



# Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Fall 2018

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## President's Message

The best thing about this time of year is all the festivities that take place. I hope you can take advantage of all the wonderful holiday programs. This newsletter is the main way we have of raising money for our scholarship program. The past few years, we've also raised money when you purchase through AmazonSmile. We encourage you to register and help us when you buy items online. We rely on your generous donations from our two newsletters to award our scholarships and help young musicians attend a summer music camp. The more we receive, the more families we can help.

Laura and I spent time this summer visiting Arrowbear to take pictures of our scholarship awardees and to listen to the band and orchestras rehearse. We also took the time to visit the Choral and Jazz camps to hear their rehearsals and meet with the scholarship recipients. The campers we met really enjoyed being at camp and were so grateful for the help you gave them. Some of our recipients were so impressive that camp asked them to return for a second session. Please join our Facebook group so you can see their photos as we post throughout the summer.

Thank you so much for your generous donations. Many families struggle to pay for private lessons, buy instruments, provide transportation to concerts, and then try to find the money for a summer camp. Your generosity makes the difference for so many who couldn't afford to attend camp without assistance.

It has been a rough year for fires here in California. I hope that all of you who live in the areas affected are safe. The loss of so many lives and the wide-spread devastation of property is overwhelming. Music can be a source of comfort when times are difficult.

May you and your families have a happy and enjoyable holiday season.

Cliff Kusaba  
President



## Scholarships for Summer 2019

Scholarship applications will be available beginning **February 1, 2019**, on our web site at [www.arrowbearmusicassoc.org](http://www.arrowbearmusicassoc.org). You can type your information directly into the interactive screen, and then print it out all ready to go. You can also contact our Scholarship Chairperson Laura Kusaba at 562-634-5158 or by email at [Lkusaba@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lkusaba@sbcglobal.net) to request a paper application after February 1. Last summer we granted \$59,368 in scholarships to 70 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'd really like to encourage **choral campers** to apply for a scholarship. There is one full scholarship available, and we offer partial scholarships to other choral applicants. We've been sadly lacking in choral applicants every year. Don't miss out on this opportunity to have all or part of your fees paid for by alumni. Take a look at our web site after Feb. 1 for the directions for recording your audition tape.

## Spring and Summer 2018 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 **\$9,305**. That's a start in building the scholarship bucket for next summer. All of the donations will go toward scholarships for 2019.

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 mail box and hear how you're doing and what is keeping you busy. Please keep in touch and give when you can.

Rejean Schweitzer Anderson  
Alan Applegate  
Paul Arundel  
Gil Bishop  
Teresa Marsi Bothman  
Forrest, Jacob, & Sally Chaffee  
Bonnie Russell Davis  
Erin Nakagawa Felix  
Lida Lockwood Gerenraich  
Jennifer Hornung Gille

Eileen Choi Golden  
Alex Gordon & Mimi Paller  
Neil Harrington  
Angelika Harris  
Marian Kent  
Peter Kozik  
Mike & Eva Meckna  
Richard Mott  
Jon Nowak  
Diane Otsuki

Steven Reynolds  
Cynthia Schutz  
Oliver Seely  
Ildiko Meracz Siegrist  
Ralph Siemsen  
Margaret Souter Urke  
Mike West  
Ruth Zantiny

\*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, too, to everyone who donated.

\*Thank you to Russell Graham for arranging for us to receive a matching grant from the Northrop Grumman Employees Charity Organization (ECHO)

\*Many thanks to Jeff Haberman who has designated AMA to receive his contributions via the Employee Community Fund at Boeing.

### Dedications

Mark Scott in memory of Jim and Jacque Scott.

Beth Mills Grace in memory of Ted Mills.

Ken Sams, Jr. in memory of Rolland Sandberg.

Mark Byer and Stephanie Cinereski in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Lennard & Jean Reynolds Eckhardt in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Beckie Celikel in memory of Carole Dockstader.

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



### 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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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 **\$226.53** in donations since the last newsletter for a total of **\$1,127.73** since we signed up in 2014. Many thanks to those of you who are already registered!

