



Letter from the President, Vangie Johnson Parker

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

As a first year NDMTA president, my blessings grew exponentially this year. I have come to the full realization of all that our members do to keep our affiliation strong. For this, I am truly grateful. To those of you who organize the piano rallies, the recitals, the conferences, the workshops, and the programs, thank you.

To those of you who serve on the board of directors, organize the competitions, judge the competitions, serve on the committees, and generously give to the foundation fund, I thank you.

Each and every one of you is important and I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season. May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year's celebration surrounded by family, dear friends and inspirational music.



Introducing our Nominee for 2020 Foundation Fellow, Gloria Bethke

Submitted by Jeanette Berntson, NDMTA Foundation Chair

Gloria Bethke has been a teacher of piano and organ since 1961, first at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska, and as a private instructor in Minot, ND, and Grand Forks, ND. Holding a BS degree in Music and Elementary Education she has continued study at UND, Grand Forks, ND, and has attended workshops/seminars with Frances Clark, Louise Goss, Willard Palmer, Suzanne Guy, and Ruth Slenczynska.

Gloria Bethke is a member of the NDMTA and MTNA and is nationally certified. She has held offices in the NDMTA and the local MTA. Locally she supports the arts of the community and has been serving as organist for over 50 years. Her students have participated in the MTNA/NDMTA piano competitions and compositions, the Stillmann/Kelley Competition, The National Piano Guild, NFMC Festivals, receiving Grand and Presidents Cups. Students perform in recitals, senior and concerto recitals, ensembles, and in church and school.



NDMTA congratulates Gloria Bethke for receiving our 2020 Foundation Fellow nomination and thanks her for supporting NDMTA and music in North Dakota.


We would like to acknowledging the following people for their contributions to the Foundation Fund, received during August - September 2018: Eileen Geske, Susan Nagel, Sister Bernadette Trecker, Linda Wallevand, and those who contributed through NDMTA or with cash.

By October 23 we had raised \$120 of the required \$1500 needed to recognize Gloria Bethke as our Foundation Fellow at the 2020 MTNA Conference Gala. Please consider donating to the MTNA Foundation Program. These donations fund grants and awards which support music educators and MTA affiliates. **Be sure to designate your donation to Gloria Bethke.** You can donate on the MTNA website, <https://www.mtnafoundation.org/contribute/contribute-now/>, or send a check to the MTNA Foundation Fund, 1 W. 4th St., Ste. 1550, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Rally

Submitted by Sheryl Kjelland

Langdon Area MTA held its Piano Rally in November. Fargo Moorhead MTA and Upper Valley MTA have their Piano Rallies scheduled for this spring.



Piano Chords

KEY:	MAJOR	MINOR	SEVENTH	AUGMENTED	DIMINISHED
A					
B					
C					
D					
E					
F					
G					
Ab G#					
Bb A#					
Db C#					
Eb D#					
Gb F#					

Why be involved with a Piano Rally anyway?

- ♫ Rallies are great motivators for teaching and learning theory.
- ♫ Rallies give the students an extra reason to be "interested" in scales, arpeggios, tonic triads, etc.
- ♫ Rallies give students an extra reason to practice hearing intervals, working on harmonizations, and dictations.
- ♫ Also, Rallies give students another opportunity to perform in public and to receive constructive comments from adjudicators.
- ♫ Rallies really are a win-win-win situation.

Jesus Loves Me

Ja - sus loves me, this I know,
For the Bi - ble tells me so; Lit the cross to
Him be - long, they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Je sus loves me, Yes, Je sus
loves me, Yes, Je sus loves me, The
Bi - ble tells me so.

As State Rally Chair, I encourage you to give serious consideration to including an NDMTA Rally in your schedule of events. Please contact me if you have questions, or if I can be of assistance.

Thanks – Sheryl Kjelland
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Upcoming Events

2019 MTNA Conference	March 16-20	Spokane, Washington
2019 Popplers Music Competition	June 19	Grand Forks
2019 NDMTA conference	June 19-21	Grand Forks

Competitions Report

By Sue Nagel, Competition Chair

The NDMTA competitions were held on October 20th at VCSU. We had 3 competitions- Young Artist Woodwind, Senior Woodwind and Senior Piano.

Winners and alternates are:

YA Woodwinds- 1st Place is Arnikka Thompson (clarinet) from Minot State University. Her teacher is Charles Young.



Arnikka Thompson

Alternate YA Woodwinds winner is Alexander Sommers (clarinet) from NDSU. His teacher is Cassie Keogh.

SR woodwind winner is Eric Bergeman (flute). His Teacher is Debora Harris.

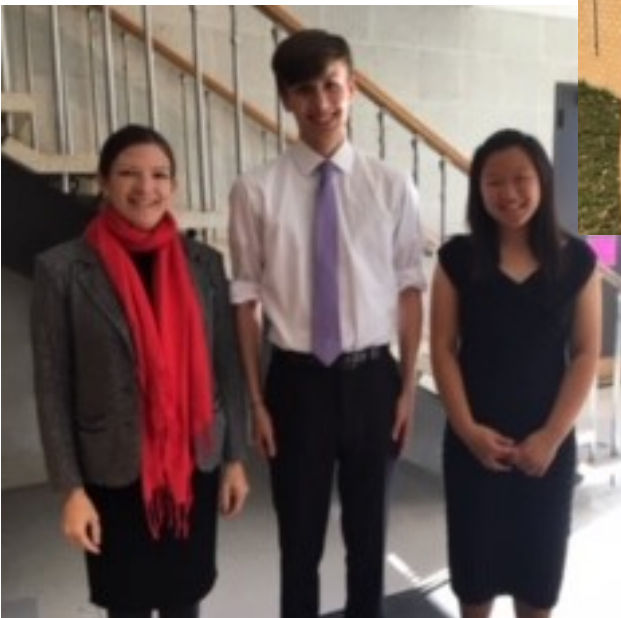
Alternate is Joanna Lin (clarinet). Her teacher is Cassie Keogh.

