



# STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum



## President's Notes



Hello fellow "Remote Teachers"!

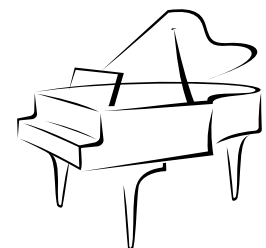
With our current situation, it is hard to know when we will be able to see each other again. We are all staying home, washing our hands, worrying about our elderly relatives, our friends and neighbors – frankly, even ourselves. Will our income remain steady? Will there be T.P. at the store next week? Will we get sick?

Because of our circumstances surrounding COVID-19, many of us have had to adjust to teaching lessons online. I believe that teaching students online is the best idea for the time being. I have enjoyed learning how to use Zoom and am able to continue "socializing." Now, I am working on my Spring Recital. How?? "Virtual Piano Recital". There are many resources, ideas and videos about Virtual Piano Recitals on Facebook and Youtube. They all look interesting, fun and most importantly, it works! Always be brave and try new things! When life gives us lemons, we can still make music.

I was disappointed that I was unable to attend the MTNA National Conference, but I am also excited that they provided a virtual conference, which started on April 21st. The virtual format allows a view-at-your-own-pace experience. You can visit it as many times as you please, at any hour, and for as long as you wish. It's a terrific way to take full advantage of the conference adventure. The MTNA Virtual Conference is free for all members. Simply visit the MTNA website, [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org) and start your virtual learning adventure.

During these unusual circumstances of "Stay Home, Stay Safe," I hope and pray that you will all stay safe and healthy!

Mun Lee Han, NCTM  
TMTF President





## TMTF Play-A-Thon



The final amount collected for the TMTF Play-A-Thon this year is \$7,980. One hundred ninety five students representing seventeen teachers participated in this event.

The students who won a monetary award for raising the most amount of money for this event are as follows:

First Place \$100 Award	Cain Hyde for raising \$210	(teacher - Lynn Kleisler)
Second Place \$75 Award	Faith Newby for raising \$200	(teacher - Donna Halleck)
Third Place \$50 Award	Marylen Codjo for raising \$180	(teacher - Lynn Kleisler)

An enormous thank you goes out to the teachers and students who participated and helped to make this event a great success this year! Congratulations and a special thank you goes to Joan Edwards' studio that raised \$1,330! Other studios who raised over \$500 are Susan Atkins (\$515), Laura Cardin (\$775), Josephine Jones (\$727), Lynn Kleisler (\$1,260), Mary Ann Medlin (\$720) and Mary Lee Taylor (\$500). Many thanks to all of you who helped this three day event be such a success!!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM  
Chairman

### Glover Scholarship Auditions

Due to the pandemic situation this year, the Glover Scholarship Auditions were not held on April 4th. As it is impossible to plan for a later date for this event, the committee decided to give an award to each student who was registered to compete this year. It seemed only fair to award all of these students as they helped to raise the money for this scholarship program. Also, eighth graders would not have an opportunity to compete again next year.

There were ten teachers who entered a total of forty five students to compete in this audition. To stay within our budget, we decided to give students in grades 5 through 7 a \$100 award each and 8th graders will be awarded \$125. We felt this would be fair, helpful and encouraging to all of the students who entered.

Chairmen and Committee

Lynn Kleisler, Joan Edwards & Donna Halleck

### Resources for MTNA Members During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Excerpt from MTNA website

[https://www.mtna.org/MTNA/Learn/COVID19\\_Resources.aspx](https://www.mtna.org/MTNA/Learn/COVID19_Resources.aspx)

MTNA understands that music teachers are facing many unique personal and professional challenges during the COVID-19 health crisis. In order to save you time and effort, MTNA has compiled a curated list of some of the best and most helpful resources to support your teaching practice during this unprecedented time. The list will be updated regularly as additional resources become available, so check back frequently for the latest additions. We are continually on the lookout for the best resources, so please contact MTNA at [mtnanet@mtna.org](mailto:mtnanet@mtna.org) to make suggestions for the list. (The resource list is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an endorsement by MTNA.)

