



## *Enjoy a Musical Evening on February 13*

Please allow me to give a “shoutout” to our Board and to the members and friends who give us feedback on programs we've presented -- and ideas for new ones. The Board meets for lunch every summer to think "outside the box" about what programs we can bring to our Society members -- a favorite has always been the youth musical evenings.

This year, there was difficulty finding a musical program. Local high schools were contacted, other avenues tried . . . crickets.

I asked one of my theater students, Mika Casavan, who attends Canyon Crest Academy and is a part of their orchestra program, if he knew of a group; he led us to the Solosoli Music Studio and Sang Shen.

I am so thrilled that four of the studio's young students will showcase their talents at our next meeting on Thursday, February 13th at La Colonia Community Center, 715 Valley Ave. What a treat! Please read about the students on the following page and join us for an evening of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons."

Meanwhile our Society is gearing up for a busy spring season! Want to help?

We'll be hosting Solana Vista third graders at our Heritage Museum next month and we'd love to have more Society Members join to supervise the tour, games and snacks -- lemonade and cookies! Can you spare some home-grown lemons for that cause?

Also, we are planning new walking tours of local historical places; our brochures that include a map of those sites have been updated and are available at City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce and Solana Frosty, as well as at La Colonia Community Center and our Heritage Museum.

And Kevin Anderson's beautiful murals at our Post Office -- commissioned by your Society -- are nearly completed! When they are, we're planning a "grand opening" garden party to celebrate. (Details to follow. Did you know that your SeaWeeders keep that garden blossoming and beautiful?)

We also still have open positions on the Board of Directors. Interested? [Send us an email](#). Or introduce yourself to any Board member during the February 13th musical evening.

*Jolene Dodson Bogard*

Solosoli music instructor Sang Shen, violinist, was born to musician parents in Shanghai, China. She was accepted to the prestigious Shanghai



Conservatory of Music at age 9 and went on to win most major competitions in China. She also performed as a soloist with the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra.

In 1988, Ms. Shen moved to Chicago to study violin at Roosevelt University on a full scholarship.

In 1989, she won the the Leonard Sorkin Award for Violin and the Harvey Miententhal Scholarship. In 1990 and 1991 she won second prize in the American Opera Society Competitions and became Concertmaster of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Civic Orchestra under the direction of conductors such as Sir George Solti and Pierre Boulez.

Since moving to San Diego 10 years ago, Ms. Shen has developed a successful teaching career. Many of her students have won concertmaster positions, competitions and scholarships. In addition to teaching, she plays with the San Diego Symphony, the Classics 4 Kids concert series and the California Chamber Orchestra.

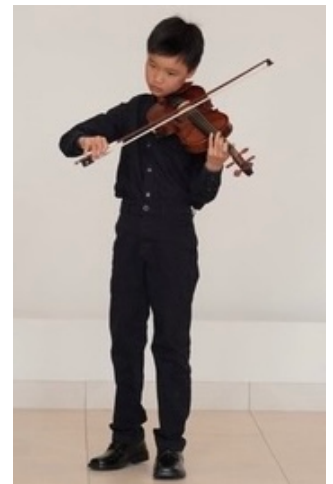
## ***"Four Seasoned Young Virtuosi " String Quartet to Perform Works by Vivaldi at our February 13 Meeting***

You won't want to miss this performance in Solana Beach by the talented young musicians of Solosoli Music Studio. The "Four Seasoned Young Virtuosi" will perform works from Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" on Thursday, February 13 at La Colonia Community Center. Join us for refreshments at 5:00, with the program starting at about 5:15 p.m.



Zen Parris is a dedicated musician with a passion for violin. His musical journey began at the age of 5 and he has already made big strides in his musical education and performing experience. As an 8th grader, he currently plays with the Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra (MMYO), where he has earned 3rd place two years in a row in their annual solo competition, both in Intermediate and Advanced orchestra. He has been accepted into the California All-State and All-Southern Orchestras, and was concertmaster for the SDUSD Middle School Honor Orchestra. Zen also recently accompanied a rock band of fellow 13 year olds for several gigs, including at the Del Mar Fair and the Point Loma Summer Concerts. He enjoys joining fellow classical musicians at fundraising events for the Helen Woodward Animal Shelter.

Brian Chen is an 11-year-old 5th grader at Solana Santa Fe. His musical journey began in 2019 with Ms. Sang Shen. As a member of the MMYO since 2020, Brian currently plays in the intermediate orchestra. In 2024, he joined the Quartet Strings for Wings fundraising for childhood cancer and, in September, became a violinist in a piano quintet, exploring chamber music with his MMYO friends. Brian's favorite composers are Antonio Vivaldi and Niccolò Paganini. Outside of music, he enjoys swimming, reading, traveling, and his favorite subject in school is math.



Julia Yu is a 9-year-old 4th grader in Solana Pacific Elementary School. She started her musical journey at age 5. She plays violin in Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra and won 3rd place in the solo competition in Intermediate Strings group. She participated in string quartets with both Solosoli and Boston Youth Symphony. She enjoys playing duets with her sister, Rachel. Besides violin, Julia is also an achieved piano player and recently debuted in Carnegie Hall. Julia shares her love for music through frequent performances with other young musicians in nursing homes around San Diego.

