



STAFFLINES



Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

President's Notes



Dear TMTF members,

Ten years ago I wrote my first TMTF president's letter. How time flies! Since then, we've grown as an organization, not so much in numbers, but in other ways: updating our logo, modernizing the way we communicate with our members, and changing to meet the needs of teachers and their students alike. Most of all, TMTF has maintained its purpose in the age of Covid. What is our purpose? According to our yearbook, it is "to advance the value of music study and music making in society and to support the professionalism of music teachers."

My hat is off to our determined members who kept our meetings and events going all last year. It was nothing short of a herculean effort to transition to a virtual universe where all students and teachers could participate. I thank everyone who made it possible.

I reserve special thanks to our outgoing co-presidents, Mun Lee Han and Donna Halleck. Your time, effort and super-duper ideas kept us going for the last 2 years. I wish I could put you in a bottle and make you available to all local associations!

I welcome our new members and am encouraged that many of you have approached me to offer your time as volunteers. I look forward to 2021-22 with great anticipation and feel very hopeful that the best is yet to come.

It is because of you, my dear friends, that I'm ready to take on this position (for the second time) with gusto! The relationships I've cultivated through TMTF will last a lifetime, and I hope you will join me in making this organization better than ever.

Have a wonderful summer!

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P.S.: Missing Myrenna Kickasola already! Her contact info is in the last page of this issue.

Glover Scholarship Auditions

The Glover Scholarship Auditions were held on April 17, 2021 at Monumental United Methodist Church in Portsmouth. We had ten teachers enter students this year. Forty students were registered and thirty six auditioned. Twenty one students won a monetary award within grades 5 through 8. These awards included a first place (\$400), second place (\$350), third place (\$300) and honorable mention (\$250) award in each grade. There was also a tie for third place in grade 8 and more than one honorable mention award winner in each school grade. Teachers who had student winners include Susan Atkins, Joan Edwards, Donna Halleck, Mun Lee Han, Myrenna Kickasola, Lynn Kleisler, Mary Ann Medlin, Josephine Jones and Elizabeth Smith.

A Joan Moore Memorial Award is given yearly to a deserving eighth grader that auditioned in this event due to donations given in her name to honor her. Joan Moore was one of the first to be on the Glover Scholarship Auditions Committee and was a friend of David Carr Glover as well as worked for him during her music career. As we did not hold this event last year and grant an award, we gave two awards of \$100 each this year to two deserving students. The teachers of these students are Donna Halleck and Susan Atkins.

Thank you to all who supported this event and a special "Thank You" to all of you who judged for us that day.

Chairmen and Committee
Lynn Kleisler, Joan Edwards & Donna Halleck

Results of the Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions

The Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions were held on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at the Sjolund Piano Studio in Va. Beach. Judging the event was Christopher Kypros, music director at St. Patrick's School, and graduate of Julliard.

The winners are as follows:

Ashley Frye: Music Major award
Student of Meghan Hutton

Reina Rodriguez: Music minor award
student of Elizabeth M. Sjolund

Aimee Larsen: Honorable Mention
Student of Mary Ann Medlin

Congratulations to the students and their teachers!

Thank you.
Elizabeth M. Sjolund



Easter District Results 2021

Level IA

- 1st Place: Matthew Chow
Teacher: Susan Atkins
- Alternate: Chelsea Li
Teacher: Elizabeth Sjolund
- 2nd Place: Patrick Chen
Teacher: Cathy Combs

Level IB

- 1st Place: Lauren Kang
Teacher: Alisa Bohon
- Alternate: Naleah Ye
Teacher: Josephine Jones
- 2nd Place: Wrenyi Jiang-Umstatt
Teacher: Galina Epelman

Level II

- 1st Place: Lydia Li
Teacher: Galina Epelman
- Alternate: Leo Tang
Teacher: Galina Epelman
- 2nd Place: Hally Hallare
Teacher: Jolanta Szewczyk
- H.M. Michelle Tasman
Teacher: Teri Falk

Level III

- 1st Place: Alan Schuster
Teacher: Alisa Bohon
- Alternate: Maxyn Hallare
Teacher: Jolanta Szewczyk
- 2nd Place: Leo Guo
Teacher: Teri Falk
- 3rd Place: Isaac Li
Teacher: Galina Epelman
- H. M. Emily Wu
Teacher: Teri Falk
- H. M. Siwen Liao
Teacher: Jolanta Szewczyk

Year Book Ads

Our organization is in need of expanding the **“Our Community”** advertisement pages in our Tidewater Music Teachers Forum Yearbook. We lost advertisements and revenue last year due to the pandemic. Our ads are what help us defray the cost of the printing of our yearbooks and activity books. The money also helps with the cost of our monthly meetings/workshops.

