

NORTH DAKOTA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
Newsletter, November 2010
Kathleen Johnson, President

A Message from your President:

The title 'president' feels rather strange yet. Normally when I take on an office, I have a pretty good feel of what the details of the office include and how to execute them. I would studiously watch, take notes and ask questions about the numerous things the office entailed, and learn. Now, one would think that after serving on the NDMTA board for so many years, one should know what the responsibilities of the many offices are. I do have a good picture of what the whole scope of MTA is about, but you can have the big picture in sight, and not know all the details of how things happen in that picture. And that is where I'm at. I'm hoping you will all be teachers and reminders to me. I have a thousand questions in my head.



This organization is made up of people that serve in many different positions, both in their local associations and on the state level. They know the details of their position well and make magical things happen. I'm always so amazed! We are a really great organization and great and important things happen for the teachers and the students because of you, the membership. NDMTA has been a shaping force in my teaching career – I cannot imagine teaching without it. We need to let the world know of these happenings so that every teacher and every student can have the benefits. So let's join together to sing the praises of this great organization, encourage new memberships to enhance the teaching of music, and make great things happen for each other and our students!

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“2010 NDMTA Teacher of the Year”

Gloria Bethke NCTM, Grand Forks, was selected to receive the “Teacher of the Year” award at the NDMTA Conference in Dickinson. Gloria’s career in teaching piano and composition has spanned 47 years during which she has taught hundreds of students. She has had numerous student winners in the Scotts Music Competition (Grand Forks), the MTNA state composition contest, the NFMC composition contest, and has had MTNA and NODAK winners on piano. Many of her students have gone on to advanced study in college.



Gloria graduated from Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska with a

major in elementary education and music. Over the course of her career she has taken advantage of opportunities to further her education by taking pedagogy and music history classes at UND, attend numerous workshops including sessions with Frances Clark and Louise Goss, Willard Palmer and Amanda Lethco, Ruth Slenczynska, Robert Groves at NDSU, and the Summer Music Institute at the U of St. Thomas.

Gloria has been a member of NDMTA and MTNA for 32 years and was nationally certified in 1992. One of her student’s parents wrote: “Without Gloria in our lives, (our daughter) might not have reached such high level in her piano playing career. The doors that were opened to our daughter as well as the rest of Gloria’s students are a true sign that she cares about her students and has a genuine passion for music and for teaching. Her commitment and devotion to her students are as strong as ours, as parents, for giving our child the gift of music.”

Kathleen Johnson

Teacher of the Year Chair

Dear members of the NDMTA

It is with great thankfulness that I receive the NDMTA Teacher of the Year 2010 award. It is a great honor to be given this award and I accept it with much humility. In the NDMTA there are many gifted and dedicated teachers who in their own way are "Teachers of the Year". I am proud to belong to this organization and to work along with all of you dedicated teachers of music. What a privilege it is to teach music to the young musicians in our state and to see them develop their talent to the best of their ability. I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to do this for almost 50 years! My goal for each student is that he or she will develop a love for music that will last for their entire life.

I thank the local Greater Grand Forks Music Teachers for nominating me for this award. *Gloria Bethke, NCTM*

Dear NDMTA Members,

Thank you for the thoughtful gifts given to me at the Dickinson conference. The small token of appreciation turned out to be a large bag for business use. It has many pockets to keep me organized. The small scripture piece which I first thought to be a wall plaque turned out to be a business card holder. I suppose it is time to order my new business cards.

The Badlands MTA Members did an awesome job assembling an interesting, uplifting conference for the membership. Thank you barely touches upon my gratitude for those efforts. It was memorable and pleasant.

Many thanks to the NDMTA Board for the many hours of work, year round, you give to keep this organization humming along. I know the next year and a half we are in good hands under the leadership of Kathleen Johnson.

May your students come to lessons well prepared and leave lessons ready to put in more practice time making music at their instruments. Well, it is fun to make the wish anyhow!

