

The Gala Album of the Centennial Celebration, September 22, 2013
for the Ann Arbor Alumni Chapter



of
Mu Phi Epsilon
International Professional Fraternity

Mistress of Ceremonies **Deborah Rebeck Ash** (*Gamma Omricon, Ann Arbor Alumni*),
President of the Alumni chapter,
presided over the event at the Kensington Court in Ann Arbor.



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She read the letter of congratulations from
Mu Phi Epsilon 3rd Vice-president and
Alumni Advisor **Lenita McCallum**. . . .

. And introduced our honored guests for the afternoon



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(standing, from left) **Melody Racine**, mezzo soprano, Associate Professor at the UM SMTD and currently Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; **Deborah Rebeck Ash**; **Ken Fischer**, President of the University Musical Society; *(seated, from left)* **Nancy Murphy**, immediate Past-president of the Alumni chapter; **Diane L. Winder**, EMU Music and Dance Department Head and Professor of Cello; and **Penelope Fischer** (*Epsilon Lambda, Ann Arbor Alumni*), President of the Society for Musical Arts, principal flutist with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and co-founder of the Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts.



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Nancy Murphy and **Deborah Rebeck Ash** with the Gala's featured performers and honored guests **William Bolcom**, UM SMTD Professor Emeritus of Composition and recipient of the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for Music and **Joan Morris**, mezzo-soprano, UM SMTD musical theater emeritus and faculty member.



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Ken Fischer, President of the University Musical Society, provided all members of Mu Phi Epsilon present at the Gala Party copies of the 100th anniversary commemorative Hill Auditorium DVD “*A Space for Music, A Seat for Everyone: 100 Years of UMS Performances in Hill Auditorium*”.



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Rosemary Ames (*Omega Omega, Boston Alumni*), International President of Mu Phi Epsilon International Professional Fraternity, here pictured with **Deborah Rebeck Ash** and **Nancy Murphy**, flew in with her husband, Richard, from Framingham Massachusetts to attend.



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THE PROGRAM

The Program featured the legendary duo of **William Bolcom** and **Joan Morris**.



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Bill and Joan's repertoire ranges from 19th-century parlor songs to Bolcom's collaborations with lyricist Arnold Weinstein, and they included several songs from 1913

in the afternoon's performance:

Ballin' the Jack, There's a Long, Long Trail a-Winding,
and *You Made Me Love You, I Didn't Want to Do It.*



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Immediate Past-president of the Alumni Chapter, **Nancy Murphy** (*Gamma, Ann Arbor Alumni*) then spoke, giving a *Brief History of the Ann Arbor Alumni chapter and its Long Associations with Many Local Organizations*, including the historic Kempf House Museum, the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, the Interlochen National Music Camp, University Musical Society (UMS), the May Festival Luncheons associated with UMS, the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, the Society for Musical Arts and the Ann Arbor City Club.

She told those present that “whether we are members of Mu Phi Epsilon or friends of Mu Phi Epsilon, we all have been beneficiaries of the rich history for music and beauty that has been provided, sponsored and encouraged by the members of Mu Phi Epsilon in Ann Arbor over these 100 years.” And that “we realize that we stand on the shoulders of many, many chapter members who have gone before us, loyal to Mu Phi Epsilon and serving the Chapter and the community with great energy, vision and achievement.”

THE DISPLAYS

THE HISTORIC DISPLAYS:



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The Sterling Silver Sugar Bowl & Creamer – engraved with the Mu Phi Epsilon initials “MΦE” – was presented to the Ann Arbor Chapter during the 1950’s by the daughter of Charter Member **Evelyn Partridge Bailey**.

On display with the artifacts were a 1913 photograph of **Evelyn Partridge** as well as her 1915 Mu Phi Epsilon certificate of membership into the Gamma chapter at the University of Michigan.



Mu Phi Epsilon, circa 1913; The Allenel Hotel; Photographer: A.S. Lyndon

NOTE: Evelyn Partridge Bailey, 9th from left in rear row.



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The 1940 Rookwood Pottery commemorative vase was cast for the Mu Phi Epsilon 26th Convention held in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 28-July 1, 1940; it is embossed with violet flowers and leaves, in a white matte glaze, and marked on the base with the Rookwood hallmark and "Mu Phi Epsilon / Cincinnati / 1940". Approximate size: 4" tall.

