



President's Message

by Millicent Callobre

For most of us the New Year represents the time for festivals, evaluations, competitions, and recitals, AND FSMTA STUDENT DAY!

In the mid-'80's when I enthusiastically resumed my piano teaching after a 7 year hiatus during which I completed my degree in Music at FIU and a year of graduate study at the U of M, I again became an active member of my local association. There was much talk about 'Student Day', and shortly thereafter I was asked to be a Judge for P, L1, L2, L3, & L4. It was then that I realized what a wonderful program it was. How much more the students experienced of written and aural theory as well as keyboard skills! After I had judged for four years, I thought 'Why am I not putting my own students into this?' And have done so ever since.

If you have hesitated to enroll students - don't hesitate another year. Even if you put ONE student in, that student will be enriched beyond the normal lesson experience. Some Districts have festivals built around Student Day, some have special recitals for those who receive honors in performance, some have Recitals for those who receive honors in all three categories. Some recitals take place the day of the test, some at a later date. Some Districts have over 400 Students enrolled, while others have 25. But whatever your District does, I urge you to get involved,

for the benefit of both you and your students.

Once begun, this commitment follows and grows in the ensuing years.

ALSO

If you have never gone to a National Conference think about going to Austin this year!. Many of us don't think about the National Organization or beyond our local association. However, most our yearly dues go to MTNA. Yes, we all enjoy reading the American Music Teacher Magazine, and some of our state teachers enroll students in the MTNA Competitions each fall, and some have received the various grants offered, but, only a handful of our 900+ members attend the five-day Conference. I have attended three since being a member of MTNA and will be

representing our State in Austin this year and in Toronto in 2007. There are so many programs/workshops to attend, and over 700 exhibits, (and yes, there is even a mailing service to send home what you don't want to carry with you). Hearing the concerts, the winning compositions and watching the competitions has been especially an eye opener for me. You think that the last student you heard has to be the winner - until the next performer comes along with an 'electrifying edge' and blows the prior competitor away! Give your Dec/Jan Magazine a second look and fill out the application. Let me know if you are going. We will try to have Florida member dinners and lunches together.

"Music is the Art of Thinking with Sounds"...
Combarieu

**Congratulations to the
Ridge Music Teachers Association
celebrating their 50th Anniversary!**

**Call for Workshop Proposals
for 2006 State Conference**

The FSMTA Conference Planning Committee is looking for educational workshop presenters for the upcoming state conference. If you would like to be considered as a workshop presenter or clinician, please email your proposal to Tim Murphy at tmurphymus@yahoo.com.

FSMTA Conference 2006

FSMTA Conference 2006 will be held at the Continuing Education Conference Center of Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, October 26-29, 2006. Lodgings will be available both on campus at the Conference Center and at the nearby Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort.

*Duncan MacMillan
FSMTA Conference 2006 Chair*

Master Class Invitation

The Brevard Music Teachers
Association invites you
to attend a

Master Class
Saturday February 18
Eastminster Presbyterian Church
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Dr. Gary Wolf and the music of
Mozart

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Byrd Piano Ensemble and Gray Perry Competitions

By Norma Mastrogiacomo, Chairman

The annual Byrd Piano Ensemble and Gray Perry competitions will be held on Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st as part of the FSMTA Competitive Events. They will be held at the University of Florida School of Music in Gainesville. Deadline for applications is April 8th, 2006. I will be chairing both of these events. Teachers wishing to submit students for either the Byrd Piano Ensemble or the Gray Perry Young Collegiate Piano Award should request blanks from me and return the application forms by April 8th. Requirements for both are listed in the Handbook of Student Activities, or I will be glad to send them to you.

The Byrd Piano Ensemble Award has two categories: Pre college (students who have not completed high school at the time the application is submitted) and College. Students present a short program of choice: Pre college: 5-15 min. College: 8-20 minutes. Students should present piano ensemble compositions of generally recognized musical standards. Memorization is not required. Chairman can send list of representative repertoire.