Thanks again and happy holidays to everyone. *Arlene Gray*, Immediate past president NDMTA

NDMTA State Conference Notes

LeChavalier de Saint-Georges Session by Mary Leaf Schneider

Mary Leaf Schneider taught a very interesting session on LeChavalier de Saint-Georges, a French composer who lived from 1745-1799. He was born, Joseph Bologne, on the island of Guadeloupe, the son of a white plantation owner and his African slave. Joseph was taken to France to be educated. Joseph was a natural charmer, a fencing protégé, and a virtuoso musician. Joseph became a knight and his name was changed to LeChavalier de Saint-Georges. He wrote violin concertos, symphonies, operas, and other music. Mozart and Beethoven were influenced by some of Saint-Georges' compositions. Saint-Georges conducted an eighty piece symphony orchestra and commissioned Haydn to write six new symphonies for this orchestra.

Much of Saint-Georges' music has been lost, probably due to the French Revolution, but renewed interest in him has sprung up since the bicentennial of his death in 1999. New recordings of Saint-Georges' surviving music are being made all the time. Submitted by Sheryl Kjelland

IMTF - "Preventing Hand Stress & Injury" by Dr. Robert Groves

The IMTF Luncheon featured Dr. Robert Groves, music professor from NDSU, speaking about ways to avoid hand pain or injury as our students play the piano. He pointed out several things we can watch for such as: how they are seated on the bench, placement of the feet, angle of the arms, position of the elbows, overstretching fingers for chords or octaves, wasted motion after the key is struck, etc.

Dr. Groves said that much undue stress can be fixed if it is recognized and corrected. His big emphasis was that he is not able to fix a student's hand pain. The student has to do that for themselves. He stated that he can only give them suggestions on how to fix the problem, but the student has to be willing to make the changes and carry them through.

This was an extremely valuable session for all of us teachers. We usually only recognize the most obvious. It was very beneficial to have some of the less-recognized finger/hand stress symptoms pointed out.

Submitted by Darla Sheldon

Akiko and Forrest Kinney in Recital

We were treated to the music of Akiko and Forrest Kinney in Recital on Friday evening at the State Conference. The Kinneys played duets which featured examples of free improvisation, arrangement, composition, and interpretation. Their expressive teamwork on pieces such as J.S. Bach's Preludes #1 and #2, Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from "West Side Story," Ravel's Mother Goose Suite, Mozart's Allegro from Sonata KV.381 in D Major, Lecoune's Malaguena, and the Kinney's Tides were a delight for all of us. Submitted by Sheryl Kjelland

CERTIFICATION BOARD NEWS

The former NDMTA Certification board chair, Kathleen Johnson, CTM, has been elected president of NDMTA at the Dickinson Conference. The remaining board members are Gloria Bethke, NCTM, Ellen Croy, NCTM, and Lynda Pearson, NCTM, the new chairman. We look forward to new appointments to complete our working board.

During 2010, our board approved NDMTA certification of Michelle Schumacher, who also received National certification this year. Her pins were awarded at the Dickinson conference. We approved NDMTA renewals for Michelle Heaford-Gelinski, CTM and Linda Hanson-Bell, CTM. Karen Okerlund, CTM, received permanent NDMTA certification this summer.

NDMTA Teacher of the Year for 2010 is Gloria Bethke, NCTM of Grand Forks Music Teachers. Darla Sheldon, CTM, was recognized as Teacher of the Year from her Upper Valley Music Teachers group.

Submitted by Lynda Pearson, NCTM,
NDMTA Certification Board chair

The North Dakota Music Teachers Association Silent Auction was a big success this year netting a total of \$627.00 in funds. The money collected on the silent auction will be used to help fund the winners of the MTNA competition as they move on to the regional competition in Sioux Falls, SD. Thank you to all who donated to the silent auction. Submitted by Jeff Dasovick

MTNA Report:

Senior Piano winner was Caleb Faul, teacher David Poffenberger. He was the only entrant and will proceed to the division competition.

Young Artist Piano winner was Bernadette Maria Fromherz from NDSU, teacher Robert Groves. Alternate was David Holler from Minot State, teacher Penelope Simons.

Young Artist String winner was Erik Olson from Minot State, teacher Dennis Simons. He was the only entrant and will proceed to the division competition.

Young Artist Woodwind winner was Hannah Porter from University of Missouri-Kansas City, teacher Mary Posses. Alternate was Kohei Kameda from NDSU, teacher Matthew Patnode, Honorable mention, Carolyn Braus from NDSU, teacher Matthew Patnode.

