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President's Corner

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This past year OMTA had successful recitals, adjudications, competitions, master classes, and festivals. There is much in which to rejoice!!! The teachers of OMTA DID IT AGAIN!!!

With the addition of our wonderful website this year, OMTA continues to adapt to the world of technology. You know, we can communicate and access information today in so many ways (phone, email, voice mail, internet), but the downside of it is that we spend a lot of time communicating! Sometimes it's overwhelming! I know that my emails have to wait sometimes, and sometimes I return voice mails in an untimely manner. Because I'd like to announce that OMTA is taking a step backwards with regard to technology. We are now placing a few copies of our newsletters at local music stores so that members will have another way of accessing OMTA information. We want to get OMTA information out to ALL our members. Still yet another old form of effective communication that proved effective is via the phone, so there is much value to be placed in the phone tree. Believe it or not, these two antiquated forms of communication are very effective with OMTA. I guess some of the old ways are still the best ways!

At our next meeting (and potluck) the new officers will be installed. Let me say thanks again so much to my board members for their great help to me and their dedication to OMTA, thanks to all the committees chairs for the careful organization of their events, and thanks to all the rest of you who performed a multitude and variety of tasks.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our last meeting (and annual potluck lunch) of the year on June 13th at the NEW HOME!!! of Jan Rowen Music.

Being OMTA president this past year has been enjoyable, rewarding as well as a learning experience. I want to especially thank my board members for all their work, and thanks to all of you who have contributed to running our committees and programs. Best wishes to Brooke Beecher, our president for next year. I love being a part of this organizations and look forward to the future with OMTA! See you all (I hope) at our final meeting June 13th!

Jean Johansen-Kuehn, OMTA President

OMTA Web Site Update

Our web site will now be an informational web site for members and non-members. A page for the Constitution and By Laws, in addition to a page for the Long Range Planning Report will be posted shortly. These pages will be available to members only and accessible by a private link not available on the olymta.org web site. These member only pages will not be visible to the public and no password is required to access the information posted there. We will not be adding a member only forum at this time. Founding members have been sent the updated Founding Member Form to complete and submit to Ignacio for posting on the web. Due to the change in plans for the web site, Founding Members have the option of requesting the return of their contributions if they choose. We look forward to expanding the web site in the future.

Ignacio Diaz, Jr., BM, MM

June Chapter Meeting Potluck Luncheon at Jan Rowen-Music's house

Tuesday, June 13th at 11 AM.

See directions below.

Those whose last names begin with A through M bring salads, fruit, vegetable plates.

Those whose last names begin with N through Z bring desserts.

Directions to the Home of Jan Rowan Music

10541 Stedman Rd., Olympia, WA

From Tumwater or the West Side: Take I-5 to Tumwater Blvd. Exit (used to be Airdustrial Way). At the light make a **left** and come back over the freeway. At the second stop light turn **right** (at the Quiznos). This is Capital Way and becomes Old Hi-way 99. Drive approximately 6 miles to Waldrick Rd. (there is a big blue house on the corner). Make a **left** on Waldrick Rd. Drive approximately 2½ miles to Stedman Rd. (there is a rock house on the corner). Make a **left** on Stedman Rd. and drive a little over 1 mile. Look for 10541 on your left. Make a **left** turn up the gravel drive and continue all the way to the end of this gravel lane. Our house is at the very top of the hill. Park in front of the shop.

From Olympia/Lacey: Take College St or Yelm Hi-way to Rainier Rd. (there is a QFC on one corner and Safeway on the other corner of Yelm Hi-way and College). College Street becomes Rainier Rd at this intersection. Follow Rainier Rd. approximately 4 miles to Stedman Rd. Make a **right** turn on Stedman Rd. Drive approximately 2 miles and look for 10541 on your right. Make a **right** turn up the gravel drive and continue all the way to the end of this gravel lane. Our house is at the very top of the hill. Park in front of the shop.

2006 - 2007 DIRECTORY

Any corrections for the directory needs to be sent to Jean Johansen-Kuehn as soon as possible.

The State Conference needs donated cookies and punch bowls. Please bring your donations to the next chapter meeting.

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WEST SIDE MUSIC

FOR MEMBERS' CONVENIENCE.



Washington State University Piano Camp

Hello! It's my pleasure to announce the 16th annual Summer Keyboard Explorations camp at Washington State University in Pullman for middle and senior high school students. The camp is held on the WSU campus July 3-8, 2006 (check-in on Sunday, July 2nd), and affords every student a 30-minute private piano lesson with a different WSU piano faculty member every day, plus additional studies in his/her choice of jazz piano, electronic music, and organ/harpsichord. Also, this year for the first time the camp will run concurrently with the Cougar String Camp, and interested piano students will have the opportunity to cooperate with String Camp students during the week on chamber literature, or may choose to partner up with a fellow pianist for piano duets. The application deadline is June 16th. For more information about the camp, please refer to our website url below, or feel free to contact Michelle Mielke. <http://www.cougarquest.wsu.edu/KeyboardExplorations.asp>

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2005-2006 Upcoming Events

JUNE 13: Chapter Meeting. Potluck luncheon at Jan Rowen-Music's house.

JUNE 26 - 30: WSMTA State Convention at Ocean Shores.

OMTA Board Meetings meet the third Tuesday of each month at the Mudd Bay Coffee Company.

2006 - 2007 General Meeting Programs:

September	Jan Rowan Music will present "Up and Moving with Rhythm"
October	District VP Cinda Redman and Studio Tips by OMTA members
November	Carol Crawford and Denise Diverso will present the soloist and the accompanist.
December	Chapter Luncheon
January	Dr. Stephen Moore
February	TBA
March	No meeting - Adjudications
April	Carol Crawford presents a program on Bartok
May	TBA
June	Spring Luncheon