



MAY 2019

Susan Atkins, Editor

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**MAY MEETING**

*MTNA Conference Highlights &
"Idea Exchange"*

by

*Lynn Kleisler, Mun Lee Han &
Donna Halleck*

Friday, May 17, 2019

NEW LOCATION

Oak Grove United Methodist Church
472 N Battlefield Blvd, Chesapeake, VA 23320

9:30 Coffee
10:00 Announcements, Presentation
12:00 Luncheon



Mark the date on your calendar to come to our last meeting and workshop of the year. We will conclude it with a luncheon. The first part of the workshop will cover handouts from the MTNA Conference in Spokane, Washington that have been compiled for you. There will also be many books and sheets that are new or have been revised that will be given away. They include music from Alfred, Compose/Create, KJOS, Willis, FJH and Hal Leonard to name a few.

The second part of the workshop will include an "Idea Exchange" on various aspects of teaching including studio policies, practice expectations, technology, materials used, etc. Bring questions and ideas with you! If you have a particular topic you would like to cover, please email Lynn Kleisler (lynnkleisler@yahoo.com) so it can added.

Keep an eye out for an email on details about the luncheon. We hope to see you on the 17th so you will be there to take home some of these new ideas and publications!



President's Notes

by Lynn Kleisler

Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

As I look to step down soon from the position of the TMTF President, I want to thank all of you for your tremendous hard work and support these last two years. This group has been an enormous inspiration and blessing to me. As I said when I started this journey, the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum is a "great group of teachers" who are very dedicated and professional. As I reflect back to the various state and national conferences and remember the conversations of members of other chapters who talked about their activities, I have not encountered any group that is as active as we are. There would not be so many invaluable events for our students or workshops for our members without the efforts and input of so many of you who have gone way above and beyond the call of duty. It has been an amazing experience to serve as the TMTF President again and I am thankful for new friendships that I have gained along the way as well as the ones I have been blessed to have for the many years I have been a member.

A very special thank you goes out to all of the members of the Executive Board and the Chairmen who have worked tirelessly to keep our group operating at such a

high level. Some have even taken on more than one position. Our various events could not have happened without you and I can't say how much I have appreciated your tireless efforts and support.

Another big thank you goes to our Co-Presidents, Mun Lee Han and Donna Halleck. We have worked many hours together and their input and help has been invaluable and priceless. In addition, they have been a special blessing to me. They will be amazing leading us in the next two years and will need the support of everyone as well.

I hope to see you at our last meeting/workshop of this school year! It will also include a luncheon at the conclusion of the workshop. Please note that it will be held at Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Chesapeake!

Gratefully,
Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
TMTF President

"Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we can be." – Ralph Waldo Emerson



Hurricane Relief for North Carolina Teachers

We have had a wonderful response from our members in collection of materials for the North Carolina teachers who were devastated by the hurricanes last fall. Many thanks to the teachers who have taken the time to do a "spring cleaning" and donate! We collected 1,459 books and 373 pieces of sheet music as well as 8 games. It took 19 bankers boxes to hold it all! We presented a check for \$500 to the North Carolina State President, Dr. Vicky Faw, at our last meeting. The books were picked up this past weekend by Lorraine Robinson, one of the teachers from North Carolina. She will be coordinating the dissemination of the materials.

She told me more than once how very grateful they are for our help. Thank you so much for your generosity!!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
TMTF President

TMTF CALENDAR

May

- 1 **DEADLINE – TMTF Achievement Award Documentation**
- 1 **DEADLINE – High School Seniors’ Recital**
- 4 VMTA Eastern District Auditions - Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA
- 4 Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions - Christopher Newport University
Newport News, VA
- 10 TMTF Executive Board Meeting
Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Chesapeake, VA @10:00 a.m.
- 17 TMTF Meeting/Workshop/Luncheon – Lynn Kleisler, Mun Lee Han & Donna Halleck
- 18 TMTF Honors Recitals Rehearsals - Old Dominion University, Chandler Recital Hall
- 19 TMTF Honors Recitals & Seniors’ Recital, Old Dominion University - Chandler Recital Hall
- 21 **DEADLINE – Stafflines News**

July

NO STAFFLINES

August

- 24 **DEADLINE - Teacher Recital**

September

- 1 Teacher Recital - 2:30 pm - Christ and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Norfolk, VA

Levels of Progress 2019

Thank you to everyone who participated in or assisted with Levels of Progress this year! Both weekends of auditions went by with very few issues thanks to the great work and flexibility of many teachers and MTNA members, including several who volunteered to judge even though they did not register students. An especially big thanks goes to all the teachers who graciously served as Area Coordinators, and to Myrenna Kickasola and Chris Ward whose support was invaluable in coordinating the whole event. Thank you to everyone who gave the gift of their time and helped make Levels of Progress a success.

