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Congratulations! Ventura County Honor Band Students

Congratulations to the following students for being selected for the **Ventura County Middle School Honor Band!** The concert will be Friday, February 24, 2012, 7 PM at Buena High School.

Jordyn White	Flute	Monte Vista Middle School
Helen Zhang	Flute	Las Colinas Middle School
Derek Chun	Clarinet	Las Colinas Middle School
Aaron Talabucon	Trumpet	Las Colinas Middle School

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THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH DECEMBER EVENTS

SOKM is grateful to all those who came out in December to help with the many holiday concerts and activities in which the YAA/PVSD bands participated. These events could not take place without the help of our many volunteers!

A huge thank you to **Keiko Chun** who ordered and distributed ALL the Youth Arts Academy and Las Colinas uniform shirts. And, a double thank you to **Keiko Chun** for soliciting all of the refreshments and volunteers for the December events!

Helped with the **Camarillo Christmas Parade** as chaperones and/or with refreshments at the end of the parade: [Jennifer Blok](#), [Benny Tan](#), [Therese Norris](#), [Keith Hogan](#), [Jason White](#), [Mike Couchman](#), [Keiko Chun](#), [Karen Gatchel](#), [Iain Anderson](#), [Peggy Smith](#), [Tracy Puyot](#), [Chuck Hubbard](#), [Curtis Taylor](#), [Leah Jennings](#), [Sheryl Chan](#), [Kathy Sheehan](#), [Jenifer Cohn](#), [Shawna Hernandez](#), [Tracey Anthony](#), [Bebe Kushner](#), [Leona Liu](#), [Katie Hosch](#), and [Julie Moore](#).

Provided refreshments, made announcements or helped distribute at **Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf** on 12/3: [Brunilda Wright](#), [Amy Sarinana](#), [Prediya Menon](#), [Tricia Cary](#), [Yu Reid](#), [Suzy Chase](#), [Brooke Stevens](#), [Tracy Puyot](#), [Leanne Hill](#), [Michelle Cronk](#), [Tina Sutcavage](#), [Tanya Hardisty](#), [Ray and Cristina Padolina](#), [Tracey d'Huart](#), [Ming Li](#), [Samantha Fitts](#), [Nidhi Khatore](#), [Sheryl Chan](#), [Keiko Chun](#), [Kathy Sheehan](#), [Wynelle Ririe](#), [Rhonda Smith](#), [Carol Bjordahl](#), [Jennifer Macasieb](#), [Stanley Baratta](#), [Amanda Mahan](#), [Angela Capponi](#), [Katrina Lyon](#), [Yana Reese](#), [Tobi Schneider](#), [Jenifer Cohn](#), [Charlene Coster](#), [Brenda Taormina](#), [Curtis Taylor](#), [Robin Belvedere](#), [Theingi Thway](#), [Charlene Paragas](#), [Holly Butler](#), [Heather McCoy](#), [Kym and Geoff Chatfield](#), [Joanne Carolan](#), [Iain Anderson](#), [Bev Matsumura](#), [Keiko Chun](#), and [Betty Weyek](#).

Helped with **Holiday Strings Concert Refreshments**: [James Bjordahl](#), [Rebecca Stenzel](#), [Leona Liu](#), [Stephanie Rodriguez](#), [Elizabeth De La Pena](#), [Brooke Stevens](#), [Rhonda Smith](#), [Kim Nguyen](#), [Soraya Thenoz](#), [Shiela Domingo](#), [Eveees Ibrahim Joy Carino](#), [Carol Bjordahl](#), [Claridad Holmes](#), [Karen Gatchel](#), [Betty Weyek](#), and [Barb McKown](#).

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SOKM PRESENTS DONATION TO PVSD/YAA THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

In November 2011, **\$33,856** was donated by Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM) to the Pleasant Valley School District. The money was donated at the PVSD board meeting in November. SOKM Board members in attendance were Karen Gatchel, who spoke, Richard Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Barb McKown and Iain Anderson.

