



(RE)CONNECTED: Fuyume (back), Apgar, and Kujala listen and perform together as residents of the Shannondell retirement community in Valley Forge, Pa.

CHANCE ENCOUNTERS

No Retirement from Music

After reading “Musical Meet-Up,” (January-February), **Alice Pillischer Kujala** ’48E wrote to share her own chance encounter:

I was inspired to send this picture of three Eastman graduates from the years 1949–50. We are living in a retirement community called Shannondell at Valley Forge with 1,200 other talented, interesting senior citizens.

Horace (Hap) Apgar ’49E is sitting on the piano bench. A string bassist, he left Eastman after his freshman year to volunteer in the service and received the Bronze and Silver Stars for combat duty. After the war ended, he was transferred to the military government in Frankfurt, Germany. From there, he was placed in the monuments section, which was charged with finding and returning stolen art and artifacts. He was discharged in 1946 and returned to the Eastman School.

During his senior year, he played in the Rochester Philharmonic. In 1950, he joined the Houston Symphony. The following year, he went to the Oklahoma City Philharmonic and soon after became principal bass. Hap retired from the Oklahoma City Philharmonic 56 years later. He had a brother who lived in Valley Forge, and he moved to Shannondell in 2011.

John Fuyume ’48E, ’50E (MM) studied piano. Although we were at Eastman at the same time, we never met until he moved to Shannondell

in 2008. He’d been retired vice president and corporate secretary of Gotan and Larson Shipping Corp. in Hamilton, Bermuda, until 1990, when he cofounded the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center in New Jersey. In 2011, the government of Japan recognized him with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays, for his work preserving the history and culture of the Seabrook Japanese-American community.

John was also an honorary member of the board of managers of the Eastman School. After many years away from the piano, he is once again enjoying playing and performs frequently at Shannondell.

I studied violin. After graduation, I taught string instruments in Philadelphia public schools for two years. I returned to Rochester and taught classroom music and started an orchestra in the then Churchville-Chili Central School for three years. From there I went to the Chicago area and began teaching using the Suzuki method in the Winnetka public schools for 20-plus years. I returned to the Philadelphia area and taught private students until I moved to Shannondell in 2004 and now enjoy playing quartets with friends. John and I have also played together at Shannondell on several occasions.

Here we are after 60-plus years, having wonderful memories, enjoying our retirement, and being spoiled by beautiful surroundings. Who can ask for anything more?

Scott Worthington has released a recording of an 86-minute original composition, *Even the Light Itself Falls* (Populist Records). He performs with his trio, Ensemble et Cetera, which includes percussionist Dustin Donahue and clarinetist Curt Miller.

2010 Ben Bishop (MM) (see ’11). . . . **Kevin McDonald** (see ’10 College).

2011 Saxophonist, composer, and arranger **Marc Schwartz** ’13 (MM) has self-released his debut recording, *In the Wee Small Hours of the Night*. Joining Marc on the recording are **Adam Horowitz** ’09, ’12RC on trumpet, **Ben Bishop** ’10 (MM) on guitar, **Jeff Krol** ’13 on drums, and **Fumi Tomita** ’14 on bass.

2013 Jeff Krol (see ’11).

2014 Fumi Tomita (see ’11).

School of Medicine and Dentistry

1948 Paul Yu (Res), who died in 1991, was the subject of an article in *The American Scholar* magazine last fall. Paul led the Medical Center’s cardiology department from 1957 to 1982 and became president of the American Heart Association in 1972. The article, “The Number One Funeral Home,” written by Paul’s oldest daughter, Pauline, tells of Paul’s role as cardiologist to Chiang Kai-Shek, following the Chinese president’s heart attack in 1972, and of the state funeral Paul would receive almost two decades later in Taipei.

1964 Louis Aledort (Res) will receive an honorary doctor of medicine degree from Sweden’s University of Lund this June. Louis is an internist and hematologist at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. He’s been the Mary Weinfeld Professor of Clinical Research in Hemophilia at Mount Sinai since 1983.

1976 Fred Bieber (MS), a medical geneticist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and associate professor of pathology at Harvard Medical School, has been named to the National Commission on