Chamber music winner was the NDSU Saxophone Quartet, teacher Matthew Patnode. Alternate was the MSU Cello & Bass ensemble, teacher Jack Anderson.

Judge for piano: Dianna Anderson from Minot State University

Judge for strings: Stacie Varnson from Dickinson State University

Judge for Woodwinds/Chamber music: Michael Compton from Dickinson State University.

Submitted by Susan Tang, DMA

The NODAK Competitions, held at the 2010 NDMTA Conference at Dickinson State University, were judged by Frank Pearson, Dickinson, and Dianna Anderson, Minot.

Elementary winner was Casey Beck, Bismarck, teacher, David Poffenberger.

Junior high performers were Elijah Gray, Bryce Andreson and Sa Kong. Winner was Sa Kong, Bismarck, teacher Arlene Gray.

High school performers were Dan Rasmussen, Anthony Ouradnik and Nick Gellerman. Winner was Nick Gellerman, Bismarck, teacher David Poffenberger.



Casey Beck

Sa Kong

Nick Gellerman

June 2011 Conference in Grand Forks will include NODAK Competitions. Board voted to include NODAK Competitions with the annual June conference. MTNA Competitions will continue to be held in October on the Valley City State University campus. In 2012 NODAK will be part of the state conference, held at BSC, in June. Students and teachers please plan accordingly. Requirements are listed in the state directory. Arlene Gray, NODAK Chair

Foundation Report

At the NDMTA Annual Conference in Dickinson, ND, \$528 was raised for Sally Rudolph, our 2011 Foundation Fellow. Previous amount was \$425, which now brings our total to \$963, only \$37 left towards the \$1,000 required for a Foundation Fellow to be honored at the MTNA National Conference Gala.

Sally was a member of MTNA for nearly 40 years, and involved in FMMTA for more than 30 years. She served on the committee that started Rally, and as a regional officer for MTNA. She always desired to improve her skills, so she frequently attended workshops, state and national conventions. She had many students who excelled at the National Federation of Music Festivals, National Piano Guild, and she trained a Baldwin competition winner and NDMTA competition alternate.

Anyone wishing to contribute towards the Foundation Fellow has time until the deadline in early February. Anyone wishing to contribute by writing a check may make it out to MTNA Foundation Fund, and write on the memo line Sally Rudolph's name, and send it to National, or either to me or Arlene Gray, our new Foundation Chair. Any contributions may also be done online for your convenience. Just be sure to designate your donation towards Sally Rudolph, NDMTA's 2011 Foundation Fellow. Submitted by Corinne Nustad

Commissioned Composer

Commissioned Composer is an MTNA sponsored program. North Dakota has a distinguished tradition of commissioning a composer to write a piece for the annual state conference, (formerly convention) since 1964. Adam Hochstatter was the 2010 commissioned composer. He wrote a piano solo piece, Adagio for Piano. Adam premiered his own work at the Winners Concert on Saturday, October 30, 2010 in the Beck Auditorium in Klinefelter Hall on the DSU campus. The music was both somber and stunning. Adam's work will be sent to national for consideration in the MTNA competition.

Adam, a Fargo native, began composing music at age 16 after playing piano since age eleven. He attended Concordia College where he received his Bachelor of Music degree. He attended the Scoring for Motion Pictures and Television Program and the Thornton School of Music. Adam Hochstatter is a composer, producer, conductor and arranger specializing in film, television and video games. He now resides in West Hollywood.

2010 Business Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2010
8:00am , Dickinson, ND

President Arlene Gray called the meeting to order. She thanked Dickinson MTA and Dickinson State College for hosting the NDTMA 2010 Conference.

President Arlene talked about her experience as president of NDMTA. She talked about the need for a new president for the next term. She used the quote, "Take a leap and the net will appear."

Past president, Corinne Nustad spoke about the responsibilities of the president, how compromises could be made with sharing the responsibilities. Further comments were made by past presidents Beth Klingenstein, Priscilla Keough, Frank Pearson, and Jan Herr.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

President Arlene Gray led the installation ceremony for Vice President and Secretary. The NDMTA Vice President will be Susan Tang of Greater Grand Forks MTA and the NDMTA Secretary will be Lisa Schuler, CTM of Langdon Area MTA.

