

**OhioMTA Western District**  
**OhioMtawest.org**

**Newsletter –October, 2014**

**[Ohio-MTA Conference Report \(WD – Hosts\)](#) - *Registered: 112!***

Memorable, inspiring, and motivating are the words that come to mind reflecting on our recent OhioMTA State Conference in Wilmington, Oct. 16 - 18. President Richard van Dyke thanked Sonya Reynolds, as chair of our conference committee, for her expert planning and leadership. He acknowledged with gratitude the conference committee at the general business meeting on Saturday, Oct. 18: Judy Bede, Jenny Cruz, Marsha Holcomb, Merri Kozlowski-Klode, Deborah Macaulay, and the writer.

The Committee appreciates those WD members assisting with registration, name badges, and other details. This was “real teamwork” that culminated in an excellent conference, as echoed by so many attendees--way to go Western District! Thanks, also, to Annette Hoverman, OhioMTA Board, VP-Conferences, for her great support. In addition, the participation of the advertisers and exhibitors was fantastic.

**Merri Kozlowski-Klode** was awarded a 25-year membership plaque. ***Congratulations Merri!*** (There were a total of 27, 25-year honorees and two, 50-year honorees.)

**Judy Bede** was thanked by OhioMTA for her six years of dedicated service as President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President (member of outgoing Executive Committee). ***We are proud of you, Judy!***

**Masterclass Student Participants with Dr. Louis Nagel: *(Well Done Students!)***

Vania Jiao & Jason Xiao	teacher Daira Skriblis
Christiana Burks	teacher Deborah Macaulay
Taylor Wang	teacher Dr. Eric Street

**Upcoming WD Events:**

- Nov. 2**      **WD Student Recital, 2:30 p.m.**  
**Kettering Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
**Guest Artist: Dr. Jenny Cruz**
- Nov. 5**      **WD Program: Phyllis J. Warner, NCTM**  
**“Left Brain + Right Brain = Beautiful Musicianship”**

**Piano Preparatory School, Beavercreek – 10 a.m.**

**Note: Board Meeting: 8:45 a.m. sharp**

**Western District Announcements:**

**This position remains open:**

**Webmaster Office:** Do you enjoy working on the computer and expanding your skills? We need you! Give Lynn a call at (937) 407-2425 or email [lynn.mellum@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.mellum@gmail.com).

**Ribbon Festival/Scale Olympics Update:** “Thank you” to Dr. Jackson Leung, our faculty sponsor for Wright State, on Saturday, December 13. If you have any questions regarding this event, contact Deborah Macaulay, (937) 286-8567, text preferred, or email [mdkmacaulay@gmail.com](mailto:mdkmacaulay@gmail.com).

**Other OhioMTA News:**

**Newly Installed OhioMTA Executive Committee for 2014-15:**

Andrea McAlister, President

Suzanne Newcomb, President-Elect

Richard Van Dyke, Immediate Past President

Joy Morin, VP-Membership

Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, VP-Conferences *Congratulations, Sonya!*

Annette Hoverman, VP-Affiliate Associations

Jerry Wong, VP – Student Activities

Brent Schloneger, Treasurer

**The next OhioMTA conference will be held in Columbus, November 12 – 14, 2015.**

It will be hosted by the Central East District, with Suzanne Newcomb, chair. It takes place downtown at the Sheraton at Capital Square and within walking distance of a Friday night Columbus Symphony concert! *Proposal Deadline: November 30*

**MTNA NEWS:** The 2015 National Conference will be at the Rio Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 21 – 25. For more details: visit [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org).

**“INSPIRE THE DESIRE TO ASPIRE”**

**Kathleen A. Husko, President**

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