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Susan Atkins, Editor

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## President's Notes

by Lynn Kleisler

Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

As all of you are aware, summer is racing past us and the new school year is approaching! I truly

hope that you have been able to have some "down time" for yourself. Our first meeting in September is a publisher's workshop which will be presented by Lisa Bastien from KJOS Music. I had the opportunity to meet her and see her do two presentations at last year's North Carolina State Conference. She was wonderful to listen to and has a new method out that I have used successfully with a few students this year. My students loved her books, especially the "Theory Blaster Series". I was continually asked by them if it was okay to do more pages than assigned. That is not something you hear very often!! I understand that she has another one coming out in that series too.

You will find the TMTF 2018/2019 Calendar of Events in this issue. Please note that this year there are now two locations for the Sacred Music Festival. A list of our workshops is also included in this issue. I hope you will find them appealing, inspiring and helpful with your teaching.

Our first event is our Teacher's Recital on Sunday, September 2nd at Christ & St. Lukes's Church in Norfolk. If you are in town, it would be great to come and support our fellow teachers at this event.

I hope that more of you will be able to attend the meetings this year. As I pondered about why I have enjoyed attending the meetings over the years and how helpful they have been to me, the following thoughts came to mind.

The meetings have helped me to:

- Learn new ideas and teaching strategies
- Connect to a teaching community and network with other teachers
- Hear new repertoire and meet composers and experts in the field
- Make new friendships and have access to mentors
- Get advice from other teachers with the same studio issues
- Best of all – get inspiration and motivation to teach better

It is my hope that this has been the same for you when you have attended and if not, it will be. We are looking to increase our membership and let people know about our great organization. A new membership incentive we are introducing this fall is that whenever a member brings a guest music teacher to a meeting, a Music & Arts \$10 gift card will be given to each of them.

I look forward to seeing you all soon and hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,  
Lynn Kleisler, NCTM  
TMTF President

## 2018-2019 TMTF CALENDAR

### August

- 3 TMTF Board Meeting  
 21 **DEADLINE – Stafflines News**  
 24 **DEADLINE - Teacher Recital**

### September

- 2 TMTF Teacher Recital – Christ & St. Luke’s Church,  
 Norfolk  
 21 Publisher’s Workshop - KJOS - Lisa Bastien  
 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**

### October

- 12 TMTF Board Meeting – Oak Grove United Methodist  
 Church, Chesapeake  
 19 TMTF Meeting/Workshop – Dr. Carol Ann Barry  
 19 **DEADLINE – Sacred Music Festival**  
 21 **DEADLINE – Stafflines News**  
 25-27 VMTA Fall Conference & Competitions – Liberty  
 University, Lynchburg  
 29 **DEADLINE - TMTF Student Recital - Virginia Beach**

### November

- 1 **DEADLINE – Achievement Award Registration**  
 5 **DEADLINE – Student Recital – Portsmouth**  
 10 **DEADLINE – TMTF Play-A-Thon**  
 10 Sacred Music Festival – Thalia Lynn Baptist Church,  
 Virginia Beach  
 10 Sacred Music Festival - East End Baptist Church,  
 Suffolk  
 11 Student Recital – Portsmouth – Zion Baptist  
 Church  
 16 TMTF Meeting/ Workshop – Dr. Peter Ryan \*\*  
 18 Student Recital – Virginia Beach – Thalia United  
 Methodist Church  
 30 TMTF Play-A-Thon - Chesapeake & Virginia Beach

### December

- 1-2 TMTF Play-A-Thon – Chesapeake & Virginia Beach  
 8 TMTF Christmas Get Together - Sushi King, Norfolk  
 21 **DEADLINE – Stafflines News**

### January

- 5 **DEADLINE – VMTA Theory Test**  
 11 **DEADLINE – VMTA Keyboard Skills/Sight Reading  
 Tests**  
 18 **DEADLINE – TMTF Levels of Progress**  
 18 TMTF Meeting/Workshop – Richard McGrath  
 21 **DEADLINE – Stafflines News**  
 26 VMTA Theory Test – ODU  
 28 **DEADLINE – Student Recital – Norfolk**

