

Music Academy of the West Women's Auxiliary

Welcomes New Members



New MAW Women's Auxiliary Officers: **Charlene Nagel**, Vice-chair; **Marie-Paule Hajdu**, Corresponding Secretary; **Holiday Vaill**, Ways & Means Co-chair; **Meg DiNapoli**, Chair; **Linda Ring**, Assistant Treasurer; **Susan Case**, Recording Secretary; **Debbie Geremia**, Treasurer; and **Julie Morrow**, Ways & Means Co-chair

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MAY MADNESS IS BEHIND THEM and as they prepare for the 63rd annual Music Academy of the West Summer Festival, the MAW Women's Auxiliary slowed down to enjoy their annual meeting and luncheon at La Cumbre Country Club. The Auxiliary welcomed 19 new members and inducted the officers for the upcoming year.

At the meeting Auxiliary Treasurer, Debbie Geremia, presented MAW President NancyBell Coe with a check for \$100,000 to support the Academy's full scholarship program for young, gifted musicians and singers. The money was raised through The Rack and Treasure House sales and the annual May Madness event, a massive yard and estate sale held at the Music Academy of the West grounds.

"I'm looking forward to my second year as Chair of the Auxiliary, working with enthusiastic and dedicated women as we enjoy the many musical events offered at our meetings and at the Academy while at the same time providing support to the full scholarship program," shared Meg DiNapoli, MAW Women's Auxiliary Chair.

Shirley Cribbs, an active Auxiliary member since 1994 was recognized as honorary member for her membership and 16 years of dedicated service. During that time, Cribbs helped develop the Compeer program where students are paired with local patrons

that sponsor and often include students in social activities outside of the Music Academy.

This year's new Auxiliary Members include Edith Clark, Marilyn Conrad, Karen Crawford, Maggie Gallant, Jessica Greco, Valerie Harrison, Susan Johnson, Andria Kahmann, Patricia Kruse, Dana Machalleck, Robin Madden, JoAnn Mermis, Carla Pattone Newgord, Brenda Downing Nichols, Joyce Painter, Elizabeth (Betsy) Ross, Dale Van Mill, Karen Warshaw, and Marilyn Zellet.

"Members of the Auxiliary, which was formed 56 years ago, serve as hostess at many of the over 200 events," shared DiNapoli. "The 195 active and sustaining members support the Music Academy of the West through fundraising and volunteer efforts and their year-round activities also include staffing the Treasure House and The Rack boutiques."

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Secretary; Debbie Geremia, Treasurer; Linda Ring, Assistant Treasurer; and Julie Morrow and Holiday Vaill, Ways & Means Co-chairs.

The 63rd Music Academy Summer Festival begins on June 21st and concludes on August 14th. For more information visit www.musicacademy.org.



Shirley Cribbs, New Honorary Member



New MAW Women's Auxiliary Member **Karen Crawford** with **Joann Rodrigue**



New MAW Women's Auxiliary Members: Back: **Susan Johnson**; **Elizabeth (Betsy) Ross**; **Dana Machalleck**; **Edith Clark**; **Robin Madden**; **Dale Van Mill**; and **Joyce Painter**. Front: **Patricia Kruse**; **Valerie Harrison**; **JoAnn Mermis**; **Brenda Downing Nichols**; **Marilyn Zellet**; and **Marilyn Conrad**. (Not pictured: **Maggie Gallant**, **Jessica Greco**, **Andria Kahmann**, **Carla Pattone Newgord**, and **Karen Warshaw**)

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