



August 2009

President's Letter, Part One ...

Dear Colleagues,

As many of you know, my husband Ken was laid off in March after 21 years with Rex Lumber Company. After much stress and many sleepless nights, Ken was able to find a job in Salt Lake City, which may seem crazy. However, this fall, all three of our children will be in Utah, and we are expecting the arrival of our first grandchild in August! I also have extended family there including my aging parents, so it is a perfect time to make a move like this. We were very fortunate in this economy to sell our house quickly, and will be moving August 5th. We have been extremely blessed through this entire adventure.

Because of this unexpected life-changing event, I must resign as President of the Lehigh Valley Chapter PMTA. It has truly been an honor to work with so many talented and professional people in this organization. I have enjoyed so much the friendships I have made over the past sixteen years. I always felt that being a part of LVC PMTA enhanced my teaching and greatly increased opportunities for my students.

I am extremely happy to report that your new president is the very capable Carolyn Anderson. Please do your best to cooperate fully with Carolyn. She will need help from everyone since she has graciously agreed to serve as president on very short notice.

I will miss you all,

Sincerely,

Dana Harlos

President's Letter, Part Two ...

To all members of the LV Chapter of PMTA:

As most of you know, Dana Harlos, who has for the past two years prepared intensively to sit as your president during the upcoming term, must move from our area. As vice-president she has been extremely efficient. We had all looked forward to working with her when she moved into the presidency. This is not to be, but we are grateful for her short period of leadership and her continuing efforts over the summer to effect as smooth a transition as possible. Thank you for everything, Dana, and best wishes to you and your family as you embark on the next stage of your life in Utah.

I feel honored and awed by the trust you have placed in my ability to preside over our organization during the next two years. I would not claim to be ready in any sense. Already I have begun accepting the offers of assistance from former presidents and board members. Thank you all for your confidence and encouragement, and particularly your help in the planning for fall events 2009. Several individuals who have served in many capacities over the years have volunteered for committees, and most committee positions have been filled. VERY IMPORTANT: A vice-president is needed immediately. The Lehigh Valley Chapter is your professional link to PMTA and MTNA. Please consider contributing your time and enthusiasm to help provide the continuity needed in an effective organization.

You have my promise to work diligently for the chapter, in order that we may together continue to provide many opportunities for successful experiences for our students.

Your president,
Carolyn Anderson

CONCERT NEWS 2009-2010

Note the corrected year – 2010!

Allentown Symphony Concert - Sunday, April 11, 2010 – 3 pm
"Gypsy Rhythms" -- Hary Janos Suite featuring the artistry of Laurence Kaptain on the Cimbalom

Bartok's "Concerto for Orchestra"

RECITALS 2009-1010

There will be three PMTA students recital. The recital application forms are available on our website: lvpmta.org. Please send your forms a week before each recital date to Eunice Weyrich.

October 31, 2009 2PM at Peter Hall, Moravian College
December 5, 2009 2PM at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown
February 13, 2010 2PM at Peter Hall, Moravian College

If you have any questions, please call:

Eunice Weyrich
(610) 530-0084

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New contact information for:

Denise Williams
6540 Ferry Road
New Hope, PA 18938
267-293-0159
deniseawilliams25@comcast.net

Skip Wilkins
Phone number change only; use: (610) 737-2179

PARKING AT MORAVIAN COLLEGE

Parking in the lot behind the music department buildings at Moravian is restricted to those having permits. You will all be receiving parking permits with your brochures; please keep these in your car and display them on your dashboard whenever you come to Moravian for a PMTA event. The fine for either parking illegally or without a permit is \$175, and Campus Safety has a very strict enforcement policy. Please remember to use your permits, and, if you invite a non-member, suggest parking under the bridge or on the street. Exception: Campus Safety is informed of our weekend events, so parents and students will be able to use the lot for these special occasions.

--submitted by Martha Schrempel

OPERA TRIP

The date of the Opera Trip is not yet confirmed.

We have requested *Ariadne auf Naxos* by Strauss on February 1, 2010.

The alternate is *La Damnation de Faust* by Berlioz on October 19, 2009.

More information will be forthcoming in September when we find out which date we have secured.

-- submitted by Janice Derstine

Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival 2009 – Chair – Darlene Ziegler 610-8203786
dzstudio@ptd.net

Please view the State website D.S.P.F. information!

Warning! There are changes!

Changes will be made on Local website after Aug.1,2009

Dates: Local – October 3, 2009 Moravian College Bethlehem

Local Solo Fee - \$13. *Local Ensemble Fee - \$20 per ensemble

Deadline: September 14, 2009

Please use State website for Local Rating Sheet Form

***Rating sheet has change!**

Submit Applications and New Rating Sheets to:

Liz Zemanek: 202 W. Wayne Avenue

Easton, PA 18042

ezemanek@rcn.com

610-559-3905

State – November 8, 2009 Slippery Rock University

State Solo Fee - \$13. *State Ensemble Fee - \$20

Please submit checks to State Chair by mail.

Online Registration Required. Deadline: October 14, 2009

Please note:

- *Ensembles and Concertos must be adjudicated at the local festival.
- On Student Entry Form Local Application (On LVPMTA Website DSPF Forms)
*Please indicate **solo** or **ensemble** on instrument line as well as the instrument.
Also, please list the other ensemble players directly underneath instrument line,
Not on siblings line.
- Length of Time for Repertoire may not exceed 15 minutes.
- Use *New Rating Sheet (found on State Website –www.pamusicteachers.org)
- Superior Rating and 80% or higher on Theory test advances a student to State Showcase Recitals.
- All participating students must be students of a PMTA member in good standing and students **MUST RESIDE IN PENNSYLVANIA.**
- ***Teachers must accompany their students to the State Festival** and volunteer to help on recitals. If a teacher cannot attend, there is a **\$20 substitution fee. Parents will not be substitutes.**

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