

# *The Enquiring Music Teacher*

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## ***President's Corner***

In our OMTA Business Meeting in April, one of the topics that we discussed was the change that was instituted this year in our monthly meetings from business/program to either a business meeting or a program each month. One of the advantages of this new format for OMTA members is that you can count on one hour each month to attend and support our chapter. It has worked well this year. Business meetings start promptly at 10 AM and are finished by 11 AM. Programs are the same.

In the "old days" you could count on two hours, and even more if there was a lot of business to take care of. As a group we agree that this new way for monthly meetings really allows for members to plan to attend and be a part of our organization each month without lots of time being taken up by the meetings. It's vitally important, when you are a member of an organization, to attend the meetings if you can and support the programs that are provided! OMTA needs the input of each and every member. Each and every member is a vital part of the organization.

I am hoping that this new "less time at meetings" idea will catch on and that next year we will have really good turn-outs to our business meetings, as well as to the great programs that are being planned for our chapter. I urge you to put attendance of our monthly meetings at a very high priority in your schedule. OMTA exists to provide support for members, continuing education for us and our students, and the camaraderie and networking that is vital to our teaching profession. One hour a month is not much to ask. Please plan to be involved with your attendance next year.

So---looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, May 13, at Yenney's when Robin Chadwick will be giving us a program on "Introducing Ensemble for the Studio; Music for 4, 6 and 8 Hands".

President Jan Rowen Music

## ***Master Classes 2008-2009***

Fall Master Classes are with Dr. William Chapman Nyaho and Dr. Jeanine Jacobson on October 24th, 25th and 26th, 2008.

Winter Master Classes are with Dr. Jacobson and Mrs. Sandra Palmer on January 30th, 31st, and February 1st, 2009.

Signups for October classes will be available at the June luncheon meeting and will continue at the September chapter meeting time. Fees will be due at/by the October chapter meeting and Cherie Felts will be in contact with participating teachers. These are wonderful teachers so sign up early, but please check your calendars BEFORE you sign on so we can avoid late changes or conflict of schedules you might have.

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### ***Calendar of Upcoming Events***

May 13 Chapter Meeting at Yenney's, Guest Speaker: Robin Chadwick, "Introducing Ensemble for the Studio; Music for 4, 6 and 8 Hands".  
June 10 Chapter Meeting and Potluck Luncheon, time and place TBA  
June 23-27 WSMTA State Conference at Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton

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***\*\*Please remember to not wear strong scents (perfumes, oils, body lotions, etc.) to our meetings due to the sensitivities of some of our members. Thank you.\*\****