\$10,000 was donated for Beginning Band at Las Colinas, \$10,000 for Beginning Band at Monte Vista, and the remaining went to support the Pleasant Valley School District Youth Arts Academy classes including Beginning Strings, Intermediate Strings, Orchestra, Chorus/Musical Theater, Ceramics, and Painting & Drawing.

It is because of people who give generously to SOKM that we are able to offer this financial support to these music and art programs. Thanks! To view the donor list, click [Donors](#).

SOKM GENERAL MEETING: ALL WELCOME!

SOKM's Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 17, at 7:30 pm** at the Los Altos School site, room C-3, 700 Temple Ave. in Camarillo. Come find out what SOKM is all about, and how you can help!

LIST OF CONTACTS NOW ON WEBSITE

Do you need to get in touch with someone about a specific group, such as The Off Beats or Beginning Strings? A list of contacts is now posted on the SOKM website. Just go to sokm.net and **click on Contacts** for the correct contact person's name, email address, and phone number.

UPDATED PRIVATE MUSIC TEACHER LIST ON WEBSITE

Save Our Kids' Music provides a list of private music teachers as a resource for parents. Private lessons provide one on one instruction for students that supplement the learning they receive in a group setting. Click [list](#) to see the names.

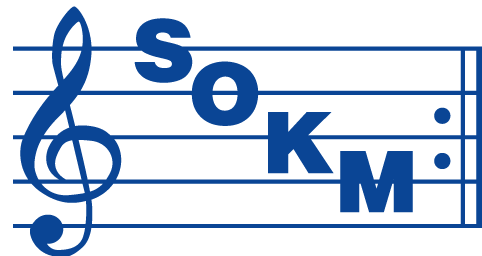
SOKM does not endorse any particular teacher. It is the responsibility of the parent and student to find a teacher that is suitable for the learning style and temperament of the student. Scheduling and fee discussions are to be made between the teacher and the parent.

The Music Teachers Association of California (MTAC) - Pleasant Valley/Ventura County Branch also provides a list of members who teach in the local area. Please visit their website (www.pv-vcmtac.org) and click on "Find a Teacher."



Ralph's Community Contribution Program
Important--Please Re-register!

Registration for Ralph's community contribution program opened effective **September 1, 2011.** **If you did not re-register after that date, you MUST re-register in order to participate in the program.** Details can be found at www.Ralphs.com. SOKM receives a donation every time you shop at Ralph's and swipe your card, so, **please show your support for SOKM through this great program!** SOKM's number is #91608.



Save Our Kids' Music

2011-2012 Fundraising Campaign: \$100 from 350!

As state budget cuts continue to impact music and arts education, SOKM is committed to raising the necessary funds to keep the music alive. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have been able to maintain the music and art offerings for the students of Camarillo and Ventura County.

Currently, SOKM helps to fund three classes of band at each comprehensive middle school: Monte Vista and Las Colinas. It also helps fund the summer and after-school PVSD Youth Arts Academy (YAA), which is open to all students in Ventura County and which offers classes in Beginning and Concert Band, The Off Beats, Beginning and Intermediate Strings, Orchestra, Choral/Music Theater, Dance, Ceramics, and Painting/Drawing.

SOKM's fundraising campaign for 2011-2012 is to find 350 people who can donate \$100.

Maybe you can donate or you know of a friend, family member, or business that can help us keep the music alive!

Your money goes to purchase music, instruments, and to pay for musical instruction and scholarships for talented children who otherwise could not afford to play an instrument.

In addition, check with your employer to see if they have a **matching funds program**. We have received matching funds from **Amgen, Baxter International, Boeing, Intuit, and Verizon**. The children count on you!

SOKM is an all-volunteer organization, and 95% of donations go directly to support the programs. SOKM is a 501(c)(3) California Non-Profit organization; our tax I.D. is #77-0409136. All donations are tax deductible.

Donations can be made securely using PayPal on our website at www.sokm.net, or checks may be sent to SOKM, P.O. Box 2244, Camarillo, CA 93011.

UPCOMING EVENTS - See Calendar for More Details [Click here for the calendar](#)

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