## 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 agents, 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:

1/8page	\$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. The money also helps with the cost of our monthly meetings/workshops.

If you know of any school, college, music organization, business or group that might be interested in advertising in our yearbook, please contact me. **The deadline for ads is July 25th.**

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  
Yearbook Ads Chairman



### Membership renewal due date extended to September 1. A letter from Dr. Gary L. Ingle, April 22.

In recognition of the severe financial hardships many of our members are currently experiencing, the MTNA Board of Directors has voted to extend the due date for this year's 2020-21 membership renewals. The traditional due date has been July 1, the beginning of the membership year. The Board, under its authority from Article III Section 3 of the MTNA Bylaws, has extended this year's due date until September 1.

The Board recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a heavy toll on music teachers and their income. As a result of social distancing orders, many are unable to teach in their studios. A large number have taken to online teaching, and others have stopped lessons altogether, leading to limited income or, in some cases, no income at all. Extending the due date not only provides immediate relief to members during the COVID-19 crisis, it also delays the payment of dues for those in need until September when lessons begin and income is being generated.

You will receive tomorrow an email renewal notice for the 2020-21 MTNA membership year. For those who are able, we hope you will renew promptly. However, if this is not possible right now, you have the opportunity to delay your renewal until September and still remain a member in good standing with MTNA.

As always, please contact the MTNA National Headquarters if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary L. Ingle".

Dr. Gary L. Ingle  
Executive Director & CEO  
Music Teachers National Association

## MTNA CERTIFICATION - NOW IS THE TIME!

Are you thinking what I'm thinking? After frantically switching my teaching studio to an online format - with mixed results, I must say - I can now take a step back, take a deep breath, and ponder, what else can I be doing? What would be productive and benefit my professional teaching career? Why not work towards MTNA certification?

Unfortunately, we can't have any in-person meetings just yet, but if you're interested, I'll be glad to do a Zoom meeting when it's convenient for you. First take a look at the MTNA certification website - [www.mtnacertification.org](http://www.mtnacertification.org). There you'll find lots of information, and more than a few questions, I dare say. Well, bring it on - that's what I'm here for.

Just think, in less than a year, you could proudly sport those 4 little letters after your name - NCTM - Nationally Certified Teacher of Music.

If you're already certified, hopefully you got an email reminder from MTNA about your renewal.  
**The deadline is July 1.**

Now is the time to get started - Contact:

Susan Atkins, NCTM  
[pianolearningcenter@gmail.com](mailto:pianolearningcenter@gmail.com)  
757-282-8220 (cell)

## Eastern District Audition

The Eastern District Auditions, originally scheduled for May 2020 has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 26, at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, VA.

**The deadline for applications will be September 1.** I will assign audition times after this date. Please send your applications to: Alisa Bohon, 112 Yacht Ct, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Please note, according to state guidelines this year, the selection of repertoire may not be changed once applications have been received. Upon receiving your application I will email to let you know.

Alisa Bohon  
Eastern District Chair  
757-880-8631

## TMTF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2019-2020

Please turn in your documentation for the TMTF Achievement Award by May 1, 2020. The form can be found in the Activity Booklet. Students who sent in their applications for the Glover Auditions by the deadline can receive one point for this event.

Submit documentation and forms to:  
Josphine A. Jones  
3897 North Landing Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Susan Atkins, NCTM



# TMTF Calendar



May

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

- 1 DEADLINE - Achievement Award Documentation
- 15 TMTF Meeting/Workshop/Luncheon **CANCELLED**
- 17 TMTF Honors Recitals and H.S. Seniors' Recital **CANCELLED**
- 21 DEDLINE - Stafflines News



June

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

- 12 TMTF Executive Board Meeting 10:00 AM  
at Whitfield Music, 920 Ventures Way, Chesapeake, VA



May

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



June

- |    |                    |   |               |
|----|--------------------|---|---------------|
| 11 | Teresa Compos-Falk | 7 | Susan Ha      |
| 16 | Betty J. Atkinson  | 7 | Meghan Hutton |
| 20 | Betty Blasch       |   |               |
| 26 | Susan Burke Cusher |   |               |
| 28 | Mun Lee Han        |   |               |

**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

Need Students?  
Want to refer students?

