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Section 1.01 President's Corner

I'd like to begin my first President's Corner with many thank yous! First of all, thank you to those of you in OMTA who have so willingly agreed to chair committees and/or serve on them! I look forward to this being a year of participation in our organization where each one of us fills a job of some kind. Many hands make light work! Secondly, I'd like to thank Jean Johansen-Kuehn for her work on the Directory. This is a big job and she did it with courage and grace! Thanks Jean! Lastly, I'd like to thank you for your wonderful cards of sympathy sent to me upon the death of my brother, John, early in August.

This year brings a few changes to OMTA in our programs and times for our meetings.

Please be aware that social time begins at 9:30 AM, and the meeting/program starts at 10:00 AM and will be over at about 11:00 AM.

Meetings/programs will usually on the second Tuesday of each month. Please refer to the newsletter and also the directory for the dates of the meetings and programs. By shortening our meeting time, we hope that more members will be able to attend meetings, and we can get back to our studios at an earlier time.

I am looking forward to a great year in OMTA! We have a wonderful new Board of Officers, all ready to serve, new committee chairs and members ready to go to work, and students ready to start lessons this fall! That's exciting to me! See you on September 11th at 9:30 AM!!

President Jan Rowen Music

Section 1.02 Master Classes

Fall Master Classes dates are October 26th, 27th and 28th (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). We are looking forward to having Dr. William H. Chapman Nyaho and our own Dr. Jeanine M. Jacobson and with us. There are a few time slots available with Dr. Jacobson for either Jr. or Sr. level students. Please contact Cherie Felts if you desire lesson time at (491-5452) or via her e-mail at jscffelts@comcast.net. The sign-ups for scheduling with Master Classes will be available at our September Chapter meeting as well. The other possible need is housing for Nyaho for Friday and Saturday evening. Please contact Cherie if you can be of assistance with this.

Master Classes schedules will be mailed to participating teachers in mid-September and will include fee totals for each of you. Fees are due by October 9th (payable to OMTA) at either the October Chapter meeting or mailed to Cherie by that date. Thank you to all of you that are opening your studios for this Chapter project. You are appreciated!

Section 1.03 Clavier Subscriptions

Subscriptions to Clavier are \$9. Brooke Beecher will collect your checks (made out to Clavier) at the September meeting. If you aren't attending the September meeting, please mail your checks to Brooke by September 11th. Contact Brooke if you have any questions.

Section 1.04 Music Discount Offers

Good through September 30th, Yenney's is offering a special one-time discount of 20% (take in your August 9th letter from them) on a single purchase of instructional books and materials, with a minimum purchase of \$20.00.

In addition, Yenney's wants everyone to know that they are going back to their 10% teacher discount program (year-around), which applies to any purchase of print music or accessories of \$20.00 or more.

Credit for previous purchases is available under the discontinued incentive program. See Naoko for details.

Section 1.05 Other

As most of you already know, Loran Olsen's wife, Ruth, died in August from her long bout with cancer. Her family was with her. Her services were held Saturday at 3 p.m. Aug. 25 in Port Angeles. She had been under hospice care.

A card was sent to him on behalf of OMTA. If anyone would like to send him a personal card, his address is:

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Section 1.06 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **September 11**, 9:30 –11:00 AM, OMTA Chapter Meeting at Yenney's
- September 11, Application Deadline for MTNA Performance Competitions
- September 17, Teacher Entry Form Deadline for WA State MTNA Performance Competition
- September 29-30, WSMTA Leadership Seminar, Ellensburg.
- **October 9**, 9:30-11:00 AM, OMTA Chapter Meeting at the home of Nancy Adsit, Lynn Lewis performs Chopin Etudes from Opus 10 and 25.
- **October** ____, Autumn Festival Recital; time, date and place TBA.
- October 13, 10:00-3:30 PM, WSMTA District IV Conference, Centralia.
- November 9-11: WSMTA Outstanding Artist Competition, EWU, Cheney
- November 9-11, MTNA Performance Competitions, Whitworth Univ., Spokane

****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.****