

OhioMTA Western District
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Member Newsletter – January, 2015

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 14: **Jennifer Shoup, Owner, Piano Preparatory School**
2nd Wed. “Lecture-Recital using variation forms as teaching tools,
featuring Beethoven’s 32 Variations in C minor”
***Location:** University of Dayton, Sears Recital Hall (Jesse Phillips
Humanities Building) Park in Lot C (Stonemill & Evanston)
Time: 10 a.m. (note: Board Meeting at 8:45 a.m.)

****Note: Please note this change of location from our Yearbook.*** Directions for those unfamiliar with UD campus: take Erma Bombeck/Brown St. to Irving (Ben & Jerry’s on the corner) and take Irving east. Then go north--only way to turn on Evanston. Parking Lot C is on the left.

Feb. 4: **Dr. Lyle and Connie Anderson, NCTM**
Wed. “Cantabile: Pianists Who Sing”, teaching effective musical phrasing
Location: Cedarville University, Dixon Ministry Center Recital Hall
(See Yearbook)

WESTERN DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RIBBON FESTIVAL & SCALE OLYMPICS--HUGE SUCCESS!

Deborah Macaulay, NCTM and Chair reports: “We had 23 participating teachers. There were 185 students registered to play at the Ribbon Festival. 137 blue, 28 red and two white ribbons were awarded. For Scale Olympics, 665 blue ribbons, 25 red ribbons, and one white ribbon were awarded. 117 students received rosettes!

Thank you to all the teachers and volunteers who made this event possible. There was a strong attitude of cooperation and courtesy among those who served, and this helped to make the day a positive experience for the parents and students. We are very grateful to God for the unusually mild weather, which also helped to make this event a success.”

The hard-working committee consisted of Deborah Macaulay, Judy Bede, Leah Hogg and Laura Atkins, with Mary Anne Blazer serving as special adviser and supervisor of the scale/ribbon desk. Western District gives you all a “*heart-felt thanks.*”

Recording Secretary Board Member Position: Diane Larochelle, our current Recording Secretary, is stepping down, effective May 2015. We are urgently looking for someone to fill this vital position on our Board! Duties are listed in the Constitution for Western District OhioMTA, Article V, Section 7 (p. 37 of this year's Yearbook). Diane will be happy to speak to anyone interested in serving in this important position.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM AMY WANG, CERTIFICATION CHAIR: "It is time for YOU to nominate a 2015 *Certified Teacher of the Year*. The Candidate must be a dues-paying member and must have gone through one certification renewal period. If you would like to nominate a teacher, **please email me at artofpianoplaying@gmail.com before January 31, 2015**. Members will vote at the March meeting. Thanks."

OhioMTA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OhioMTA Scholarship: Submission Deadline is Feb. 1, 2015

- Open to any student of an Ohio teacher
- Awards up to \$200 for continued music study in the area of the student's choice
- Winners will be notified by March 15, 2015
- <http://www.ohiomta.org/scholarships.html>

This year's OhioMTA conference will take place at the Sheraton Columbus at Capital Square, Columbus, Nov. 12 – 14, 2015

Featured artist Antonio Pompa-Baldi is a distinguished faculty member at the Cleveland Institute of Music, winner of the 1999 Cleveland International Piano Competition and Silver Medalist of the 2001 Van Cliburn Competition. You will also have the opportunity to see the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

Check out this link: <http://www.ohiomta.org/conferences.html>

MTNA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This year's conference will take place at the Rio All-Suites Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, March 21-25. The member registration rate up to Feb. 3 "only" is \$375—after that, it goes up to \$475. The early registration rate, unfortunately, has passed.

MTNA has planned a fabulous lineup of artists including Lady Jeanne Galway and Sir James Galway, the Canadian Brass, and Ann Schein. Piano sensation Lang Lang will present an advanced piano master class and Scott McBride Smith will conduct an intermediate piano master class. The popular pre-conference event Pedagogy Saturday features four tracks this year, touching on topics sure to be of interest to ALL music teachers. The five-day MTNA conference will also feature numerous professional workshops, sessions, industry showcases and a comprehensive exhibit hall along with MTNA's national student competitions!

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, sight-see, network, and have fun with more than 2,000 of your friends and colleagues from across the country.

Conference Details: <https://members.mtna.org/conference2015/index.html>

National Piano Foundation RMM Teacher Scholarship –

- **Submission Deadline:** Jan. 15, 2015
- **\$500 Award**
- **Link:** <http://www.mtna.org/programs/awards/award-applications/>

New Six-Month MTNA Membership Available: This new membership term allows new members to join MTNA and many of its state affiliates in January, giving them a half-price introduction to all that MTNA has to offer. MTNA encourages us to reach out to non-member teachers and new teachers interested in our local programs and student competitions, etc.

Check out the Members-only Section of MTNA Website: Popular publications now available include a brief tax guide for the independent music teacher, connection tools for talking with parents and students and more. In addition, you will find valuable legal documents for your studio. Your e-mail address and member number are required for access. Feel free to contact mtnanet@mtna.org or (888) 512-5278 if you have any ideas or suggestions, as the site will be updated regularly to serve the members' needs.

MTNA Address Update: Music Teachers National Assoc., 1 W. 4th St., Suite 1550, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

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

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