honor of Cori McGinley.

John Ervin in memory of Kendall Feeney.

This is one of the applicant's letters we received this year explaining why they needed a scholarship and why attending Arrowbear was so important to them.



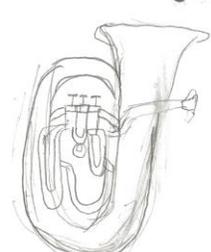
Dear Arrowbear Music Associates,

Music has become one of the biggest parts of my life. In 2016, my ~~o~~ who I was very close to, ~~o~~ unexpectedly died from mixed medications. I suffered from severe anxiety and toxic friends, I had a very long grieving process, that's still going on today. When I began playing euphonium in 5th grade, it was simply a nice extracurricular. But then it grew.

Music became my outlet, my coping mechanism for all the overwhelming emotions I felt. The people in my band became my closest friends and support group, my other family. Playing euphonium has grown to be an absolute favorite thing in the world. In fact, I want to go to college for music theory/music education and become a private lesson teacher!

I want to take every opportunity I can, from private lessons to honor bands to Arrowbear Music Camp. However all of it's very expensive and I know I can't go to camp unless I earn some form of Scholarship. My family of 3 only makes ~\$23,000 a year. I've had to sacrifice a lot for private lessons and instrument maintenance costs. Although, I know I can't sacrifice anymore for this camp. I really hope that I'll be chosen. Thank you for your consideration.

From,



Arrowbear's 79th Summer

It is with heavy heart and after much consideration that we have made the very difficult decision to cancel our scheduled 2020 sessions. We understand this is heartbreaking news for many of you. We feel completely heartbroken as well.

The decision came after countless hours with our team reviewing guidelines from the CDC and the American Camp Association in hopes of organizing a safe and clear path forward with our summer. Considering our particular facilities and large ensemble music programming, we are unable to comply with required distancing guidelines while at camp; therefore, we cannot ensure the health and safety of our campers and staff during this time.

We promise you this – we will offer a variety of ways for our community to connect virtually over the following months and will do everything possible to make sure Arrowbear 2021 is the best summer ever! Please continue to explore your passion for music and keep up with your practicing and studying. We cannot wait to hear you.

We all know the people are what make camp such a special place. We care about you and will miss you greatly.

Dennis and Larke Dockstader

Alumni News

Bruce Sledge (82-86) sang the lead tenor role in Madame Butterfly at the Metropolitan Opera in November 2019. It was broadcast live in movie theaters across the United States on November 9.

Larry Evans (55-61) remembers his years at camp fondly with his friends Steve Arnold, Jack McGuire, Jeff Wise, and Dick Matlock. Larry presently advises entrepreneurial companies and serves on several corporate Board of Directors. He lives in Princeton, New Jersey, which he describes as a cultural mecca.

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 **\$141.04** in donations since the last newsletter for a total of **\$1,769.48** 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 more information.
- **Facebook/Network for Good** -Facebook offers an option for followers to set up a birthday donation page. Your friends donate through Facebook who then sends the funds to Network for Good. Network for Good deposits it electronically in our checking account. Win! Win!

Scholarships 2020

We received 39 scholarship applications in April. It's always 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 perhaps can't afford private lessons, or with students who we know would flourish with the opportunity to have an experience at camp, but perhaps are not yet very proficient technically on their instruments. Still, everyone who listens to the tapes feels an amazing sense of accomplishment that our organization can help so many students. We, and you, do make a difference in these kids' lives.

We are excited to announce that we awarded **\$40,056** in scholarships to all **39** students who applied for the 2020 summer. Due to Arrowbear cancelling their summer program, all of the scholarships will be held until next summer for the recipients. They won't need to reapply, and we'll work with their family to adjust their scholarship amount if needed to fit the session they want to attend in Summer 2021.

Congratulations to them all!



