

Intermission

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FROM THE PRESIDENT Judy McGehee



I am honored to serve as LMTA's president for the next two years. I am so thankful to our immediate past president, **Donna Toney**, for her wonderful example of leadership. Donna is always the epitome of graciousness and professionalism, and I know that everyone in LMTA is grateful for her sharing her special gifts during her term of office. Donna becomes the chair of the newly-established Past President's Council.

Thank you so much to outgoing chairs **Thais Perkins** (Community Outreach and Education), **Steele Moegle** (Collegiate Chapters), **David Evenson** (Piano), **Matthew Daline** (Strings), and **Carol White** (IMTF). New chairs are **Joao Paulo Casarotti**, as Community Outreach

and Education Chair; **Christy Vogt-Corley** as Collegiate Chapters Chair; **Charles Jones**, Piano Chair, **Lauren Lewandowski** as IMTF Chair and **Yung-chiao Wei**, Strings Chair. View the entire board at <http://www.lmta.org/state.asp?page=chairs>

I would like to thank all members of the LMTA Board for their willingness to serve our organization!

Our recent convention was awe-inspiring. Guests Robert and Karen Vandall, Steve Betts, and Jennifer Hayghe made this convention truly special. **Pamela Pike** served not only as our LSU faculty host, but also as President of BRMTA. We could not have had a successful convention without her planning and organizational skills. Thanks also to Convention Bulletin Editor **Katherine Tobey**, Exhibits Chair **Christine Lien**, Publicity VP **David Easley**, and Hospitality Chairs **Marcia Colonius** and **Pat O'Neal**, and all the members of BRMTA for their parts in the convention.

We are very grateful to our wonderful convention exhibitors. Special thanks to Theory Time for exhibiting with LMTA for five consecutive years!

Congratulations to new collegiate chapter state officers, and to Southern University, which is in the process of forming our newest collegiate chapter! You can view the collegiate officers, and their photos from convention at <http://www.lmta.org/state.asp?page=collegiate>.

Foundation chair Sarah Roy once again did a remarkable job directing our Foundation activities. The Silent Action, Recycled Music Sale and other contributions enabled us to name **Susanna Garcia** and **Donna Toney** as Foundation Fellows for 2012. They will be honored at the MTNA Gala in New York City in March!

Winners of the MTNA competitions can be found at <http://www.lmta.org/state.asp?page=mtnacomps> while winners in the Upper Elementary Auditions can be found at <http://www.lmta.org/state.asp?page=upperelementary>. Congratulations to our winners, and best of luck to the MTNA winners and representatives who will represent our state in Austin at the regional division competitions in January.

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A Playathon was held the Saturday of convention at O'Neill's Music House. THANK YOU O'Neill's for your support and to **Katherine Jones**, the chair. \$695 was contributed to the SOS Fund from the Convention Playathon, and more contributions were received from additional Playathons held around the state.

Our Outstanding Teacher for 2011 is **Elaine Poche**. Congratulations to Elaine, a wonderful teacher and LMTA member. Click here to read Elaine's biography and see her photo on our website:

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

The first ever LMTA Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Shirley Jennings** at the convention banquet. Shirley has served LMTA faithfully for many years in the String and Harp areas. Click here for Shirley's biography and photo: <http://www.lmta.org/state.asp?page=serviceaward>.

The very first LMTA Chamber Music Competition was held at ULM on November 5th. **Chan Kiat Lim** did an outstanding job chairing our FIRST CMC! Click here to see the winners of this competition:

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

Are you planning to attend the MTNA Conference in New York City? Please let me know if you are, and also tell me if you're planning to attend the Gala. I hope that many of us will be there to see **Susanna Garcia** and **Donna Toney** receive their foundation Fellow awards.

Our next convention will be at ULM, in Monroe, October 18-20, 2012.



Enjoy your Intermission between SCORES! Also, LMTA is on FACEBOOK! Search for us and Like us! Look for future blogs also!!
Enjoy your holiday season!