No Old Business.

No New Business.

Sheryl Kjelland announced that she has the rally workbooks at the conference to view.

Judy England announced that the IMTF Library is available at the conference.

Corinne Nustad held a collection of donations for the 2011 Foundation Fellow, Sally Rudolph.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Schuler
NDTMA Secretary

NDMTA Executive Board Minutes

October 28, 2010

5:00 – 7:00

Dickinson, ND

President Arlene Gray called the meeting to order. Introduction of the board members was held and roll call was taken. There were 20 members in attendance: Arlene Gray, Beth Klingenstein, Nancy Harsch, Jan Herr, Darla Sheldon, Sheryl Kjelland, Michelle Schumacher, Kathleen Johnson, Lynda Pearson, Anne Morris, Corrine Nustad, Gloria Bethke, Susan Tang, Lisa Schuler, Jeff Dasovick, Sharon Gegelmann, Judy England, Amy Mercer, Ellen Croy, Ann Delorme-Holmen

No minutes were read.

Reports from the officers and chairmen were given.

Treasurer Report Kathy Bresee was unable to attend the conference. Jeff Dasovick read the report. Arlene Gray and Jeff Dasovick will write the checks needed for the conference. Judy England and Jan Herr will return the checkbook to Kathy Bresee following the conference. Quarterly Report #1 had assets at \$31,281.94, income at \$4,215.87, and expenses at \$390.48.

President Report Arlene Gray has organized the president files. She has the 2012-commissioned composer contract written for Mary Leaf. She has contacted the 2010 composer, Adam Hochstatter. She has been working with Priscilla Keogh on the 2010 conference.

Vice President Report Susan Tang has been working on the preparations for the MTNA competitions. She also announced that UND will be hosting Nalita True on March 25th and 26th. She will send information when the date approaches.

Advertising Anne Morris has resigned from the position. She has sent her files to the new advertising chair, Sandra Enget of Bismarck.

Arts & Advocacy, Local Associations Chair Lisa Schuler is resigning from the position and will give Ann Morris the files following the board meeting. Lisa has been forwarding emails to locals, informing locals of board positions that need to be filled, and helping with corrections in the directory.

Certification Kathie Johnson has sent reminders to those needing to renew their certification. One member has received permanent certification. She ordered new pins for NCTM certification with one being sent to Linda Hanson-Bell. A NCTM pin will be awarded to Michelle Schumacher at the IMTF Luncheon.

Commissioned Composer Arlene Gray announced that there is currently no commissioned composer for 2011 due to problems with the contract. **Darla Sheldon**

motioned that Mike Halstenson be contacted for being the commissioned composer for June 2011. If he declines, an offer will be made to him for the summer of 2013. The second came from Beth Klingenstein and the motion passed. Sheryl Kjelland will contact Mike. Mary Leaf has accepted to be the commissioned composer in 2012.

Directory Editor Michelle Schumacher has updated and edited the entire directory. It will be ready for printing when the advertising has been collected. With the change in chairman, no advertising was collected. **Ann DeLorme-Holmen motioned to table the directory for 2010-2011 but that updates and an updated membership list of officers, executive board and standing committees be in the newsletter and website.** The second came from Jan Herr and the motion passed.

Foundation Fellow Corinne Nustad reminded the board that she is collecting money for the next foundation fellow, Sally Rudolph. Donations will be collected at the business meeting on October 29th. Foundation Fellows for 2012, 2013, and 2014 were suggested. Arlene Gray will contact them.

Grant Coordinator Ann DeLorme-Holmen reported no activity. She reminded members to check the website for application deadlines.

Historian Nancy Harsch is looking forward to taking pictures during the conference and she will put them into the albums.

IMTF Judy England has secured Dr. Robert Groves for the IMTF Luncheon. She continues to keep track of the IMTF Library. She welcomes topic ideas and ideas for purchasing items for the library. It was suggested that she look into the recordings from the last national conference.

Membership Amy Mercer stated that there are 129 members in NDMTA. 1 new, 0 collegiate, 1 transfer and 1 reinstated. She is working with Kathy Bresee to update the list on the website.