### February

- 8 TMTF Board Meeting – Oak Grove United Methodist  
 Church, Chesapeake  
 10 TMTF Sight Reading/Keyboard Skills Tests – ODU  
 11 **DEADLINE – Student Recital - Portsmouth**  
 15 TMTF Meeting/Workshop – Dr. Agnes Wan  
 17 Student Recital – Norfolk – Second Presbyterian  
 Church  
 17 Student Recital – Portsmouth – Zion Baptist  
 Church  
 21 **DEADLINE – Stafflines News**

### March

- 2 TMTF Levels of Progress – Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia  
 Beach  
 3 TMTF Levels of Progress – Virginia Beach  
 8 TMTF Meeting/Masterclass – Dr. Kerry Carlin\*\*  
 8 **DEADLINE – TMTF Glover Scholarship Auditions**  
 9 Levels of Progress – Virginia Beach  
 10 Levels of Progress – Virginia Beach, Norfolk  
 15 **DEADLINE – TMTF Honors Auditions**  
 16-20 MTNA Conference – Spokane, Washington  
 21 **DEADLINE – Stafflines News**  
 28 **DEADLINE – Glen Mayberry Auditions**  
 28 **DEADLINE – Eastern District Auditions**

### April

- 6 TMTF Glover Scholarship Auditions – Portsmouth  
 12 TMTF Meeting/Workshop – Dr. Vicky Faw  
 21 **DEADLINE – Stafflines News**  
 27-28 TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions

### May

- 1 **DEADLINE – Achievement Award Documentation**  
 1 **DEADLINE – TMTF High School Seniors’ Recital**  
 4 Eastern District Auditions – CNU  
 4 TMTF Glen Mayberry Auditions – CNU  
 10 Board Meeting – Oak Grove Methodist United  
 Methodist Church, Chesapeake  
 17 TMTF Meeting/Workshop/Luncheon – Conference  
 Highlights - Lynn Kleisler & Mun Lee Han  
 18 TMTF Honors Recitals Rehearsals  
 19 TMTF Honors Recitals and H.S. Seniors’ Recital  
 21 **DEADLINE – Stafflines News**

\* Please note: Check the monthly Stafflines, Yearbook and Activity Booklet for more detailed information as well as to confirm dates & locations to make sure that they have not changed.

\*\*Meeting/Workshop will be held at Newton Piano in Virginia Beach instead of Music & Arts in Chesapeake.

## It's ~~MTNA Renewal Time!~~ NOT TOO LATE!

You may have already received reminders to renew your membership via email or snail mail.

Don't wait, don't procrastinate - do it today!

Tip #1: Check your renewal form carefully and update anything that has changed in the last year.

Now is the time to remove your email address from the form if you don't check your email regularly. This helps us to know the best way to contact you.

Tip #2: Short on cash? Renew in January and it's half price

Membership with MTNA does more than simply complement your career as a music professional—it supports, supplements and shapes it. It empowers music teachers nationwide to become better educators through networking, leadership, mentoring and educational opportunities.

MTNA Membership Delivers:

- Peer Connections—a network of outlets, forums and channels for like-minded individuals in the music profession to collaborate and communicate, both locally and nationally
- Ongoing Education—conferences, events and advice on teaching tips and pedagogy, technology and web trends, master classes and informational sessions
- Invaluable Resources—access to countless benefits, from Certification, publications and consultation services to competitions, teacher enrichment grants and insurance

For ease in joining, you may go to <http://www.mtna.org/membership-information/> and renew online.

Questions about membership?  
Donna Halleck, Membership Chair  
757-482-5429  
[allen-donnahalleck@juno.com](mailto:allen-donnahalleck@juno.com)

Invite a teacher friend to join!  
For more benefits of membership,  
visit:  
[www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org) or [www.tmtf.org](http://www.tmtf.org)

Thank you for your support!

## Tidewater Music Teachers Forum Workshops for 2018-2019

**September 21** - Lisa Bastien: KJOS  
Publisher Workshop

**October 19, 2018** - Dr. Carol Ann Barry:  
The Art of Outlining – “An Important Practice Approach”

**November 16, 2018** - \*Dr. Peter Ryan :  
Johann Nepomuk Hummel – “Anticipating the Romantics”

**January 18, 2019** - Richard McGrath:  
Financial Solutions for the Self Employed

**February 15, 2019** - Dr. Agnes Wan –  
Performance Anxiety – “Why It Can Be Positive and How to Use It Productively”

**March 8, 2019** - \*Dr. Kerry Carlin: Piano  
Masterclass

**April 12, 2019** - Dr. Vicky Faw: Articulating  
Bartok- “Understanding the Touch & Pedal Notation in his Pedagogical Works”

