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Dear friends of Chamber Players of the Redwoods:

On behalf of the board of directors I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

I'm sure you'll agree that 2020 is best looked at through the rear-view mirror. Looking ahead to 2021, we see that we are still deep in the woods. While progress is being made, the outlook for performers in any of the arts is bleak.

If we were on our regular schedule, the first concert of the season would have been November 1<sup>st</sup>; it couldn't happen. Our next program would be on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, this one also will not happen.

Our third program of the season is scheduled for May  $2^{nd}$ . Although it looks like a possibility, we would have to have plans firmly in place by March  $1^{st}$ . I don't believe this is reasonable, so unless something miraculous happens, the 2020-2021 season will fade into the mist.

The frustration and disappointment level for all of us is high. However, we all know the value of music in our lives and in our communities, so we will show some of Job's patience. Musicians continue to practice in order to keep their skills sharp for that time when we can meet together again.

So you are aware, CPOTR is financially secure at this time. We don't pay any salaries or other fees, so we only spend money when we are producing a concert. If you desire, though, we would accept donations to our cause. The address is 761 Dorothy Court, Arcata CA 95521.

Thank you for your continued support over the past 11 years. We look forward to presenting more music to stir your hearts in the not-so-distant future.

With gratitude,

Fred Tempas President, CPOTR