Gray Perry Young Collegiate Piano Award is for college students in their first and second years of college piano study. Any piano student of a FSMTA member who is at a private or public college or university in Florida is eligible for this competition. Students should perform two or three memorized pieces from contrasting style periods, total length of 15-20 minutes. This is an excellent chance for the younger students to gain experience in competition performance.

I hope you will be interested in these two excellent competitions, and will look forward to having good participation in these events.

Newsletter Deadlines for 2005-2006

April/May issue - March 10

Also be sure to watch our website fnta.org for
additional news!

Applications are now being accepted by the LeRoy Greenspan Community Service Award and the Local Presidents Community Service Award. Each award is given to the student of a member teacher, in recognition of leadership, achievement, and service to the community in the field of music.

Are you a new member of FSMTA? Or perhaps you have been a member for many years, but have never recommended any of your students for these awards. Let me explain what they are and how your students can apply.

The Greenspan Award

This award, funded by Roslyn Greenspan in memory of her husband, is given to a high school senior (or junior who has received approval for early admission to college). Students are judged on achievement in the last three years of high school. State winners receive a plaque and five hundred dollars.

The Local Presidents Award

This award is given to a ninth grade student. Students are judged on achievements in seventh, eighth, and ninth grade. State winners receive a plaque and one hundred dollars.

Procedure

1. Obtain an application from your local or district president or download from our website, fsmta.org.
2. Survey your students. Have any of your students in twelfth or ninth grade been involved in community service in the field of music during the past three years?
3. Have them record on the application their service activities in school, church or synagogue, community, and personal activities in music.

FSMTA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

*by Community Service Awards Chairman
Diane Mauch, NCTM, FSCTM*

4. Make sure all rules and instructions are followed.
5. Give the application to your local president who will then appoint a committee to select the county winner of both awards.
6. Applications must be submitted to the county committee by March 15th. A certificate and a plaque are given to each county winner by FSMTA. The local association may also elect to give a plaque. Honorable mentions receive a certificate. These awards should be presented at the student's high school Senior Awards Assembly.
7. Winning entries from each county must be submitted to the state chairman by April 1st. The local MTA (not the applicant) sends a fee of \$25 payable to FSMTA; this must accompany the application.
8. A state winner for both awards will then be selected from the county winner applicants. The winners are presented a plaque and cash award at the FSMTA State Conference in the fall.

Reminders and Suggestions

1. Prepare a press release for your local newspaper after you have selected your winners. This is great publicity for our organization.
2. Teachers, please survey your students; do you have any that may be able to apply in the next two years? If so, have them record their community service activities in the field of music as they go along. This makes the application process much easier for the student. Keep it on file in your studio.
3. Show the application to parents of students who may be eligible to apply in the near future. This is a wonderful incentive for them to be supportive of any community service events you have scheduled for your studio. You might also explain these awards in your studio policy.
4. Don't forget your younger students (Local Presidents Award); these young people are our future in music.

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Membership Update

by Marc Hebda, *out going Vice President of Membership*

Since the previous newsletter, FSMTA is very pleased to welcome the following new members.

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FSMTA Congratulates RMTA On their Golden Anniversary

Thanks to Mrs. Billye Mullins Smith of Winter Haven who, seeing the increased number of teachers in the Ridge area, began the process that resulted in the formation RMTA in 1956. Charter members included Billye Mullins Smith, Helen Dahlgrin Edwards, Charmaine Lingmayer Hemenway, John Z. Nelson and Moody L. Chisholm.

