



**Note from your President**

What do we want? Everything! What can we afford? Since that probably isn't everything, now we should probably take a moment and prioritize our "wants" so that our investments will address those items we most value.

One of the great benefits PMTA has provided to the students of our member teachers is the senior awards program. We will soon be meeting to make the decisions for those awards. We would love to gift our seniors with sizable awards! We will be limited to the donations and fund raising efforts for this past year. Is there any way you can help in this endeavor?

Now is the time of year that we make plans for the naming of next year's PMTA Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons and Administrative Assistants. Many of those who served this year will serve PMTA in the same capacity next year. This past year has shown us just how valuable it is to have more than one person responsible for the programs we offer. We have been blessed with terrific teams consisting of co-chairs and committees. We will have some need for new volunteers. It would be very helpful to the nominating committee and president if you could be thinking about your special talents and abilities so that when you hear from us asking for help, we might find the best fit for those talents.

What do we want? You! What can you afford to share with us?



Barbara Tilson

**PMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009-2010**

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT ..... Barbara Tilson  
 PRESIDENT-ELECT ..... Jennifer Foxx  
 V.P. OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES..... Gail Chang  
 V.P. OF TEACHER ACTIVITIES ..... Camille Conforti  
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY ..... Annie Taylor  
 RECORDING SECRETARY ..... Jackie Fry  
 TREASURER..... Georgia Sears

**ADVISORY POSITION**

PAST PRES./PARLIAMENTARY ..... Irene Kuniski

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

**Student Events**

FALL FESTIVAL..... Tatyana Eldridge  
 MUSIC AT THE MALL..... Jennifer Eisel  
 ..... Becky Bender  
 PIANO ENSEMBLE ..... Susan Shiner  
 ..... Rita Quay  
 CELEBRATION OF MUSIC ..... Snezana Krstic  
 ..... Yelena Golberg  
 PIANO RECITAL SERIES..... Linda Porter  
 ..... David Muth  
 VOCAL STUDENTS..... Betty Campbell  
 ..... Laura Hunter  
 SCHOLARSHIP ..... Liz Owens

**Teacher Events**

MEMBERSHIP-NEW MEMBERS ..... Genny Rafferty  
 PERFORMANCE PLUS..... Jo Ann Smelser  
 SHARING PLUS..... Pamela Joy Smith  
 ..... Myong Kellar

**ASMTA PROGRAMS**

ARIZONA STUDY PROGRAM..... Carol Hill  
 ..... Bobbi Stoutenburgh  
 CERTIFICATION ..... Angelica Prado-Stern

**ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

ATTENDANCE ..... Jennifer Foxx  
 HISTORIAN ..... Gail Chang  
 HOSPITALITY/VOLUNTEERS..... Barbara Tilson  
 LIBRARY/EQUIPMENT ..... Dorothy Dungan  
 COMMUNITY OUTREACH..... Gail Quackenbush  
**PMTA Phone Referral # 602-404-7068**  
 REFERRAL SERVICE ..... Peggy Rostron  
 WEBSITE/TECHNOLOGY ..... Genny Rafferty  
 YEARBOOK ..... Susan Traylor

### PMTA Scholarships

- Dean Elder has donated \$2000 to the Celebration of Music Scholarship fund in memory of his wife, Carolyn Elder.

- Snezana Krstic and Peggy Rostron performed a piano duet recital at Steinway of Phoenix on Sunday, February 7. Following the recital, they donated \$100 to the Carolyn and Dean Elder Scholarship Fund and \$50 to the PMTA Scholarship Fund.

Our PMTA website has been updated to make donations to PMTA Scholarships easier than ever. Please go to:

<http://www.phoenixmusicteachers.org/scholarship.html>

### PMTA Senior Awards

See **pg. 39** of yearbook for full application.

**PURPOSE:** To award seniors for continuous participation in PMTA events and other musical activities.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any senior who has earned a minimum of **25 points** in the last five years.

**At least 20 points** must be from **PMTA** activities. **At least 2 points** must be earned in the **senior year**.

**AWARDS:** All awards **are based on availability of funds** but are approximately as follows: 25-35 pts = \$150; 36-50 pts = \$200; 51 + pts = \$250

**DEADLINE: April 15, 2010** No late applications accepted.

**SEND TO:** Liz G. Owens, PMTA Scholarship Chair ~ 16020 N 52nd Place ~ Scottsdale ~ AZ ~ 85254

**PRESENTATION:** Awards will be mailed to the student's teacher by May 15, 2010. (There will not be a separate "Senior Recital" this year)

### PMTA General Meetings

Our teacher members are important to us and we try to provide the best possible support to you and your music teaching career. At our monthly General Meeting, we try to schedule presenters that can give us new ideas, inspire our creativity and even confirm those things we may be already doing well.