Behind is the Commemorative photograph from the 1938 Mu Phi Epsilon National Convention, held in Chicago Illinois, June 27-30, 1938. Convention photographs of this type were common for this period.

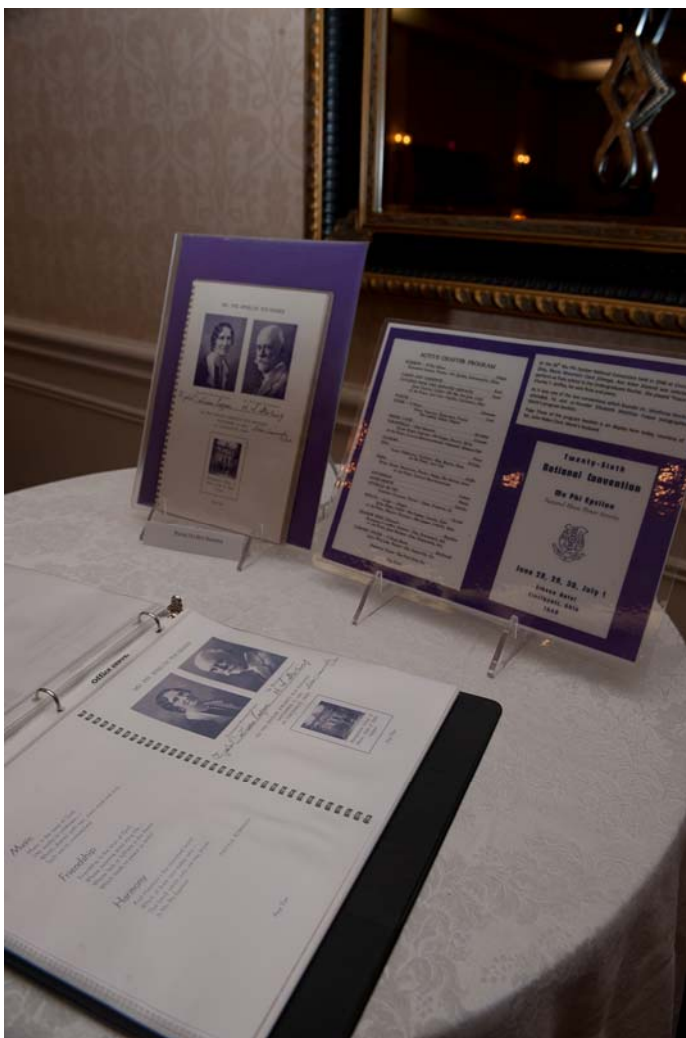
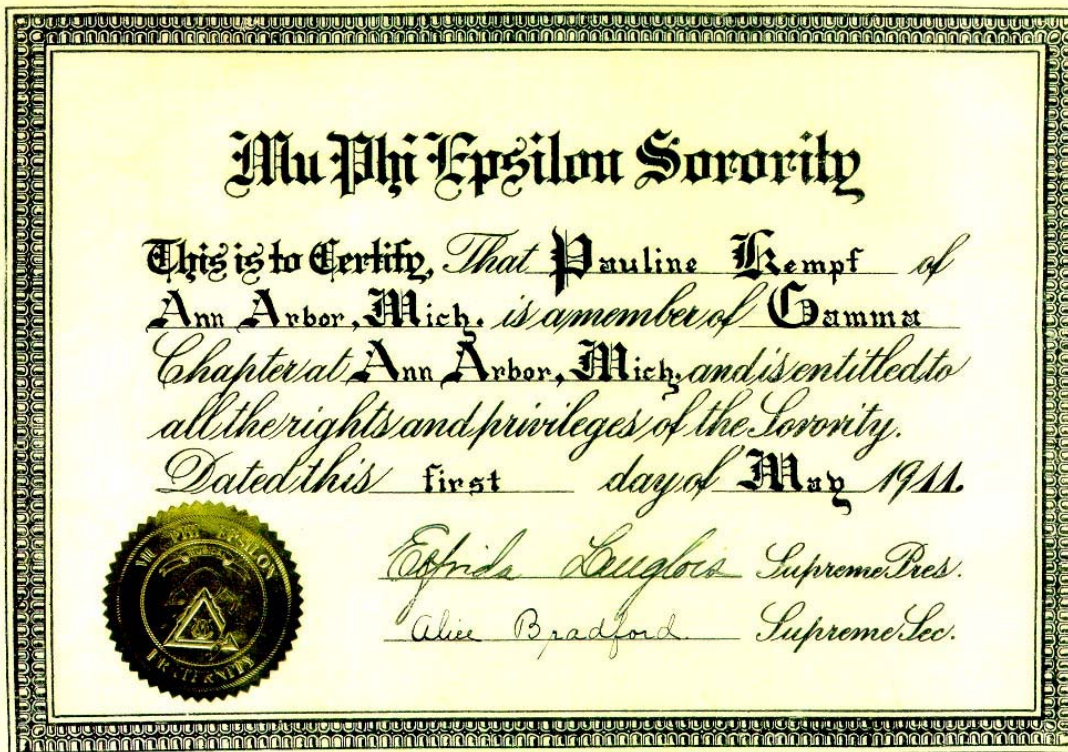