Winner of SR Piano is Eric Bergeman, student of Eileen Geske, with alternate going to Cindy Wang, student of Jean Roberts.

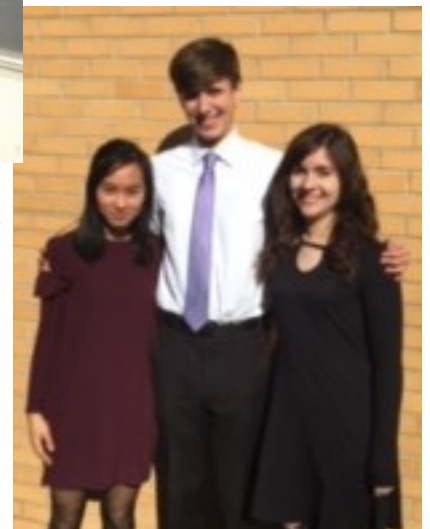
ND is also sending a YA pianist, YA strings, YA voice and chamber music saxophone quartet to the Division competition.



Young Artists:
Hannah Swanson (accompanist),
Alexander Sommers (alternate)



Senior Piano Left to Right:
Dianna Anderson (judge),
Eric Bergeman (winner),
Cindy Wang (alternate)



Senior Winds Left to Right:
Joanna Linn (alternate),
Eric Bergeman (winner),
Danica Ramsey (honorable mention)

NDMTA Executive Board Meeting, October 13, 2018

President Vangie Johnson-Parker called the meeting to order. Roll call: Jeanette Berntson, Vanessa Wold, Anne Morris, Corinne Nustad, Lisa Schuler, Sharon Gegelmann, Vangie Johnson-Parker, Ellen Croy, Michelle Kallod, Michelle Schumacher, Karen Okerlund.

Officers Reports

Secretary: Minutes were approved as posted online.

Treasurer: Michelle Kallod reported income of \$3,370.42 and expenses of \$ 831.45 for this quarter. Total assets of \$38,115.93. Also reported someone has been found to audit the 2017-18 books.

Vice-President/Commission Composer: Diane Anderson invited suggestions for the 2020 Commissioned Composer. Efrain Amaya, a faculty member from MSU was suggested. More information and more suggestions will be needed before a vote is taken.

President: Vangie Parker gave an update on her activities since the last board meeting.

Committees

Conference: Gloria Bethke reported that the Grand Forks club has met with Upper Valley to make plans for the 2019 conference. The clinician will be Wynn-Anne Rossi. The session topics are "Creative Composition in the Studio", "Jazzy Notes and Wild Stories", and "American Music: Jazz Meets Latin". Dr Sugiura will also present one session. A block of rooms has been reserved at Ramada Inn and LaQuinta Hotel.

Advertising: Anne Morris reported on ads sold and revenue collected.

Certification: Corinne Nustad - Nothing new to report.

Competitions: Sue Nagel reported that competitions are set for October 20 at VCSU.

Directory: Michelle Schumacher reported that the 2018 directory is at the printer now and will be sent out soon. She also reported that we have never had this many ads (Thanks Anne).

Foundation: Jeanette Berntson reported that all funds have been received for Corinne Nustad, our 2019 Foundation Fellow. Our 2020 Foundation Fellow, Gloria Bethke, is already receiving funds. Discussion was held on upcoming Foundation Fellow nominees. Jeanette also reported that she is still doing tips of the month. She would like any new member emails to add to her email list.

Historian: Cheryl Dockter - Nothing new to report.

IMTF: Sheryl Kjelland – Nothing new to report.

Membership: Lisa Schuler reported that there are currently 98 paid members. She also reported that our Facebook page has 22 followers. Any local association that has an event can let Lisa know and she will post it on Facebook.

Newsletter: Michelle Kallod reported that the deadline for the next newsletter is Nov. 10th.

Nominating: Darla Sheldon reported nothing new at this time.

Popplers Competition: Karen Okerlund reported that she has sent letters looking for a judge for the upcoming competitions. Corinne Nustad made a motion and Lisa Schuler seconded that memorization be required for the elementary piano level at the Popplers Competition. Motion carried. This rule change will need to be made in the directory.

Rally: Sheryl Kjelland reported that she is planning to get materials to all the Rally Committees.

Technology: Kathleen Johnson reported that she has updated the membership and leadership page as well as news and pictures of the conference on the website. She requested that local associations keep sending pictures and news that can be put on the website.

Old Business

The 2019 Conference will be in Grand Forks, and the 2020 Conference in Fargo. Reminder that the rally judge rate has been changed to \$25 per hour. Bring suggestions to the January board meeting for the 2020 Commissioned Composer.

New Business

A committee is exploring a possible association in Minot. Dr. Sugiura may have 2 students available to perform at the 2019 conference. No contracts have been signed yet.

Local Association reports were given.

Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Gegelmann

NDMTA is on Facebook!



By Lisa Schuler,

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Check out the new Facebook page by searching "North Dakota Music Teachers Association". Click "like" and keep in touch with NDMTA in a new way. The page will be updated frequently with upcoming events, local association activities, inspiring quotes, pictures, and more. If you have information you would like posted contact Membership Chair, Lisa Schuler, and she will take care of it for you!



Let's fill our page with exciting things that help keep our loyal members connected, our new members inspired, and potential members interested in NDMTA!

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