Music Link Laura Robinson O'rourke emailed current Music Link teachers advising them to check the website for the 2010 discount list and scholarships. There are currently 10 teachers teaching 13 students in the program. Contact Laura if you teach a student at a half reduced rate or more, to join Music Link.

Newsletter Jessica Just created the quarterly NDMTA newsletters. She requested that materials for the November newsletter be submitted by Nov. 10th.

Rally Sheryl Kjelland announced that Langdon Area M.T.A. would have their rally on November 6th. She has copied the materials for them. She has written newsletter articles.

Teacher of the Year Kathleen Johnson sent applications to all locals. She received two applicants. The committee has selected a winner and a plaque has been ordered. The presentation will be at the conference banquet.

Website Kathy Bresee is finding things to update, change, and fix on the website. She suggested that locals review their history on line. She asked that anything found on the site that needs to be changed should be sent to her.

Badlands MTA Sharon Geglemann said the local has been very busy with preparations for the 2010 NDMTA state conference in Dickinson.

Bismarck-Mandan MTA Arlene Gray reported that the local is in a state of transition but that things are going well.

Devils Lake MTA Lynda Pearson said the local is inactive at this time.

FM MTA Jan Herr stated that the Multi Piano Festival was held on Oct. 3rd. They continue to have programs at their monthly meetings including certification, parent teacher conferences, performance anxiety, memorization techniques, teaching adults, etc.

Greater Grand Forks MTA Gloria Bethke reported that Dr. Wittgraf of UND would talk to their local about composition. A fall recital was held at a local nursing home. Members will play Christmas music at the Bethke residence in December.

Langdon Area MTA Lisa Schuler stated their rally would be held Nov. 6th, which will be followed by their annual Honors Recital. The group plans to have a collaborative recital in the spring. MTNA has proclaimed that this is the year of the collaborative musician.

Northwest MTA Ellen Croy said their rally has been cancelled. Their programs for the year will focus on technique. They plan to have a Monster Concert in May 2011.

Upper Valley MTA Darla Sheldon reported that their local is working on their upcoming Melody Bober Day being held Nov. 20th. Their membership continues to grow!

Valley City MTA Beth Klingenstein said the local is inactive at this time.

No Old Business
New Business

Beth Klingenstein said that the 2011 and 2012 MTNA competitions would be held at Valley City State University.

A discussion was held on future conferences as far as dates and correlations with competitions. **Kathleen Johnson motioned that the NDMTA state conferences be held in June.** Seconded by Ann DeLorme-Holmen. After further discussion, **Kathleen Johnson amended the motion to state that the NDMTA state conferences would be held in the summer months.** Seconded by Ann Delorme-Holmen, motion passed. **Kathleen Johnson moved that the NoDak Competitions be held in conjunction with the summer conferences.** Seconded by Darla Sheldon, motion passed.

No president has been found for the upcoming term. It will be addressed at the business meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Schuler
NDMTA Secretary

NDMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Local Association Presidents:

Upper Valley MTA – Darla Sheldon
Bismarck Mandan MTA – Gareth Fay
Langdon Area MTA – Lisa Schuler
Fargo-Moorhead MTA - Jan Herr
Badlands MTA – Sharon Gegelmann
Greater Grand Forks MTA – Karen Dalager
Devils Lake MTA – Lynda Pearson
Northwest MTA – Ellen Croy
Valley City MTA – Beth Klingenstein

Executive Board:

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Grant Coordinator: Ann Delorme-Holmen
Historian: Nancy Harsch

IMTF: Judy England
Membership and Technology Coordinator: Amy Mercer
Music Link: Laura O'Rourke
Newsletter Editor: Jessica Just
Rally: Sheryl Kjelland
Past President/Foundation: Arlene Gray
Collegiate Chapter:

Committees

Certification Committee:

Lynda Pearson - Chair
Ellen Croy
Gloria Bethke
one or two more to be named.

Competitions Committee:

Susan Tang – Chair
Joyce Alme (Composition)
Sue Nagel (Junior)
Warren Granfor (Senior)
Susan Tang (Chamber Music, Young Artist)
Arlene Gray (NODAK)

Rally Committee:

Sheryl Kjelland, Chair
Sarah Altenburg
Darla Sheldon
Linda Wallevand
Kathleen Johnson