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Season's Greetings

PATTI MISITA
LMTA PRESIDENT

We are so blessed to have the gift of music in our lives!
We are even more blessed to have the privilege of sharing that gift with others.
Whether through performing, teaching or volunteering for arts organizations, I hope your holiday season is filled with the joy of music.

I am so very honored to serve as President of LMTA for the next two years. It is truly a pleasure to be part of such a wonderful group. On behalf of the board, I would like to express appreciation to outgoing president, Judy McGehee, for all her hard work and dedication. Her thoughtful, kind and caring leadership has set an excellent example for everyone on the board. Thanks, Judy for all you do for LMTA!

I would also like to express appreciation to outgoing committee chairs: Joao Paulo Casarotti, Community Outreach and Education; LaWanda Blakeney, MTNA Junior High Performance Competitions; Sarah Roy, MTNA Foundation; Cindy Hockenjos, Outstanding Teacher Award; Yung-chiao Wei, strings; Teresa Thomason, Piano Rally; and Sue Steck-Turner, SOS Fund and Playathon. Thanks to all of you for your service to LMTA!

A warm welcome to new chairs Brandon Bascom, Community Outreach and Education; Francis Yang, MTNA Junior High Performance Competitions; Michelle Strain, MTNA Foundation; Linda Manes, Outstanding Teacher Award; Robin Ebeyer, Piano Rally; Hannah Mayo, SOS Fund and Playathon; Wellness, Eleanor Elkins; and Collaborative, Megan Reilly Shannon. Click on the ribbon to view the entire board. 

We had a fabulous convention in Lake Charles! Guest artist Alexandre Dossin gave a beautiful recital. Clinicians Wynn-Anne Rossi and Joanne Haroutounian were both informative and entertaining! Special thanks goes to Christy Corley who served as our faculty host from McNeese and as LCPTA President. Many thanks as well to all of the LCPTA members who helped make this convention a tremendous success. An extra special thanks to Robin Ebeyer for putting together the convention book, Abbie Fletcher for record ad sales and Carla Breaux for putting together fabulous exhibits. Special thanks also goes to Fred and Dorothy Sahlmann for arranging the lovely banquet venue atop the Chase Bank Building. Honorees at the banquet included Dr. Susanna Garcia, recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Teacher Award. Click on the ribbon  to read about all the many contributions Susie has made to the field of pedagogy as well as her service to the profession. The 2013 Distinguished Service Award was given to Janet Colbert, our outgoing treasurer. Thank you so much for the time, dedication and expertise you have given to LMTA during your term as treasurer. We are grateful! Click on the ribbon to read about Janet. 

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From the President continued...

Thanks to Dr. Chan Kiat Lim for organizing our 2013 Chamber Music Competition and to ULL for hosting this event. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to make music together.

A warm welcome goes to our newest collegiate chapter at Dillard University sponsored by Dr. Brandon Bascom. Officers are Angela Beasley, President; Vivian Adams, Vice President; and Alisha Williams, Secretary. Our new state collegiate officers can be found by clicking on the ribbon. 

LMTA will host the MTNA South Central Division Conference and Competitions January 18-19 at Northwestern University in Natchitoches. Thanks to Francis Yang for all his work in organizing this event. All members are welcome to attend the competitions.



Please let me know if you plan to attend the MTNA Conference in Chicago. I would also like to know if you plan to attend the Gala. Thanks to the many generous contributions and the hard work from Sarah Roy, we have named Marjorie Stricklin as MTNA Foundation Fellow for 2014. She will be honored at the MTNA Gala in Chicago this March. I know many of you will want to show your support for Marjorie Stricklin as she is honored as a Foundation Fellow.

Patti Misita



LMTA friends,
It has been such a privilege to serve this wonderful organization as President for the last two years. Patti Misita has done a fantastic job of arranging our last two conventions, and I am looking forward to the new ideas that she will bring to LMTA as President.

I want to thank the other members of the Executive Committee for their leadership and support: VP Membership LaWanda Blakeney; VP Certification Sue Steck-Turner; VP Publicity David Easley; VP Rallies Robin Ebeyer; Secretary Tamera Zona; Treasurer, Janet Colbert; Historian/Webmaster Katherine Tobey; Immediate Past President Donna Toney; and Members-at-Large Gulnara Chandler and Mila Olivier. LMTA is such a strong organization because of the many members who are willing to serve. Thank you to everyone in LMTA for your continued service to our organization.

Judy McGehee
Immediate Past President

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