March's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, the 30<sup>th</sup>. Christina Eide at Glendale Community College has invited us to benefit from the generosity of Chamber Music West who is sponsoring a concert by Joyce Yang in the GCC Performing Arts Center at 10:00 am. A Master Class will be conducted by Joyce Yang immediately following the concert in the same location.

Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> features a presentation from PMTA member, Shellie Ruge entitled "Encountering Resistance in Our Teaching." Elections for the 2010/2011 PMTA Board of Directors will also take place at that meeting.

### PMTA End of Year Luncheon

Our annual PMTA Luncheon will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at Marie Callender's, 4573 E. Cactus Road, Phoenix, 85302. Please watch for the sign-up form in our bimonthly email reminders.

### PMTA Website

Check out <http://phoenixmusicteachers.org> to view our new website, beautifully designed by Glenn Goodman. Glenn took on the job of re-designing the PMTA website as a class project by request of Peggy Rostron. We are truly grateful to Peggy and Glenn for all the work they did to make our website easier to use and for the beautiful design of the completed project!!

### **PMTA Celebration of Music**

#### **CORRECTION TO THE DATE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MUSIC RECITAL:**

On Page 30 of the Yearbook, in the general information section for the Celebration, under the "DATE" it says:

*Sunday, March 28th, 2010*

But this is, actually, the date for the Winners Recital. The competition itself will be held a day before, on:

*Saturday, March 27th*

The information on the website is all correct. Please make a note of that.

Scholarship donations for this event are still being accepted. If you are able to contribute, please send your donation to Liz Owens, PMTA Scholarship Chair – 16020 N. 52<sup>nd</sup> Place, Scottsdale, AZ 85254. Please make checks payable to PMTA (Carolyn and Dean Elder Scholarship Fund).

You may also donate online using any major credit card through PayPal. Go to: <http://www.phoenixmusicteachers.org/scholarship.html> and click on the Donate button. You can indicate that the donation is for the Carolyn and Dean Elder Scholarship Fund through the "Add special instructions to PMTA" button.

Thank you!  
Snezana Krstic and Yelena Golberg  
Celebration of Music Recital co-chairs

### **PMTA Family News**

- Our PMTA Treasurer, Georgia Sears gave birth to a 9lbs 5oz son in January. If you recall that is exactly the same weight of Genny Rafferty's son, who was born in November!!

### **PMTA Ensemble**

The 58<sup>th</sup> annual PMTA Piano Ensemble was held on February 27<sup>th</sup> and thanks to the 45 participating teachers and 445 performers, it was a huge success. Our performers played their pieces beautifully on thirteen wonderful Steinway pianos supplied to us by Steinway of Phoenix. We owe a big thanks to Vic Geiger, Scott Madden, Janet Sandino and Denny Coiro for supporting this program with the pianos and a rehearsal location.

As in years past, our music selections offered a wide variety of styles. This year's selections included a patriotic number, music from composers such as Beethoven and Faure, New Age artist Jon Schmidt, an original composition by our own Barbara Tilson and even a visit from Darth Vader in a Star Wars presentation. The performers for 2010 included students performing for the first time and alumni performing for as many as 21 years.

This year our ensemble committee was proud to acknowledge our chairperson, Rita Quay for 40 years of participation in the Piano Ensemble. Rita's hard work and dedication to this program and to the teachers and students who have participated over the years is greatly appreciated. We are all very grateful to have Rita as our mentor and friend.

Submitted by:  
Susan Shiner  
Piano Ensemble co-chairperson

## **Arizona Study Program**

Evaluations are just around the corner. "Packet 2" with all the evaluation information and forms has been mailed.

Thanks to Dorothy Dungan, Maxine Enders and Janet Garvey for helping put the packets together and to Janet for mailing them. If you've enrolled students and haven't received your packet by March 18, please let Carol or Bobbi know. Please return requested info in Packet 2 by the dates indicated, especially the Level 12 information.

We wish we could please everyone with their special time and location requests but that's impossible. The teachers who enroll their students on or before the regular deadline are given first consideration but, even then, not all requests can be honored. In making the schedule, we try to honor your requests and also give you an adjudicator you haven't had in the last three years. If you have a student who cannot make the assigned time, let us know the reason as soon as possible. Usually if it's a family emergency or school function, we can arrange a makeup.

Everyone who has enrolled students in ASP is expected to help during the evaluation weekend. Discussion with an adjudicator regarding your studio is not allowed. You may contact the adjudicator after you receive your results if you have any questions.

"Packet 3" (evaluation results) should be picked up on Monday, May 3, at Carol Hill's studio. If you'd like another teacher to pick them up for you, email Carol. No packet will be given to another teacher without your written permission.

Good luck with your studio's evaluations! Although students are extremely busy this time of year, they somehow find time to complete their work and achieve a high level of musical success. Congratulations to all the ASP teachers and students!

If you are interested in summer classes for ASP repertoire, technique and theory, please let us know. The school year is too busy but we're looking into the possibility of summer classes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hill and Bobbi Stoutenburgh, Co-Chairs