**May 17, 2019** - MTNA Conference  
Highlights: Lynn Kleisler & Mun Lee Han

\*To be held at a different location – Newton Piano in Virginia Beach.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joy Moore  
 812 Saint Kitts Way  
 Chesapeake VA 23322  
 (757) 639-2678  
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Marsha Simmons  
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 Chesapeake, Va 23320  
 dr.m.t.simmons@sbcglobal.net

Jessica Tuttobene  
 2628 Cecelia Ter  
 Chesapeake, Va 23323  
 jtuttobenemusic@gmail.com

### ***DON'T MISS IT!***

**2018 FALL VMTA CONFERENCE  
 VMTA STATE AUDITIONS  
 MTNA COMPETITIONS**

**OCTOBER 25-27, 2018  
 LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
 Lynchburg, Virginia**

Details to follow  
 Watch for them in  
 Fall Newsnotes  
 September *Stafflines*  
[www.virginiamta.org](http://www.virginiamta.org)

## TIDEWATER MUSIC TEACHER'S FORUM

6/1/18 thru 7/17/18

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Savings Account	\$3,002.70
Checking Account	\$10,787.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,789.84</b>

<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	
Opening Balance	\$3,002.48
Interest for April, May and June	\$0.22
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$3,002.70</b>

<b>Checking Account</b>	
Opening Balance	\$11,741.22
Achievement Awards	\$54.00
Memberships	\$375.00
Ex: Senior Recital	-\$50.00
Ex: Play-A-Thon	-\$145.00
Ex: Rental Facilities	-\$590.00
Ex: Website	-\$598.08
Closing Balance	\$10,787.14



**Beckers Piano Tuning**  
 757-589-9177  
 Special rate for  
 TMTF members is \$75.

**TEACHER RECITAL**  
**Sunday, September 2, 2018**  
**2:30 pm**

Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
560 West Olney Road  
Norfolk, VA 23507  
757-627-5665

By August 24  
send Composition Titles, Composers, Performers,  
Instruments to:

Betty Blasch  
303 Atlantic Avenue #800  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
757-201-8199  
bobreb10@gmail.com

**8 Minutes Maximum!**



**August**

- 9 Tracey Williamson
- 10 Margaret Sisco
- 14 Jacqueline Spady
- 14 Crystal Villanova
- 17 Cecelia George
- 19 Michelle Guerrier
- 27 Loretta Beatty
- 27 Witold Turkiewicz
- 30 Sharron Whealton
- 31 Susan Atkins
- 31 Marilyn Forman

**September**

- 2 Josephine Jones
- 5 Mildred Harris
- 6 Elizabeth Edler
- 10 Mandy Collins
- 16 Sharon Alston
- 25 Daphne Waring-Sorrell
- 28 Christine Ward
- 30 Vernon McCart
- 30 Agnes Wan

**Need Students?**  
**Want to refer students?**

Look no further than the TMTF website:  
[www.tmtf.org](http://www.tmtf.org)

You can submit your contact information and  
teacher profile to our webmaster:

Mun Lee Han  
[munleehan@gmail.com](mailto:munleehan@gmail.com)

If you need to refer a student, simply give  
them the website address: [www.tmtf.org](http://www.tmtf.org) - it's  
that easy!

**ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?**

**Join the groups:**  
**Music Teachers National**  
**Association**

**Virginia Music Teachers**  
**Association**

**Tidewater Music Teachers**  
**Forum**

**Post photos, announce your**  
**events, make connections**

**ATTENTION *ALL* MEMBERS:**  
**SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018

**NEW - TWO LOCATIONS**

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church  
4392 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA  
East End Baptist Church  
1056 Portsmouth Blvd, Suffolk, VA



**CHANGE OF NAME - THE HYMN FESTIVAL IS NOW  
THE SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL**

*Are you interested in giving your students a well rounded music education? If yes, then encourage them to enter the Sacred Music Festival this fall. There are many sacred books of all levels available to get them started. Memorization is not required and it only takes a few minutes of their Saturday to participate. The details will be listed in the TMTF yearbook. This event parallels our Levels of Progress opportunity by using sacred music to help prepare them for using their talents in churches. Most of our students will not become concert pianists, however, we want them to continue to use their piano skills throughout their lives. Be thinking and starting to prepare those students entrusted to you ahead of time. I know you will be glad you did!*

