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## MTAC Pasadena February 2020 Newsletter

Dear Pasadena Teachers, Happy New Year to each of you! As we start a new decade and The Lunar New Year (Year of the Golden Rat) we hope you and your families, as well as your studios, are healthy and thriving!

On January 11, 2020, 40 teachers spent a delightful evening enjoying the many varieties of food at Shiki Seafood Buffet in Temple City (pictured below). We hope that more teachers can join in the next Teacher Appreciation Event.

The Theme Festival in November, 2019 is in the past and we want to thank Kelly Anderson and especially his wife Sherice for a successful event. Sherice spent many hours, late into the night organizing the event and helping Kelly who has a very busy teaching schedule. Thank you so much Kelly and Sherice! The new Theme Festival Chair is Yvonne Chen, and she will announce the Theme for 2020.

This year, we have 3 new festivals for the Strings, Flute and Voice. We want to thank Louise Brown (Strings), Charlotte Betry & Ruth Kasckow (Flute) and Valerie Tambaoan (Voice) for volunteering their services to chair these programs. More details follow in the newsletter.

Bach Festival (Branch Level) will have co-chairs Dorothy Caimano & Kristi Lobitz. The Regional Chair is Kristi Lobitz. Please note the deadline for application is on Mar 1, 2020.

Ludwig van Beethoven will be celebrating his 250th birthday on Dec. 16, 2020. A Beethoven Birthday Bash is being planned for the Pasadena teachers and the party will be held sometime in October, 2020. As soon as we can verify the venue, we will notify the membership of the exact date.

Before the 2018-2020 Executive Board of MTAC Pasadena end their term of service in July 31, 2020, we ask for your support of the programs that are still to come.

Thank you for your dedication and support of MTAC Pasadena and we wish you all the best in 2020.

Sincerely,

Winna Tan

President, MTAC Pasadena Branch