Here is a report showing Levels of Progress 2019, by the numbers:

- 5 locations allowed the use of their facilities.
- 28 teachers registered students.
- 8 teachers served as Area Coordinators.
- 27 teachers judged or assisted on a Levels event day.
- 329 students registered for Levels.
- \$3,948 in fees was collected.

Gratefully,
Bethany Jacob
2019 Levels of Progress Chair

Friendly Reminder from Our Treasurer

All reimbursement requests
should be turned in with a copy of
the TMTF Reimbursement
Request Form found in the back
of the activity book.


Thank you kindly,
Crystal Villanova
TMTF Treasurer

**PRACTICE & PERFORM
WITH TMTF FRIENDS!**

**SEND COMPOSITION TITLE
AND TIME LENGTH
TO
DR. BETTY BLASCH
AT
bobreb10@gmail.com**

*Many thanks to
Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church
for the use of their sanctuary
for today's concert!*

**Tidewater Music Teachers Forum
Recital**



Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Norfolk, Virginia
September 1, 2019
2:30 p.m.

TIDEWATER MUSIC TEACHER'S FORUM
3/23/19 to 4/23/19

ASSETS	
Savings Account	\$3,003.38
Checking Account	\$23,847.49
TOTAL	\$26,850.87

SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$3,003.30
Interest for Jan	\$0.08
CLOSING BALANCE	\$3,003.38

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$24,600.82
Membership	\$15.00
Theory Test	\$21.00
Ex. Levels of Progress	-\$4.60
Ex. NCMTA Donation	-\$400.00
Ex. Programs	-\$384.73
CLOSING BALANCE	\$23,847.49

MTNA CERTIFICATION

We had our first meeting, but it won't be the last

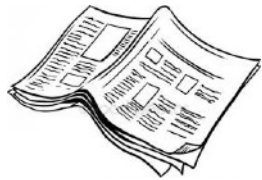
Our first meeting went really well! We had nine people in attendance, including Mun Lee Han who took photographs. Lynn Kleisler and I have announced our willingness to mentor anyone who wants to go through the certification process. Or, you can choose any other TMTF certified member to be your mentor.

Wondering about the cost of certification? VMTA and TMTF are offering a \$100 reimbursement each (total \$200) to offset the cost of certification.

We will continue to meet periodically to check in with each other and provide some accountability. If you would like to be on my contact list, email **Susan Atkins at pianolearningcenter@gmail.com.**

In the meantime, let me know if you have questions about the process.

Susan Atkins (757-282-8220 - cell)



NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR - COULD IT BE YOU?

This is my sixth year as Stafflines editor, and I've enjoyed it tremendously. In fact, the time has gone by so fast, I was surprised to find it has been six years since I started.

But, change is good, and it's time for me to move on to something new.

Are you thinking of doing a volunteer job, giving back, getting more involved in TMTF? This could be the job for you!

If you are interested, please contact:

Lynn Kleisler
(757) 925-0248
lynnkleisler@yahoo.com

I will also be glad to answer your questions.

Susan Atkins
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TMTF PLAY-A-THON



The final amount collected for the TMTF Play-A-Thon this year is \$9,550. Two hundred eleven students representing twenty teachers participated in this event.

A student of Mary Lee Taylor won the first place award of \$100 for raising the most money which totaled \$600. A student of Jessica Tuttobene won the second place award of \$75 for raising \$525. The third place award of \$50 was won by a student of Joan Edwards for raising \$500.

An enormous thank you goes out to the teachers and students who participated and helped to make this event a great success! Congratulations and a special thank you to Joan Edwards' studio that raised \$2,221.75! Other studios who raised over \$500 are Susan Atkins (\$515), Laura Cardin (\$815), Josephine Jones (\$501), Lynn Kleisler (\$957.25), Mary Ann Medlin (\$800), Mary Lee Taylor (\$1,100), and Jessica Tuttobene (\$575).

Thank you again to all who helped this three day event be such a success!!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM, Chairman

Need Students? Want to refer students?