*For more information:* Donna Halleck, Chairman  
allen-donnahalleck@juno.com  
(757) 482-5429

Piano Showcase – Greenbrier Mall  
 🎵 “Music on the Porch Day” 🎵

*Worldwide Event*



**August 25th from 12:00 to 9:00**

Bring or have your students come at any time this day and play at this fun filled day to celebrate music. For more information call 420- 1130.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FIRST MEETING - SEPTEMBER 21, 2018**

**KJOS Publisher's Workshop  
 Music & Arts**

presents

**Bastien New Traditions: Strategies for  
 Engaging Today's Piano Students**

**Presented by: Lisa Bastien**

Step inside the Bastien Piano Studio and experience fresh twists on pedagogy you love. Discover rich repertoire and effective approaches for students of all ages in the Bastien's innovative All-In-One series. A FREE copy of Primer A and Primer B for attending teachers!

**8:30 Coffee**

**9:00 - 12:00 Workshop**

**Lunch to follow**

**Call Music & Arts to register**

**(757) 366-0666**

**1412 Greenbrier Parkway, #126**

**Chesapeake, VA**

**In Memoriam**

**Rachel Forbes Bradshaw**

Virginia Beach - Rachel Bradshaw, age 91, died July 28, 2018, passing into the loving arms of her Lord. We know the angels in heaven received her with open arms. She was born on October 11, 1926 to Willie Jewel Porter and Benjamin Clark Fortner in St. Paul, Va., then lived in Big Stone Gap, but lived her adult life in the Tidewater area. She attended First United Methodist Church in Norfolk for many years and loved teaching Sunday school and playing the piano. She was a member of the T.E. Landis Bible Class and a member of the Lucy Clyde Blanton Circle. She was also a member of the Eastern Star. In more recent years, she attended Baylake United Methodist Church.

Her passion in life was teaching music and she helped many during her 60+ years of teaching. She was an active member of Tidewater Music Teachers Assn., Va Music Teachers Assn., American College of Musicians, and various local music clubs. In earlier years she taught music at Newton's Piano and Jordan Kitts Temple of Music. In 1992 she received Jordan Kitts Rookie of the Year Award and won an all expense paid trip to Paradise Island in the Bahamas. She performed at local venues including fashion shows, Harbor Club, private parties, weddings, churches, Flying Tigers conventions, and she especially enjoyed playing live organ music at Scope for the Redwings Ice Hockey Team. Her favorite game was when 3 referees scampered across the ice and she played "Three Blind Mice"! Even in her retirement, she taught several piano students, the Norris', on her beloved piano in her room at Bay Lake Assisted Living.

Rachel will be remembered for her love of life, her optimistic outlook, her caring nature, always willing to help others. Her strong faith in God sustained her throughout her life, she always said she knew she was never alone, that God was always with her. She is predeceased by her husbands, Nelson M. Forbes and Harold "Brad" Bradshaw. She was devoted to her husbands and took great care of them during their long illnesses. She was also predeceased by brothers Ben and Boyd Fortner, sister Jean Cobb, and son David and his wife Nancy. Survivors include 3 children, Susan Thomas, Don Forbes and wife Faye, Rebecca Brooks and husband Micah, 6 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild, sister Marcella Whitson and family, a host of relatives and friends, and step children David, Rick, and Rob Bradshaw and their families.

The family would like to thank the staff of Bay Lake Ret/Assisted Living for their loving care and support. Rachel loved living at Bay Lake for 3 years and would always welcome newcomers and make them feel at home. More recently she resided at Sentara Nursing Center/Rosemont in Va. Beach. She received wonderful care from all the staff. Her last years there were peaceful and comfortable. The family would like to thank all the wonderful caretakers, God bless you all. Donations can be made in Rachel's name to the First United Methodist Church or any music teachers association. A memorial service will be held at Altmeyer Funeral Home 5033 Rouse Dr. VB on Friday, August 17, 2018 at 6:00pm with a reception to follow. Online condolences can be shared with the family at [altmeyerfh.com](http://altmeyerfh.com).

