

Intermission

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Judy McGehee, LMTA PRESIDENT

I want to thank the entire LMTA Board for the many tasks performed by each member during this year. Our President-Elect, Patti Misita, did a fantastic job of planning this convention and guiding it to a very successful conclusion.

Our Convention at ULM was a huge success! Beth Klingenstein's amazing sessions covered every aspect of developing a successful piano studio. I highly recommend her book, *The Independent Piano Teacher's Studio Handbook*. Victor Labenske's sessions were full of fun new music of many styles. I have already programmed many of his pieces for upcoming church services. Paula Manwaring gave me new ideas for expanding my studio to include younger children.

Much of the success of this convention is due to the hard work and efficient planning of two very special LMTA members: Deborah McClung-Guillory and Irena Jones. To me, they are "A-plus" convention planners! I would also like to thank members of the ULM faculty Rick Seiler, Scot Humes, and Julian Jones for their many contributions. Many thanks as well to the members of MDMTA for their hard work and wonderful hospitality!

We are thankful for our convention exhibitors, which included Theory Time, eNovative Piano, Pendley Piano Gallery, and Zeagler Music.

We have a new LMTA Secretary. Jill O'Toole has resigned and Tamera Zona, President of CENLA, will be serving the remainder of this term. We thank Jill for her service to LMTA, and welcome Tamera to the Executive Board.

Congratulations to our new collegiate chapter state officers. Read about our collegiate chapters at <http://www.lmta.org/state.asp?page=collegiate>.

Sarah Roy, our Foundation Chair, once again directed our Silent Auction and Used Music Sale. The funds generated by these activities will be used to help send two of our collegiate chapter state officers to MTNA Conference in March.



Our most deserving Outstanding Teacher for 2012 is Donna Toney. Congratulations to Donna, who is our LMTA Immediate Past President, an MTNA Fellow, and a member of BRMTA. Click on the link below to read Donna's biography.

<http://www.lmta.org/state.asp?page=outstandingteacheraward>



Elementary composition competition winners can be found at <http://www.lmta.org/state.asp?page=elementarycomposition>

Upper Elementary Audition winners can be found at <http://www.lmta.org/state.asp?page=upperelementary>

MTNA competition winners can be found at <http://www.lmta.org/state.asp?page=mtnacomps> .

Our Chamber Music Competition was held on October 27th at ULL. Chan Kiat Lim is doing an outstanding job with this competition, which has now been held twice. Click on the link below for the winners.

<http://www.lmta.org/state.asp?page=chambermusiccompetition> .

Our next Convention is at McNeese State University, in Lake Charles. The dates are October 10 – 11, 2013. Our convention artist will be Alexander Dossin. Make your plans now to be there!

TAKE 

Living in Louisiana, we are all familiar with hurricanes and the impact they can have in all areas of our life. Many state music teachers associations have come to our need when we have experienced devastation. LMTA recently sent \$1,000 to New Jersey Music Teachers Association, and \$1,000 to New York Music Teachers Association.