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



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 webmaster address:  
[www.tmtf.org](http://www.tmtf.org)  
It's that easy!

TMTF SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS: 3RD QUARTER 2019-2020

**TMTF SCHOLARSHIP CHECKING ACCT. 1/31/20 thru 3/31/20**

<b>Opening Balance:</b>		<b>\$3,151.01</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Transfer from Glover for Zion Baptist Deposit - Glover Celebration	\$100.00	
Transfer from Glover for Henry Faivre, Piano Tuning at Zion Baptist (Stu Rec)	\$110.00	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Mayberry Scholarship -Shenandoah U. (Madeline Bevins 5/2019)	\$2,500.00	
Glover Scholarships	\$300.00	
Piano Tuning at Zion Baptist (student recital, Glover piano)	\$110.00	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$2,910.00</b>	
<b>Closing Balance:</b>		<b>\$451.01</b>
<b>Outstanding checks: (To reflect actual account balance)</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$351.01</b>

**GARROW SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 1/31/20 thru 3/31/20**

<b>Opening Balance:</b>		<b>\$562.05</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Transfer to help with funds in account, from GM	\$400.00	
Transfer to help with funds in account, from Glover	\$400.00	
Account interest	\$0.05	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$800.05</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Transfer bank fee avoidance funds back to GM	\$300.00	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	
<b>Closing Balance:</b>		<b>\$1,062.10</b>

**GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 1/31/20 thru 3/31/20**

<b>Opening Balance:</b>		<b>\$10,487.51</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Donation from Student Recital	\$16.00	
Account interest	\$0.70	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$16.70</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Transfer to checking-Piano Tuning at Zion Baptist for Student Recital	\$110.00	
Transfer to checking-Zion Baptist Church - Deposit for Celebration	\$100.00	
Transfer to Garrow for help with account funds	\$400.00	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$610.00</b>	
<b>Closing Balance:</b>		<b>\$9,894.21</b>

**MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 1/31/20 thru 3/31/20**

<b>Opening Balance:</b>		<b>\$11,924.06</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Transfer from Garrow-returned funds from bank fee avoidance	\$300.00	
Account interest	\$0.82	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$300.82</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Transfer to Garrow for help with account funds	\$400.00	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	
<b>Closing Balance:</b>		<b>\$11,824.88</b>



TIDEWATER MUSIC TEACHER'S FORUM  
2/27/2020 to 4/23/2020

ASSETS	
Savings Account	\$3,004.26
Checking Account	\$26,987.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,991.69</b>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$3,004.13
Interest for Feb/March	\$0.13
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$3,004.26</b>

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$19,004.54
Play-a-thon	\$5,720.00
Achievement Awards	\$351.00
Levels of Progress	\$84.00
Theory Test	\$2,413.00
Membership	\$30.00
Levels of Progress	-\$210.53
Glover Scholarship	-\$75.00
Exec Board - Operations	-\$24.58
Programs	-\$305.00
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$26,987.43</b>

Take a break, have some fun!

Katharine Hepburn's Brownie Recipe

<https://www.pbs.org/food/the-history-kitchen/katharine-hepburn-brownie-recipe/>



Ingredients

- ½ cup cocoa or 2 squares (2 oz.) unsweetened baker's chocolate
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cup roughly chopped walnuts or pecans

Direction

1. Melt butter with the cocoa or chocolate together in a heavy saucepan over medium low, whisking constantly till blended.
2. Remove from heat and stir in the sugar. Whisk in the eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour, salt and walnuts. Mix well.
3. Pour into a well buttered 8-inch square baking pan.
4. Bake at 325 degrees for about 40 minutes till a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool completely and cut into squares. These brownies are very fudgy and may be somewhat difficult to slice cleanly; use a sharp knife and a spatula to help them loosen from the baking dish.