Look no further than the TMTF website: www.tmtf.org

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

Mun Lee Han
munleehan@gmail.com

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

**An Invitation to Celebrate
Students and Teachers!!**

**Announcing the 2019 Senior Recital
and
2019 TMTF Honors Recitals!!**

**Sunday, May 19, 2019
Place: Chandler Hall
at Old Dominion University**

**3:00 p.m. Senior Recital
(An occasion to honor students
who are graduating seniors)**

**5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Annual TMTF Honors
Recitals**

**(Performances by students who by
competitive audition were selected to
perform in the Annual TMTF Honors Recitals.)**

**The students performing are from the studios
of our members. Come and be proud of our
teachers, their students and our
organization!! The recitals are free and open
to anyone who would like to come!**



May

- 4 Carol Noona
- 10 Alexandra Mullins
- 11 Teresa Compos-Falk
- 16 Betty Atkinson
- 17 Cheryl Pearson
- 18 Sharon Palardy
- 20 Betty Blasch
- 25 Kai Lin
- 26 Susan Cusher
- 28 Mun Lee Han
- 30 Sarah Eubanks

June

- 7 Susan Ha
- 7 Meghan Hutton
- 15 Kimberly Smith
- 21 Sharon Banks
- 29 Dyanna Hornbaker
- 29 Emily Scott

**Check out our new and
improved website!**

www.tmtf.org

List your teacher profile
with our new webmaster

Mun Lee Han
munleehan@gmail.com

YEARBOOK ADS

It is time to start thinking about yearbook ads and we are hoping to expand the "Our Community" ads pages this year. They include ads from members or member affiliated businesses that we can share with each other and support. Many of our members have or have family members that engage in other side businesses or are a self employed business owner. We all help support other small businesses on a daily/ weekly basis. This would be a great vehicle to let others know in our community about the business or service so that we can help support it and spread the word! Examples are real estate agent, jewelry making, landscaping, substitute organist or pianist, tutor, consignment shops, personal services, legal services, hair dresser, dentist, website designer, home goods, insurance agent, health products, etc., etc.!!! This is only a small list of what is out there. 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

Our ads are what help us defray the cost of the printing of the yearbook as well as the activity book. Also, if you know of any other school, college, music organization, business or group that might be interested in advertising in our yearbook, please let me know. The deadline for ads is July 15th. I can be reached at (757) 925-0248 or lynnkleisler@yahoo.com.

Please help to make our "Community Ads" page a success!

Lynn Kleisler
Yearbook Ads Chairman

NEW CHAIRMAN NEEDED

Our group is in need of a new Levels of Progress Chairman for next year. Bethany Jacobs has done a fantastic job as the chairman of this big event this year. Unfortunately, she is not going to be able to continue heading it at this time. We really appreciate all of her hard work!!

If you are interested in volunteering for this position or have any questions about it, please contact me (lynnkleisler@yahoo.com) or Mun Lee Han (munleehan@gmail.com). Your consideration is appreciated.

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
TMTF President



TMTF SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS: 3rd QUARTER 2018-19

TMTF SCHOLARSHIP CHECKING ACCT. 1/01/19 thru 3/31/19

Opening Balance:		\$ 526.01
Income:	\$ -0-	
Expenses:	-0-	
Closing Balance:		\$ 526.01

GARROW SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 1/01/19 thru 3/31/19

Opening Balance:		\$ 511.87
Income: Account interest	\$ 0.04	
Expenses:	-0-	
Closing Balance:		\$ 511.91

GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 1/01/19 thru 3/31/19

Opening Balance:		\$10,842.07
Income: Account interest	\$ 0.80	
Expenses:	-0-	
<u>Closing Balance:</u>		\$10,842.87

MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 1/01/19 thru 3/31/19

Opening Balance:		\$12,302.94
Income: Account interest:	\$ 0.93	
Expenses:	-0-	
Closing Balance:		\$ 12,303.85



It's MTNA Renewal Time!

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: Renew by June 1 to guarantee your inclusion in the 2019-2020 TMTF Yearbook and the VMTA Yearbook.

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

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

Questions about membership?

Donna Halleck, Membership Chair
757-482-5429
donnahalleck@gmail.com

Invite a teacher friend to join!

For more benefits of membership, visit: www.mtna.org or: www.tmtf.org

Thank you for your support!

CHESAPEAKE BAY WIND ENSEMBLE

Message:

Our ensemble is featuring Dr. Benjamin Corbin, CNU, on the Concerto for Piano and Wind Ensemble by Nancy Galbraith. The performance is

June 1, 2019

7:30 PM

Peebles Hall

Ferguson Center

We wanted to let all your pianists and piano instructors know of this fine soloist performing a major composition.

Here's our website for further information - www.cbwe.org

Bill Garlette, Conductor, Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble
cbwemdbg@cox.net

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Join the groups:
Music Teachers National
Association

Virginia Music Teachers
Association

Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

Post photos, announce your
events, make connections

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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TMTF is the 2008 MTNA Local Association of the Year