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At the 26th Mu Phi Epsilon National Convention held in 1940 at Cincinnati, Ohio, **Marie Mountain Clark** (*Omega, Ann Arbor Alumni*) was selected to perform as flute soloist in the Undergraduate Recital. She played "Poem" by Charles T. Griffes, for solo flute and piano.

As it was one of the last conventions which founder **Dr. Winthrop Sterling** attended, he and co-founder **Elizabeth Matthias Fuqua** autographed Marie's program booklet.

Page Three of the program booklet was on display at the Gala event, courtesy of Mr. John Alden Clark, Marie's husband.



Photograph Detail: Reuben and **Pauline Kempf** (b. 1860 – d. 1953), on right, 6-year-old daughter Elsa, and a friend, Marie Durheim (at left on the top step, beside Reuben Kempf), enjoy the Kempf front porch at 312 S. Division Street in 1890.

Also on display was the original 1911 membership certificate for **Mrs. Pauline Kempf** (above) as well as the detail of a photograph from the Kempf House Museum web-page of her with her family (see left).

From the 1890 photograph and the certificate document, we learn that Pauline Kempf, having been born in 1860, was 51 years old when she became a member of the *Gamma* collegiate chapter. This was two years prior to the formal installation of the Alumni chapter. She could possibly be considered the first of what we now refer to as a “Special Election member”.

Mu Phi Epsilon, April 20, 1914; The Banquet at the Allenel Hotel; Photographer / Artist: Daines-Nickels



NOTE: Pauline Kempf, 2nd from left in front row; Myrtle C. Palmer, 2nd from right in front row.

Also of interest is **Myrtle C. Palmer**, seen in the photograph above. Who was she?

As noted on page 186 of “*Leading Greeks: An Encyclopedia of the Workers in the American College Fraternities and Sororities*”, © 1915, located at the Univ. of California, Berkley Library:

Among her credentials, Myrtle Palmer was a charter member of the *Gamma* chapter at U of M.

- She also was President of the chapter;
- She contributed songs, piano solos and articles for the first Mu Phi yearbook;
- She was Supreme Vice-president for six months and Supreme President for three years;
- She designed the Mu Phi Epsilon charter, certificate of membership, the pin and revised constitution, by-laws and ritual.
- She edited the first year book, now entitled “Mu Phi Epsilon Quarterly”
- She was a delegate to the first Mu Phi convention
- She taught in private studio at Ann Arbor and was organist and choir director of First Presbyterian church.
- She later studied in Paris and became professor of pipe organ and piano.



In other words, Ms. Palmer was integral to the great beginnings of Mu Phi Epsilon.

THE CONGRATULATORY DISPLAYS:

The chapter also received civic congratulations, among them:

- a Certificate of Tribute from the Governor of the State of Michigan;
- a Letter of Congratulations from Congressman John Dingell;
- a Proclamation from the Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor;
- a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow
- and a Special Tribute certificate from the Legislature of the State of Michigan (pictured below)