Ridge Music Teachers Association celebrated their 50th anniversary on Saturday, January 14th at Florida Southern College, Lakeland. After a brief RMTA business meeting, the festivities began with a workshop on Ornamentation and Baroque Interpretation, followed by a Master class, both presented by Rebecca Penneys, Visiting Artist at St. Petersburg College. Professor of Piano at Eastman School

of Music, Rebecca Penneys is the founder of the New Arts Trio and chair of the Chautauqua Piano Department. Current RMTA students were presented in the Master Class with Ms. Penneys. The evening culminated with a 50th Anniversary dinner held at the FSC Melvin Art Gallery and concert by professional musicians who have studied with RMTA teachers.

It is befitting that both the Master Class and the concert were presented by past and present students of teachers of RMTA: a tribute to RMTA's commitment to developing the talents of countless students over the past 50 years.

Congratulations!

Membership Directory Additions

Due to a mail problem between the national office and FSMTA, members whose renewal dues were processed between 7/27 and 8/15 were inadvertently left out of the state directory. Our apologies to the members involved. Please add this information to your directory by tearing this page out.

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Dates & Deadlines

February 3 - 4
Winter Board Meeting
Gainesville

February 18
Master Class, Dr. Gary Wolf*
Melbourne

March 10
Newsletter Deadline

March 15
Deadline for Community
Service Awards
applications to county chair-
men

March 25 - 29
MTNA National Conference
Austin, Texas

April 1
Deadline for Community
Service Awards
applications to state
chairmen

May 20 - 21
FSMTA Competitive
Events Day*

June 23 - 24
Summer Board Meeting
Gainesville

October 26 - 29
FSMTA 2006 Conference*

***See article in this issue**

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JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005

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Available Funds 7/1/04		\$43989.15	
Income:			
MTNA	\$16742.50		
FSMTA	2575.00		
Newsletter	700.00		
Provisional Members	150.00		
Certification Fees	150.00		
Certification Pins	125.00		
Student Handbook	330.00		
District Certificates	1819.00		
FSMTA Contests	1255.00		
MTNA Cpmtests	3305.00		
Community Service	200.00		
Conference Fund	1070.00		
General Administration	108.30		
Interest	617.60		
Total	\$29147.40		
Expenses:			
MTNA	\$3822.75		
FSMTA	1464.00		
Newsletter	9490.11		
Other Printing	581.00		
Membership	371.35		
Certification	342.87		
District Certificates	1051.45		
FSMTA Contests	3233.44		
MTNA Contests	5673.07		
Student Activities	19.20		
Community Service	281.65		
Conference Fund	1070.00		
General Administration	7454.24		
Total	\$34855.13		
Net Loss		\$5705.73	
Wachovia Checking 6-30-05	\$13,633.30		
Schwab	24,648.12		
Total Funds 6/30/05		\$38,283.42	
Helen Bright King, Treasurer			

MTNA Foundation

by Paulette Kilts, President-Elect and MTNA Foundation Representative

The most recent quarterly report from the MTNA Foundation (July 1 - September 30, 2005) shows that the following Florida State members sent in contributions: Ruo Balko, Gladys Border, Carol Di Nonno, Kinuyo Engelbrecht, Isabel Groulx, Patrick Meighan, Helen Morrison, Jean Rose, Hedi Salanki-Rubardt, Barbara Willis and Lou Young.

Their generosity helps to support: Local Association Grants, Teacher Fellowship Grants, Local Association Start-Up Grants, Student Winners Awards and Financial Assistance for Travel. Your continued contributions may

be made online or by sending a donation directly to the MTNA Foundation.

Members who will be attending the MTNA National Conference in Austin, Texas March 25-29, 2006 don't forget to register to attend the Foundation Gala event "Diamonds and Dungarees". Florida will be sponsoring a table and also providing a donation for the State Pride Drawing. Come and join us for a festive evening which will be closed with the recognition of the MTNA Foundation Fellows for 2006 including our own special honoree Martha Stubbs.

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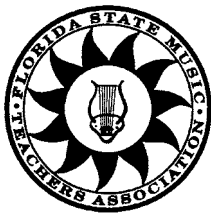
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