We've been "stuck" at 126 people registered on AmazonSmile for quite a while. Can you join us? The more friends and alumni who register and shop on AmazonSmile, the more young musicians we can help.

## Alumni Update

**Anita Gorham Pederson (late 60s)** says that summers at Arrowbear are some of her best memories. She is now involved in the music industry as a press agent for a Beatles tribute band. Earlier this year they performed with the Rio Hondo Symphony as part of a fundraiser for the symphony donors and benefactors. It was wonderful seeing the conductor and members twisting as well as hearing Sgt. Pepper selections with a live orchestra.

**Marian Kent (64-65)** shared that she has no intention of retiring from the Atlanta Symphony viola section. To her, retirement equals Death! She plans on "sawing away" 'til she drops! (Smile)

### In Memoriam

**Jerry Downs** passed away in September 2017, in a freak accident. He was a camper in the late 1960s and was part of the large contingency from Duarte who attended Arrowbear. He was a band director who bought instruments, uniforms, and shoes for students who needed them. He was a generous and caring person.



## 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. That means when your year of getting any mail sent on from your previous address is up, you will be lost in our database. 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 [Lkusaba@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lkusaba@sbcglobal.net). 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.

Sarah Daigh    Jessica Mantel    Nadine Penn    Barbara Friendson Barnes    Suzanne Hartnett Sutton    Brian Lee

Eric Pao    Jason Bonham    Lisa Newton    Robert Richardson    Adelle Glass    Sean Stewart    Doug Hargis

Connie Baber    Kristian Bales    Sally Butterworth    Stephanie Selover    Billy Coleman

Joe Martin    Stephan Freer    Anna Ucik    Erik Standifird    Diana Tullis    Keith Lawrence

Roxanne Pena    Ryan Whyman    David Kim    Curt Richardson    Simone Harrison



## Scholarship Update

The scholarship recipients had a wonderful time at Arrowbear! We visited camp during Jazz, Choral, Intermediate I & 2, and Advanced Session. We spoke to many of the young people you helped. As soon as we told them who we were, their faces lit up, and they couldn't stop smiling and thanking us. We let them know that it's the alumni and friends of Arrowbear who make the donations because they want new generations of young musicians to benefit from camp like they did. Below are some of the thank you letters we received from young musicians who attended Arrowbear this year through our scholarship program. Their appreciation and excitement reveals the impact your generosity has on their lives.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the scholarship to attend Arrowbear Music Camp. I have been involved with music since I was 4 years old. I love to sing and perform. This is my first time to attend a music camp and I am looking forward to this wonderful experience!

Thank you so much for giving me that scholarship. It helped me persuade my family into letting me go to Camp Arrowbear. I would not have been able to go to Camp Arrowbear this summer without that scholarship. I have never been to a sleepaway camp. I am so excited to play games, make new friends, and practice my instrument, the tuba.

When I told my band teacher, he made me tell my entire class which has almost 90 students. That made me feel so proud and thankful for the scholarship. So thank you again for the scholarship. I really needed it. I plan to represent my school well!

I am grateful for your generosity in providing this scholarship for my son. This will be his first time away at camp, and I'm beyond excited to see how his love for music will be nurtured. I'm so thankful to you for making this possible for our family.

Thank you so much for my scholarship to your camp. As I said in my note to you, I couldn't pay the full amount which is why I'm so relieved I don't have to pay a whole lot. I hope this letter is enough to repay you for your generosity. It helped so much.

I would just like to thank you for granting me this scholarship! I am truly grateful for this opportunity. It is incredibly amazing that there are people who give musicians scholarships. This is a very short thank you letter, but I cannot write down how excited I am that you have given me this opportunity for a scholarship. All I can say is . . . Thank You!!

