

OhioMTA Central East District

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Newsletter
March 4, 2016

President's Message

Greetings dear colleagues! This will be the final time that I compile this newsletter. I would like to say that it has been a great privilege to serve as President of the Central East District for the last four years. I am proud of the events that our district has to offer. We are fortunate to have many wonderful leaders in our organization that have made my job much easier than it could have been. I would like to especially thank the Officers: Liz Atkinson, Rachel Mills, Bruce Piper, Carol Rein, Susan Treer, and Sharon Walton for their devotion to our mission and for skillfully leading their teams. Along with each event Chairman, they have worked tirelessly to ensure that our events run smoothly and are valuable experiences for students and teachers.

I hope to see you all at the **Spring Conference and Member Luncheon** on Friday, April 8th. The **Annual Membership Meeting** will take place at the same time. At this time, we will vote on a slate of Officers for the 2016-2018 term, approve the 2016-2017 proposed budget and honor our Certified Teacher of the Year. This is also a forum where members may bring forward items for consideration. Due to time constraints, please notify me by April 1, 2015 of any items you wish to address.

--Laura Flowers Benson, NCTM
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Spring Conference, Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, April 8, 2016
Registration is at 9:15 with the first door prize drawing at 9:30.
Westerville Christian Church
471 E. College Ave., Westerville, Ohio, 43081

Please RSVP to Membership Chairman, Susan Treer by March 18 so that we can plan for lunch. caribou06@sbcglobal.net

Our speaker for the day is **Richard Blatti**, Director of the School of Music at OSU. This will be a great time to learn about the new OSU Arts District and to hear about other happenings in the Music Department. Keeping current with changes at OSU could be very helpful to our students, many of whom may attend Ohio State.

--Sharon Walton, NCTM & Lynn Singleton, NCTM
--Susan Treer

Buckeye Auditions

The Buckeye Auditions 2016 for Central East District will be held on Saturday, March 19th in Jemison Auditorium (Sanborn Hall) at Ohio Wesleyan University from approximately 9:00-1:00 pm. We have a small pool of applicants this year but I expect the event to be highly competitive!! Teachers and students are welcome as it is open to public. Also, volunteers are needed for reception and time monitoring. Please email me if you are able to give few hours on that morning. Thank you and hope to see you there.

--Mariko Kaneda, NCTM
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Certification News

Six teachers working toward national certification attended a session at Graves on Monday, February 22. Four others who began the process in 2015 were unable to attend, but continue to work on the five projects required to become nationally certified. Three new teachers attended and were given an orientation about the process, which is spelled out on the mtna.org website. We spent some of our time analyzing a piano piece from Tchaikovsky's Album for the Young. Analysis is part of Project 2, and we enjoyed comparing notes with each other about the composer, time period, historical and stylistic considerations, skills necessary to play this piece, reading and technical challenges, analysis of the form and harmonic structures, practice strategies and more.

Any teacher may pursue national certification, a program which is designed to raise the standards of our profession. If you wish to know more, check out the website and contact Certification Chairman Janice Cook at jbakercook@gmail.com

Our District's Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year will be announced at the Spring Conference on April 8.

-- Janice Cook, NCTM
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Grant Funds Available

Grants for Professional Development applications due by April 15, 2016. Go to [this page](#) for more information about eligibility and applications.

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