

Central East District of OhioMTA

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From the President

OhioMTA membership has declined about 7%, while the Central East District's membership has declined by about 12% from last year (comparing membership from 7/08-1/09 and 7/09-1/10). The weak economy is certainly a factor in the loss of membership, but I also believe that many teachers are unaware of this fine organization and what it can do for them and their students.

Invite a non-member teacher to attend the New & Prospective Member Luncheon on May 10 so that they can learn about the benefits of OhioMTA membership (see page 3 for more information). Our district has much to offer!

Susan Treer, President

Central East District, OhioMTA

Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Spring Conference on Monday, April 5 at Graves Piano & Organ Company. A vote will be taken to add Article VI Section 13 to the Constitution & Bylaws, which reads: *The following changes to district events must be approved by the appropriate Planning & Resource Team, then by the Executive Board: 1) Fees; 2) Monetary awards; 3) Repertoire guidelines; 4) Age/eligibility requirements; and 5) the Overall Structure of the event.* This motion was approved by the executive board at the January board meeting and must also be approved by 2/3 majority vote at the Annual Meeting. In addition, a vote will be taken to elect new officers for 2010-2012 (see page 3 for details).

If you have additional business to be discussed at the meeting, please notify **Susan Treer** by March 29, 2010 (caribou06@sbcglobal.net or 614-882-8064).

Keyboard Workshop

Friday, March 12 10:00 a.m. at Graves

Bonnie Kellert will present the final Piano Workshop of the year. It will be a lecture-recital entitled "Chopin with Panache" in honor of the 200th anniversary of Chopin's birth. Bonnie Kellert is president of the Washington, D.C. Music Teachers Association and is very involved in Middle Atlantic MTNA affairs. She is very well known and admired as a pianist and lecturer in the D.C. area. The *Washington Star* has written "Miss Kellert is a performer of great authority...a musician that has command of the keyboard, a brilliant mentality, and a dramatic flair balanced by sensitive insight". Being the youngest first prize winner of the Washington International Competition for Pianists and a semi-finalist in the first William Kappell International Piano Competition attest to the level of her artistry. She is also one of the leading teachers in the D.C. area. Miss Kellert holds Bachelor and Master Degrees from the Peabody Conservatory of Music where she studied with Leon Fleisher. If you love Chopin, if you teach and play Chopin, come on March 12 to hear not only beautiful playing, but to gain many valuable insights into the teaching of this composer's style.

OhioMTA/Graves Piano Competition

March 13 & 14

We have 96 students participating in this event. Our highly talented group of competitors are coming from all over Ohio. Judges are Haewon Song, Robert Shannon from Oberlin College, and Lian Siok Tan from Miami University.

Our Young Artist event will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. and will feature the most advanced group of students from universities.

All are invited to these events, which are open to the public.

District Festival

Congratulations to all who participated in this year's District Festival. We had approximately 240 students of piano and violin perform. Thank you to everyone who made this event run smoothly and volunteered their time to make this a special day for the students.

We will be holding a contest to come up with a new name for the District Festival. Please have students submit creative ideas by **Saturday, April 24, 2010**. We will present the top picks to the Board at our next meeting on **May 10** to see who the winner is. The winner will receive free admission to participate in the next District Festival and will have their name featured in the program. Submissions can be sent to **Lizbeth Atkinson** at liz.piano@hotmail.com.

Please include name of student, address, phone number, email, teacher name, teacher phone number, and teacher email.

Monday Morning Musicales

The next Monday Morning Musicales is scheduled for March 29, 2010 at 10 a.m. in Graves Recital Hall. Take advantage of this opportunity to play in a relaxed setting. Invite your adult student or advancing high school students to participate. Memorization is not required, the pianos are excellent, and you and your students will benefit from the experience. The deadline in the 2009 -2010 handbook is not strictly enforced so if, within the week before the musicale, you find you are able to perform please contact **Martha Buckalew, NCTM** at 267-6293 or mhbuckalew@sbcglobal.net

Mark your calendars...
OhioMTA State Conference
November 11-13, 2010
Cleveland Marriott East
Nelita True, featured speaker

SPRING CONFERENCE

Don't miss **Bradley Sowash**, nationally known jazz pianist and pedagogue, as he presents "**Learn Your Chords, Kid**" at Graves Piano and Organ Company. Bradley brings richness and excitement to piano lessons as he uses knowledge of chords and scales as a foundation for improvisation.