Rachel Yu is an 11-year-old 6th grader in Solana Pacific Elementary School. She started learning the violin at age of 7. She also performs with the MMYO and won honorable mention in the solo competition in Intermediate Strings group. She played string quartets in the summers with Solosoli and Boston Youth Symphony. She recently completed her violin debut at Carnegie Hall. Besides violin, Rachel also plays piano duets with her younger sister Julia. Rachel also enjoys giving back to her community by performing in nursing homes around San Diego.



Civic Updates . . .

***Mayor Heebner Elected to Chair SANDAG Board***

Congratulations to Solana Beach Mayor Lesa Heebner, who has been unanimously elected as the new Chair of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board of Directors. With over 20 years of service to Solana Beach and 14 years of experience on the SANDAG Board, including two years as Second Vice Chair, Mayor Heebner is ready to lead the region’s efforts to plan, build, and provide critical infrastructure that benefits all of San Diego County. Pending projects include controversial plans to relocate the LOSSAN (Los Angeles to San Diego) rail corridor away from the crumbling bluffs of Del Mar. As Chair, Mayor Heebner succeeds former San Diego County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Nora Vargas. She will work alongside newly elected Vice Chair Joe LaCava, President of the San Diego City Council, and Second Vice Chair John Minto, Mayor of Santee.

***Irrigation District's Proposed Fee Increases Discussed Feb. 12***



The Santa Fe Irrigation District's (SFID) proposed new water rates were outlined in the Proposition 218 Notice sent to customers in late December. Rates are increasing due to Lake Hodges Dam repairs. The cost of one acre-foot of water to the SFID previously (when Lake Hodges was fully operational) was \$300. Lake Hodges used to provide about 30% of our water at that cost. Currently, SFID's cost for the same amount water is \$2,000 because the San Diego Water Authority is the supplier. The new rates will be reviewed at a public hearing during the SFID Board meeting on February 12th at 8:30 a.m. at the district offices, 5920 Linea Del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067. The proposed rates were presented to Solana Beach City Council at a January meeting. [Click here to watch this important presentation.](#)

In July, 2024, SFID and the San Dieguito Water District filed a lawsuit against the City of San Diego, citing breach of contract, loss of local water, and other claims. The lawsuit seeks financial damages due to lack of the District’s access to local water supply from Lake Hodges. The complaint alleges lack of proper maintenance of Hodges Dam resulted in an unsatisfactory rating by the State of California Department of Safety of Dams and a mandated restricted lower lake level. As a result of the City’s negligence, most water captured in Lake Hodges must be released, limiting the amount of water available to both districts, which violates long-standing agreements between the City and the agencies.

**Renew your SBC&HS Membership for 2025**

If you haven't already, it's time to pay your annual membership dues. Select your member level and return this form with a check to P.O. Box 504, Solana Beach, CA 92075.

Or renew online at [www.sb-chs.org](http://www.sb-chs.org) by PayPal or credit card.

\_\_\_ \$25 individual      \_\_\_ \$30 family      \_\_\_ \$100 Business      \_\_\_ \$500 Lifetime

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**MODERN SQUARE DANCE CLASSES**

**THURSDAYS 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

**STARTS FEB 6, 2025 – FREE FIRST CLASS**

**ALL WELCOME !**

**SINGLES – COUPLES - FAMILIES**

**MICHAEL HAWORTH – Caller & Instructor**

**Donation \$10/Session**

**Location:**

**La Colonia Community Center**

**715 Valley Avenue, Solana Beach, CA 92075**

**No Experience Needed**

**Partner Not Required**

**REFRESHMENTS!**

**It's Lots of Fun!**

**Casual Attire**

**YOU CAN DO IT!**



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**Karen at 858-226-0051**

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***2025 Meetings and Events***

Programs Chair Carol Childs and your Board of Directors welcome your input on topics for our monthly membership meetings and ideas for social gatherings.

Are there aspects of Solana Beach history you want to learn more about? Do you have questions about how our local government works? Do you have suggestions for future, fun get-togethers?

Email [solanabeachhistory@gmail.com](mailto:solanabeachhistory@gmail.com) or send us a note at P.O. Box 504, Solana Beach, CA 92075.

***Unless otherwise noted, General Meetings start at 5 p.m. at La Colonia Community Center, 715 Valley Ave.***

**February 13: Four Seasoned Young Virtuosi perform works by Vivaldi from the Four Seasons**

**March 13:** Steve Wilkens remembers his family's hardware and gardening store on Lomas Santa Fe Drive at Hwy. 101

**April 10:** Trash Talk with EDCO: Get answers to your organic waste and recycling questions. Learn why EDCO considers Solana Beach to be one of its finest recycling customers -- and how we could be even better.

**May 8:** City Manager Alyssa Muto provides an update on our City's many initiatives.

**June 12:** Scholarship awards dinner and installation of 2025-26 Executive Board.

**Crafts Workshops** are from 1 to 3 p.m. on the **fourth Thursday** of the month, starting in January. All are invited.

**The SeaWeeders Garden Club** meets at 10:30 a.m. on the **second Tuesday** of the month, September through June, at the cottage behind the Boys & Girls Club, 533 Lomas Santa Fe Dr.