In the past, our yearbook has included ads from local businesses, members or member affiliated businesses. This would be a great vehicle to let others know in our community about a business or service so that we can help support it and spread the word! Examples of advertisements in the past include real estate agents, jewelry making, landscaping, substitute organist or pianist, tutor, consignment shops, personal services, legal services, hair dresser, veterinarian services, website designer, home goods, insurance agent, health products, etc., etc.!!! This is only a small list of what is out there and what we encounter each week. A business card ad is only \$30 and is an inexpensive way to advertise.

Our complete yearbook ad prices are as follows:

1/8 page	\$30.00 (business card size)
1/4 page	\$60.00
1/2 page	\$90.00
Full page	\$150.00
Inside cover page	\$175.00
Back Cover	\$200.00

If you know of any school, college, music organization, business or group that might be interested in advertising in our yearbook or if you are, please contact me. **The deadline for ads is July 31st.** I can be reached at (757) 925-0248 or lynnkleisler@yahoo.com.

Any assistance with helping to increase the number of ads in our yearbook would be greatly appreciated!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
TMTF Yearbook Ads Chairman

TMTF CALENDAR

June Nothing is schedule in June


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3



June

- 7 Susan Ha
- 7 Meghan Hutton
- 12 Helen Heifetz

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 28	29	30	1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

July

- 2 Lynn Kleisler
- 3 Yuko Farman
- 9 Wanda Hall
- 13 Alisa Dishong
- 16 Donna Halleck
- 16 Kristi Harriman
- 18 Sally Copeland
- 28 Sarah Lantz



21st Deadline for the August Stafflines

MTNA Certification

Would you like to work towards a MTNA certification, which will benefit your professional teaching career?

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TMTF SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS: 3RD QUARTER 2020-2021**TMTF SCHOLARSHIP CHECKING ACCT. 1/31/21 thru 3/31/21**

Opening Balance:		\$ 776.01
Income:		
Mayberry Scholarship -Old Dominion U. (Kristian Quilon 9/2020)	\$ 2,500.00	
Total Income:	\$2,500.00	
Expenses:		
Mayberry Scholarship -Old Dominion U. (Kristian Quilon 9/2020)	\$ 2,500.00	
Glover Scholarships	\$ 100.00	
Total Expenses:	\$2,600.00	
Closing Balance:		\$ 676.01
Outstanding checks: (To reflect actual account balance)	\$ 325.00	\$ 351.01

GARROW SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 1/31/21 thru 3/31/21

Opening Balance:		\$ 1,062.18
Income:		
Account interest	\$ 0.02	
Total Income:	\$ 0.02	
Expenses:		
Total Expenses:	\$ -	
Closing Balance:		\$ 1,062.20

GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 1/31/21 thru 3/31/21

Opening Balance:		\$ 7,085.78
Income:		
Account interest	\$ 0.17	
Total Income:	\$ 0.17	
Expenses:		
Total Expenses:	\$ -	
Closing Balance:		\$ 7,085.95

MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 1/31/21 thru 3/31/21

Opening Balance:		\$11,825.77
Income:		
Account interest	\$ 0.25	
Total Income:	\$ 0.25	
Expenses:		
Mayberry Scholarship -Old Dominion U. (Kristian Quilon 9/2020)	\$ 2,500.00	
Total Expenses:	\$2,500.00	
Closing Balance:		\$9,326.02



THANK YOU!
TMTF Friends Are the Best!

We are moved and getting settled here in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, an historic Mississippi River small city. I am gradually meeting other music teachers, but no-one can replace my dear TMTF friends. Thank you so much for the sweet notes and cards I have received. The surprise farewell party was truly a surprise and a wonderful memory. I will certainly enjoy the Medici-TV subscription since I do not yet have a good sense of the music scene here! Blessings to all of you!

With much love and affection for MTNA, VMTA and TMTF!!!!

Myrenna Kickasola



Myrenna's New Address



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

One half page (8.5" x 5.5"): \$10.00

Full page (8.5" x 11"): \$20.00

Make check payable to TMTF and send along with your ad to

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