\*It's super easy to make and it's the best brownies I have ever had. It is not that fudgy as it says in the direction. (Probably because I reduce sugar to 2/3 cup) It only takes about 30 minutes to bake in my oven. I use parchment paper to line the baking dish. Don't over bake ;-) Yuko Farman

**MTNA SOUTHERN DIVISION COMPETITION WINNERS 2020**

**JUNIOR PERFORMANCE**

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Entrant</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
PIANO	NORTH CAROLINA	BENJAMIN LUO	FLORENCE KO
STRING	TENNESSEE	IRIS SHEPHERD	CORNELIA HEARD
WOODWIND	TENNESSEE	MARISSA LIU	MYUNG KIM

**SENIOR PERFORMANCE**

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Entrant</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
BRASS	NORTH CAROLINA	MONET JOWERS	MARIA SERKIN
PIANO	ALABAMA	LUKE TURNER	HEATHER CONNOR
STRING	TENNESSEE	KINGSTON HO	CORNELIA HEARD
VOICE	FLORIDA	WOOLDJINA PRESENT	JENNIFER TIPTON

**MTNA 2020 NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

**JUNIOR WINNERS**

**PIANO**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Entrant</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
WINNER	RICHARD SHAO	MICHIGAN	EAST CENTRAL DIVISION	ARTHUR GREENE
SECOND	BRYANT LI	TEXAS	SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION	JOHN WEEMS
THIRD	CONRAD FLAKE	UTAH	SOUTHWEST DIVISION	NING LU/JIE LU
CHOPIN AWARD	MATTHEW LIU	KANSAS	WEST CENTRAL DIVISION	JACK WINEROCK

**STRING**

WINNER	JONATHAN OKSENIUK	ARIZONA	SOUTHWEST DIVISION	JING ZENG
SECOND	CALVIN ALEXANDER	LOUISIANA	SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION	LAURA CRAWFORD/JAN SLOMAN
THIRD	HANAMI FROOM	OREGON	NORTHWEST DIVISION	CAROL SINDELL

**WOODWIND**

WINNER	ANGELA SHEN	MARYLAND	EASTERN DIVISION	ALBERT HUNT
SECOND	MARISSA LIU	TENNESSEE	SOUTHERN DIVISION	MYUNG KIM
THIRD	REINA SHIM	TEXAS	SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION	MONICA SONG

**MTNA 2020 NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

**YOUNG ARTIST WINNERS**

**BRASS**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Entrant</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
WINNER	MAXIMILLIAN McNUTT	COLORADO	WEST CENTRAL DIVISION	RYAN GARDNER
SECOND	BRITTANY WHITE	GEORGIA	SOUTHERN DIVISION	ANNE-MARIE CHERRY
THIRD	HANAN RAHMAN	ILLINOIS	EAST CENTRAL DIVISION	BERNHARD SCULLY

**PIANO**

WINNER	BENJAMIN DOMINGUEZ	KANSAS	WEST CENTRAL DIVISION	JACK WINEROCK
SECOND	HYERIM LEE	MICHIGAN	EAST CENTRAL DIVISION	CHRISTOPHER HARDING
THIRD	HYRUM ARNESEN	UTAH	SOUTHWEST DIVISION	STEPHEN BEUS

**STRING**

WINNER	TIANYU LIU	SOUTH CAROLINA	SOUTHERN DIVISION	LEE SIOW
SECOND	SKYLER COVERT	OHIO	EAST CENTRAL DIVISION	JOAN KWUON
THIRD	SOFIA SCHUTTE	MINNESOTA	WEST CENTRAL DIVISION	SALLY O'REILLY

**VOICE**

WINNER	CAROLYN ORR	TEXAS	SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION	ROBERT BEST
SECOND	CLAUDIA AFFAN	ALABAMA	SOUTHERN DIVISION	MATTHEW HOCH
THIRD	STEPHEN STACHOFSKY	INDIANA	EAST CENTRAL DIVISION	SAMUEL SAVAGE

**WOODWIND**

WINNER	ANDREI MAZANKO	MICHIGAN	EAST CENTRAL DIVISION	ARTHUR CAMPBELL
SECOND	LANDON CHANG	TEXAS	SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION	ERIC NESTLER
THIRD	SEAN MILLER	IOWA	WEST CENTRAL DIVISION	KENNETH TSE



### 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  
Yuko Farman  
yukofarman@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

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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