Morey's Music Store Scholarship

Nina Perkins	cello	Tucson, AZ
Catherine Harrison	string bass	Oceanside

David L. Schechter Scholarship

Will Canterbury	tenor sax	Valley Village
Emily Silvernail	euphonium	San Diego

Robert "Bob" Dill Foundation Scholarship

Marianna Herrera	clarinet	Baldwin Park
Daniel Naranjo	bass clarinet	Baldwin Park
Juliet Sanchez	clarinet	Baldwin Park
Sky White	violin	Long Beach

Robert Simmergren Scholarship

Rogelio Raya	violin	Burbank
Lucas Wheeler	trumpet	Running Springs

Newton and Elsie Wrench Scholarship

Kenny Tran	trombone	Long Beach
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Robert Collins Choral Scholarship

Lillian Dunlap	soprano	Spokane, WA
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Arnold & Judy Hogarth Scholarship

Jessie Taylor Grace	violin	Los Angeles
Deborah Harrison	cello	Oceanside
Noah Kushner	viola	Long Beach
Magdalena McKee	cello	Johnstown, CO
Zuzanna Szybura	violin	Long Beach

Raye Fairchild Scholarship

Alexis Lam	violin	Long Beach
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Walter Norwick Scholarship

Keyra Ickler	flute	Long Beach
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Loren & June Collins Scholarship

Maggie Jenkins	trumpet	Long Beach
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Carole Ohlendorf Dockstader Scholarship

Jordan Barnes	flute	Covina
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Suzanne Renee Fluchere Scholarship

Tyki Cantu-Wang	violin	Big Bear City
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B.T. Ted Mills Scholarship

Branden Berumen	clarinet	Long Beach
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Myrtle Seymour Watilo Scholarship

Vera Fang	violin	Los Angeles
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Mark Masterson Scholarship

Yuan Sison	flute	Baldwin Park
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Kendall Feeney Scholarship

Kerry Walther	viola	Carlsbad
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Middle School Scholarships

Shayna Beckerman	trumpet	Las Vegas, NV
Isabelle Salcido	baritone	Baldwin Park
Isaac Suárez	violin	Escondido
Ally Uyetanaka	viola	Temecula
Melanie Valle	flute	Baldwin Park
Sophia Wheeler	trombone	Running Springs

High School Scholarships

Omeed Almasi	cello	Los Angeles
Anais Cervantes	trumpet	Baldwin Park
James Fenton	cello	Whittier
Isabella Kelly	violin	Los Angeles
Victor Orea	violin	Vista
Kimberly Rivera	flute	Baldwin Park
Allison Suárez	violin	Escondido

In Memoriam

Fran Harding, affectionately known as “Sarge”, passed away on May 18. She first came to Arrowbear in 1953 to conduct at one of the junior high sessions. The next summer she joined the Choral Session staff and participated in teaching and running Choral Session every summer until 1982. She taught music in Long Beach Unified until 1982, but she remained active in music by playing the bassoon in several musical groups and was president of the Musical Arts Club for years.

Lee Smith passed away on February 29, 2020, after a seven-month battle with lung cancer. He enjoyed playing his violin with the Bakersfield Symphony for many years. Lee was a camper, counselor, cook, and staff member from 1949 – 1965.

Joe Burger passed away on December 19, 2019. Known as “Mr. B.”, he was Mr. Ohlendorf’s Assistant Camp Director for 30 years. He taught elementary music in Long Beach where he started numerous generations of youngsters on their instruments. His passing is the end of an era in Arrowbear history.

Rick Bartkus passed away on December 4, 2019, from a heart attack. Rick was a fine trombone player who attended camp in the late 1960s and into the early 1970s. He had a talent for making people around him smile.

Martha Ebersole Eads passed away on November 28, 2019, two weeks after suffering a stroke. Martha was a camper from 1947-1952. She served as a staff member for a number of years into the 1970s. Martha was an active violinist who played in chamber groups in Northern California.

Bruce Ford Sr. passed away on November 14, 2019, from a heart attack. Bruce was a Choral camper and counselor in the 1970s and into the 1980s. His wife and children all attended Arrowbear. Bruce was active in his church and in the Japanese Cultural Center.

Barbara Hawes Lasch passed away in November 2018 from complications from Alzheimer’s. She was a camper from 1946 - 1949 and played the cello. She remembered her time at Arrowbear with great fondness.

Gary Robinson passed away on November 20, 2017, from neuroendocrine carcinoma. He was a camper in the 1960s. Gary was a violinist and camp soloist for many years. He met his wife, Pat Mumford Robinson, at Arrowbear.



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Arrowbear Music Associates is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Our main purpose is to provide scholarships to deserving young musicians for summer music camps. The number of scholarships we can award depends upon the donations we receive. Our major expenses are the two Newsletters which are published in the spring and fall. We mail Newsletters to 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 and fresh ideas. If you are interested in joining a committee, please call 562-634-5158, email us at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com, 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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Years at Arrowbear 19____ to 19____ Or 19____ to 20____ Or 20____ to 20____

Instrument/Voice _____

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