## *VMTA THEORY NOTICE*

The 2018 VMTA THEORY TESTS were conducted on January 27, 2018 at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Fifteen teachers participated.

<b>Results of this year's 2018 VMTA THEORY TESTS:</b>	*Superior:	<u>69</u>
	*Excellent:	<u>43</u>
♦ 181 students registered for this Event.	*Very Good:	<u>18</u>
♦ 12 students achieved a score of 100%! Bravo!	*Good:	<u>15</u>
	*Pass:	<u>13</u>
	*Not Pass:	<u>7</u>
	*Absent:	<u>16</u>

Student	Level	Teacher
Shawn Barillas	Pri	Susie Keele
Ava Merullo	1-B	Elizabeth Sjolund
Anna Ying	1-B	Elizabeth Sjolund
Osoretin Lawani	1-B	Elizabeth Sjolund
Abbie Copperthite	1-B	Donna Halleck
Hannah Ying	1-B	Elizabeth Sjolund
Bradley Song	2-A	Kai Lin
Keagan Clark	2-A	Elena Heifetz
Lydia Li	2-B	Galina Epelman
Christina Wong.	3-A	Josephine Jones
Samuel Sarzaba	3-A	Josephine Jones
Kristian Quilon	12	Elizabeth Sjolund

*J*he teachers listed below participated in the 2018 VMTA Theory Test Event.

Susan Atkins	Betty J. Atkinson	Mun Lee Han
Elena Heifetz	Myrenna Kickasola	Elizabeth Smith
Josephine Jones	Susie Keele	Susan Ha
Romayne Hardy	Susan Grice	Kai Lin
Donna Halleck	Galina Epelman	Elizabeth Sjolund



☺ Kristi Harriman and I want to thank Mark Atkins, Anna Atkins, Peter Forman, Avelina Ibarra, Paula Graves, Lynn Kleisler, Avery Suhay, Karen McSpadden, and Mun Lee Han's High School students for helping.

⚙️ A special thanks to **Dr. Nancy Klein**, Music Department Chairman, at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, for sponsoring this event in the Student Webb Center at Old Dominion University.

Next year's VMTA Theory Test is **Saturday, January 26, 2019** at the Webb Center at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia.

**The Registration Deadline is Saturday, January 5, 2019**

- The Registration Fee is \$14.00/Student
- The Registration Form is included in the TMTF Activity Book.

The VMTA Sample Theory Syllabus, which includes sixteen levels of the Student Written Tests with corresponding Answer Keys and aural CDs for each level, plus a New Terms Glossary, is available for \$21.00. The Sample Theory Test without the aural CDs can be purchased for \$18.00. The sample theory test can be viewed online at the VMTA website: [www.music-usa.org/vmta](http://www.music-usa.org/vmta)

**NOTE:** The VMTA Sample Theory Syllabus available for purchase is the original 2013 version. A subsequent "revised" VMTA Sample Syllabus is still in the making and not yet available.

Listed below are amounts for purchasing the 2013 VMTA Sample Syllabus:

☰ **\$21.00 – Sample Theory Syllabus with Aural CDs**

☰ **\$18.00 – Sample Theory Syllabus (without Aural CDs)**

If interested to purchase a 2013 Sample Theory Syllabus, send Marilyn Forman, TMTF Theory Chairman, a check for either amount made payable to "TMTF." Write "Theory Tests" on your check. See the address below.

Best to all,

Marilyn Forman  
TMTF Theory Chairman  
37 Patton Drive  
Newport News, VA 23606-1744  
(757) 930-8560

Kristi Harriman  
TMTF Theory Co-Chairman  
4337 Meadow Wood Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23321  
(757) 484-6827

*Participating teachers for this Theory Event are expected to help on the day of the Theory Test.*

## Stafflines Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for *Stafflines* is the 21st of each month. The editor must receive the articles no later than this date.

Please submit all articles via email to:

Susan Atkins

pianolearningcenter@gmail.com

Alternatively, you may submit a printed article via U.S. Postal Service.

## Stafflines Advertising Rates

The following advertising rates are for *Stafflines* news that is not related directly to TMTF activities.

Two to three line announcement such as a recital or job opening	No Fee
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One half page (8.5" x 5.5")	\$10.00
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Full page (8.5" x 11")	\$20.00
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Make check payable to TMTF and send along with your ad to:

Susan Atkins, Editor  
4537 Biscayne Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23434



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