

OhioMTA Western District
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Newsletter – August, 2014

Welcome back everyone to a stimulating, fulfilling year ahead! Western District gives a “special” welcome also to its six new members and one returning member. They are Janet Lynne Davis, Samee Griffith, Carla M. Grossman, Barbara Leeds, Dr. Jackson Leung, Jennifer Shoup and Jia Yu How-VanderMeer. We hope you will try to attend our Sept. 3 meeting, outlined below, and see all the exciting ways to really be involved in WD!

Upcoming Events and Deadlines:

Sept. 1: Reminder: State Conference Masterclass recordings are due.

*See details, 2nd pg.

Sept. 3: “Our Year Ahead!” This kick-off meeting introduces members to an overview of WD’s activities and events for the upcoming year. A special presentation will highlight the OhioMTA State Conference, which is hosted by our own Western District! Come out to meet the other District members and pick up your yearbook and study activity packet. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Where: BHA Piano Center, 868 S. Patterson Blvd, Dayton, Ohio

Time: 10 a.m. (Board Meeting at 8:45 a.m. sharp)

Parking: Out of consideration for BHA customers and employees, please park in the Apple St. parking lot across the street from BHA. Thanks!

Oct. 16-18 OhioMTA State Conference: Western District is very proud and excited to be hosting this year’s State Conference. Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, our conference chair, along with the planning committee have been working diligently for many months to make sure it is a great success! ***This will truly be a very memorable event that you will want to be a part of!***

Where: Wilmington College, 1870 Quaker Way, Wilmington, Ohio

When: Thurs., Oct. 16 at noon –to- Sat., Oct. 18, 2:30 p.m.

Parking: ALL FREE!

We have a fabulous line-up of presenters, including Conference Artist Louis Nagel, Julie Jaffee Nagel, Rita Hauck, and many more. Be sure to register early, and help spread the word that conference and hotel registration are open. Go here for the complete conference schedule, registration and link for hotel accommodations: ohiomta.org/

[conferences.html](#). Just scroll down to the lower part of the page. You may register online, or you may download the pdf form to mail in your registration if you prefer. For the special hotel Conference Rate, use code: OMT.

We know that you'll want to take part in Western District's hosting of OhioMTA State Conference too, and there will be plenty of opportunity to do so! Please let Sonya, (937) 428-9285, szabo.reynolds@sbcglobal.net, or any committee/board members (to be introduced at our Sept. 3 meeting) know of your interest. We will gather names at this first important meeting of the year.

***Masterclass recording:** Students will be chosen by a qualified anonymous, independent adjudicator. Submit recordings (CD or mp3 file, etc.) to Deborah Macaulay, 1917 Pittsfield St., Dayton, OH 45420; mdkmacaulay@gmail.com. Notification of results: September 20.

Western District Announcements: These three positions need to be filled along with a Committee for position 2 below:

- 1) **Webmaster Officer:** Our current Webmaster, Lynn Mellum is the incoming 1st VP, Programs. You may call her for more info. on the Webmaster position, which is also a Board Member position, at (937) 407-2425, or email lynn.mellum@gmail.com.
- 2) **Student Activities – Ribbon Festival & Scale Olympics Chair & Committee:** Our previous Chair, Mary Anne Blazer, retired from this position after many years of dedicated service. Call or “preferred text” to Deborah Macaulay, 2nd V.P., Student Activities, (937) 286-8567 if you are interested. Deborah is currently reorganizing this very popular and valuable student event so that responsibilities may be divided among several members.
- 3) **Music Development Program Chair:** (formerly TAP). Virgie Oost retired this year after faithfully serving our District for many years. She graciously agreed to hold this position until a new chair is found. This position is basically a liaison between our members and the Royal Conservatory Music Development Program (full name). Please call Virgie at (937) 864-2876 or email oostpiano@hotmail.com if you are interested.

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**Kathleen A. Husko, President
OhioMTA – Western District**

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