I am grateful. I was so thrilled every time we went to the mail and then one day I searched through a big pile of mail and saw a letter coming to me. I ripped it open and started crying with tears of joy because of how much I was given. I am so grateful because without this scholarship I would have never gone to Arrowbear Music Camp because my family is low income. I am very grateful to be given the chance to go again because of the scholarship given to me. I am happy and excited to go back to Arrowbear because I'll meet more people that love music like I do and we will have experiences that are going to be unforgettable and spectacular. Thank you so much Alumni and Friends.



I would like to thank you kindly for the scholarship you have awarded to me. It allows me to go to the camp where I will make friends that will last me a lifetime, give me memories that will last in my heart forever, and where I will gain music skills to last over the years. Most people think that providing a scholarship is just helping someone achieve one thing - - but no, it is much, much more than that! It is helping someone in life. I believe that by giving me this scholarship, to this amazing camp, you are also helping me be my best in music at school, which will help get me into a better college. Unfortunately, I am unable to afford the entire price of Arrowbear because of financial problems I am having with my family. It is hard to save for camps like this. I definitely would not be the musician that I am today if it wasn't for Arrowbear.

## Scholarship Recipients – Summer 2018

Here are many of the 70 young musicians your donation helped send to a summer music camp this last summer. We post these photos on our Facebook page throughout the summer as we visit each of the sessions to see how they are doing. We include photos and videos of the rehearsals too.

We encourage all alumni to join our Facebook page.



Choral Session



Intermediate I



Intermediate II



Elementary



Advanced Session

## Circle Game

Yesterday a child came out to wander  
Caught a dragonfly inside a jar  
Fearful when the sky was full of thunder  
And tearful at the falling of a star

### Chorus:

And the seasons they go round and round  
And the painted ponies go up and down  
We're captive on the carousel of time  
We can't return we can only look behind  
From where we came  
And go round and round and round  
In the circle game

Then the child moved ten times round the seasons  
Skated over ten clear frozen streams  
Words like, when you're older, must appease him  
And promises of someday make his dreams

### Chorus

Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now  
Cartwheels turn to car wheels through the town  
And they tell him,  
Take your time, it won't be long now  
Till you drag your feet to slow the circles down

### Chorus

So the years spin by and now the boy is twenty  
Though his dreams have lost some grandeur coming true  
There'll be new dreams, maybe better dreams and  
plenty  
Before the last revolving year is through

### Chorus

And go round and round and round  
In the circle game

Songwriter: Joni Mitchell



Every year we receive a couple of requests for the lyrics to songs sung at Arrowbear. It seems logical to simply type them up and share them on our website so everyone has easy access. Here are two of the favorites. Let us know if there are any songs you'd like to see in future newsletters or on the website. Just email us or include your request when you send in a donation.

## Little Cabin in the Woods

Little cabin in the woods,  
Little man by the window stood,  
Saw a rabbit hopping by  
Knocking at his door.



"Help me! Help me!" he said  
"For the hunter shoots me dead!"  
"Little rabbit come inside,  
Quickly to be fried.\*"

Songwriter: unknown

This song is sung with hand motions to act out the plot. With each repetition of the song, another line of the song is left out while the hand motions continue. By the end of the song, there is complete silence and only the hand motions remain. Today, this tradition continues, BUT there are now sound effects that accompany many of the hand motions. ("boing, boing, boing, boing" while the rabbit hops.)

\*There is still a hot debate over the fate of the rabbit in the last line of this song. Some campers prefer the line stated above; others prefer a more humane destiny for the rabbit and sing, "Safely to abide." Which fate do you think faces the rabbit?

## Arrowbear Music Associates Board of Directors

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**Arrowbear Music Associates** is a non-profit organization. Our purpose is to provide scholarships to deserving young musicians for summer music camps. The number of scholarships depends upon the donations we receive. Our major expenses are the two

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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Years at Arrowbear 19\_\_\_\_ to 19\_\_\_\_ Or 19\_\_\_\_ to 20\_\_\_\_ Or 20\_\_\_\_ to 20\_\_\_\_

Instrument/Voice \_\_\_\_\_

Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_\_\_



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**Alumni Addresses or Comments:**

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