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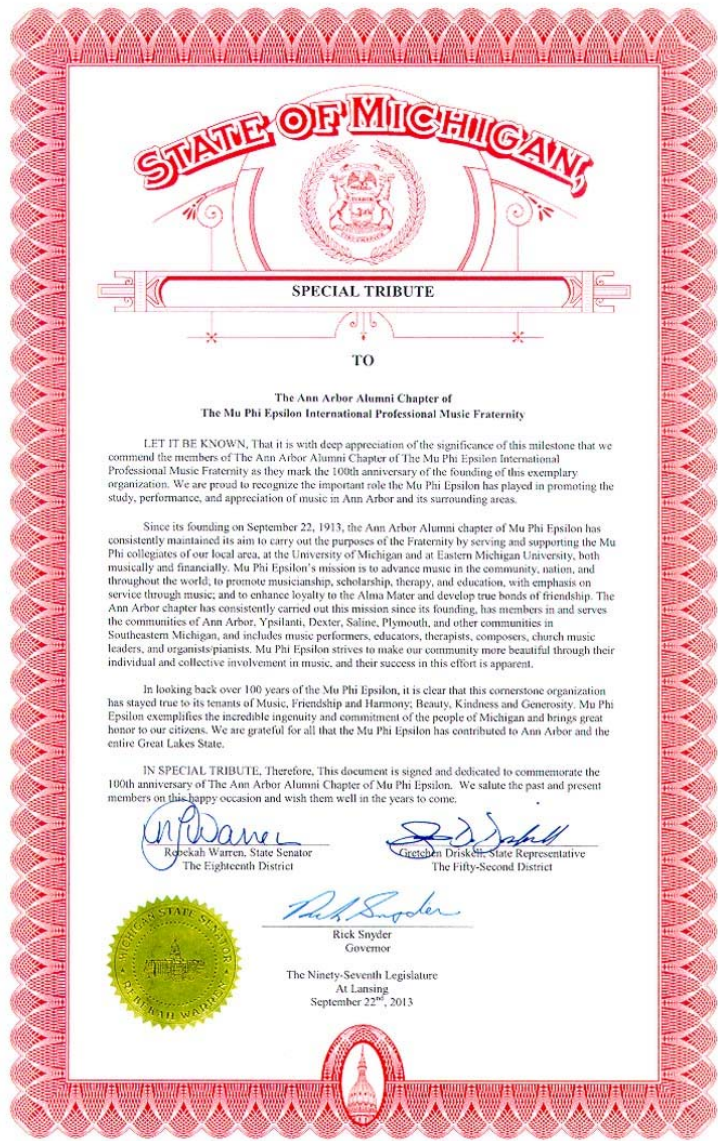


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THE ATTENDEES

Asterisk (*) denotes Ann Arbor Alumni chapter member.



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(standing, from left) M. Heaney, S. Heaney, J., Karen Madsen* and Max Madsen (center), S. Bissiri* and A. Ormand*, and W. Patrick.; (seated, from left) J. Eckersley, M. Hill, and K. Kennedy.



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(standing, from left) M. Froseth*, D. Froseth, M. Shell*, International President Rosemary Ames, Richard Ames; (seated, from left) C. Austin*, D. Kraushaar*, J. Clark*, M. Murphy and J. Johnson.



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(standing, from left) J.A. Clark, V. Kokmeyer, Debbie Ash*, Jeffrey Ash (President, Dexter Community Orchestra Board of Directors), R. Lange, C. Wargelin, R. LeSueur;
(seated, from left) M.A. McCulloch*, L. Gould*, and S. Lange*.



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(standing, from left) V. Sory Brown, G. Landes, C. Landes* and B. Krackenber;
(seated, from left) T. Samanen, C. Samanen, J. Pierce, D. Thompson and N. Thompson.



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(standing, from left) J. Jarema, members of the Ann Arbor Symphony Board of Directors Remedios Young, Rod Little, and Sylvia Funk; K. Pfeiffer* and guest R. Matavina; *(seated, from left)* M. Jarema; and member of the Ann Arbor Symphony Board of Directors J. Lawrence Henkel and wife Jacqueline Stearns-Henkel.



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(standing, from left) S. Whitener, S. Whitener*, M-K Grey*;
(seated, from left) M. Benson, S. Buttrey*, E. Stienon*, and N. Martin*.



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(standing, from left) J. Ginther, J. Starkey, J. Starkey, B. Foster*;
(seated, from left) B. Ginther*, F. Patrick, C. Patrick* and Y. Allen*.*

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Members of the Toledo Alumni chapter were able to join us:
*(rear, left to right), A. Doerffler, E. Moore;
(seated, left to right) B. Kondalski, W. Shoupe*

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And... a Momentous Occasion for Three...



The Three Mu Phi presidents:
*(from left) Anne Doerffler (Toledo Alumni),
Rosemary Louden Ames, International
President (Boston Alumni) and Deborah
Rebeck Ash (Ann Arbor Alumni)*