Using techniques developed in Sowash's private teaching studio, participants will learn a practical approach to teaching harmony, pop/jazz chord symbols and key signatures that reinforce students' understanding of the chord/scale relationship. Fun and practical applications of music theory for participants of all ability levels will be included through live demonstration and written examples.

Mr. Sowash will include tips gleaned from his years as a jazz musician on making chords and scales more fun to practice and more relevant to your students' repertoire.

Columbus's own acclaimed jazz pianist, composer, author, recording artist, and educator, Bradley Sowash has delighted listeners of all ages in concert halls and churches throughout the United States and Europe for over two decades.

The Spring Conference begins at 9:30 a.m. on April 5 and will include our presenter, a brief business meeting, and refreshments for all. Don't miss this one!

News from the Collegiate Chapter at Capital University

Philip Cordell, Faculty Advisor for this chapter, held a pizza party meeting for college students interested in MTNA. The value of organizations such as MTNA was stressed, and student Jordan Werring made a presentation on the interesting ways in which students can use MTNA as a resource for teaching. She also mentioned her fun experience at the National Conference in Atlanta last year. Some of the students at the meeting had teachers who are members of OhioMTA and recognized some of the activities.

Another meeting is being planned to help students learn more about MTNA. We appreciate Philip's efforts and hope to see student members from Capital getting involved in our district activities.

Out and About

The Out and About committee reports that Riverside Hospital has rescinded their policy against children under 16 visiting the hospital. Thus, we will be resuming our **Sound of Mind and Body** programs there, wherein our students perform on the first Sunday of each month as a public service, meeting in the hospital lobby at 1:15 and playing in three relatively non-infectious hospital locations from 1:30 to 2:30. **Melissa Robol, NCTM** can accept up to 3 more performers for Sunday March 7 if you contact her by Friday March 5 (via her contact information in our directory).

We will return on the first Sunday in April (yes, on Easter Sunday) and in May, then take a hiatus until next October. This is a grand public performance opportunity for your students preparing for seasonal recitals or Guild auditions in a noncompetitive setting. Registration forms are available on our website under Student Activities.

Remember that this year is the first in our **STARS** program (**Students and Teachers supporting the ARTS**). You can also find registration forms on our website for any of your students who submit to you seven programs from musical events they have attended this year. At our Spring Conference we will draw several entrants for prizes (tickets from some of our local performing arts organizations). We have already received a gift certificate worth \$90 for next season at Ballet Met for one lucky student. Make sure some of your students participate!

Just last week the Columbus Dispatch reported that once again our symphony musicians are being asked to take another salary cut. Our STARS program was conceived to encourage our students to attend concerts by the Symphony and many other fine musical groups, not only to assist the groups materially but to encourage and motivate our students.

Membership Information

Our annual New Members Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 10, following the Spring Board Meeting. If you have a friend or colleague you think might be interested in joining our organization, please forward their contact information to Membership Chairman Paula O'Green at 614-836-7753 or paulaogreen@columbus.rr.com.

Invitations will be sent out in April.

Central East District, OMTA 2010-12 Nominations for Officers

President	Susan Treer
Immediate Past President	Suzanne Newcomb
Treasurer	Bruce Piper
Recording Secretary	Rachel M. Mills
Vice President, Member Services	TBA
Vice President, Student Activities	Liz Atkinson
Vice President, Teacher Activities	Sharon Walton
Vice President, Communications	TBA

Check the website, www.ceomta.org, by March 5 for the final proposed slate of officers and chairmen.

There is still a need to fill a few of the chairman positions. If you would like to get involved, please contact Suzanne Newcomb at snewcomb@columbus.rr.com to discuss the best fit.



Melissa Robol, NCTM, recently received national certification.

Welcome, New Members

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Welcome Back, Renewed Members

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