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From the Desk of . . .

Adrienne Wiley, President

Dear MMTA Membership,

It is a gloomy Tuesday afternoon here in Midland: the over-cast skies provide a background for the wisps of snow that are attempting to stick on the windshield, and just about anything else. We are on our way to the golf dome after school, and Cameron (now 13 and ½) is expressing how great it would be if it snowed a whole bunch and school got cancelled (typical middle-schooler thoughts right now?) I suggested he check into the “Mother Nature’s Manual of Operations” and consult the table of contents for the proper ceremonial dance for snow. I also suggested a pink tutoo. (that went over like a lead balloon . . .) It was met with the typical “Oh mom...” and the eyes rolled heaven-ward. Actually, I think they rolled up to the eye-

brows and of course, I asked if he could see his brain cells . . .

Sitting in the warmer part of the golf dome has given me time to think and write to you all. From the whirl-wind of the state conference, through the holiday season, things just don’t seem to slow down much! I was very fortunate to be able to attend the East Central Division Competitions, January 15-17, at Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Nearly all of the state presidents came to attend and to help in some way with the competitions. My flight there was, as usual, not terribly dull! I arrived safely in Detroit, only to get bumped off the next flight by a cello! The crew could not determine if a cello weighed more than a real person (they had trouble spelling “cello” . . .), and it took 20 minutes just to figure out if I could get on the plane too! I even offered to weigh in . . . But, alas, I was bumped! It turned out that the owner of the cello was our very own Michigan competitor, Ken Kubota! I met him and his mother again and wished him well before he boarded the plane. Oh well, I eventually arrived. Please check out the winners/representatives that will now go on to the National Competitions in Albuquerque in March. Congratulations to the students and their teachers!

New Board Members: It is my pleasure to announce that Adam Clark is the new Collegiate Chapter Chair for our state! Adam teaches at Hope College. In addition, it is also an honor to announce that Mary Ann Anschutz is assuming the position of the MTNA Composition Chair for the state of Michigan. Mary Ann maintains a private piano studio in Midland.

Just Newsy Stuff: Our website continues to undergo maintenance and “sprucing up” thanks to Eric Van De Vort. Go Eric! Our SAT tests have been revised and are ready for testing—thanks to everyone on the committee for your diligence on this

project! New Aural Awareness CD’s will be used across the state to assist in the Aural testing of the SAT’s—thanks to George Widiger for copying these and the SAT committee for working on this project! Many board members continue to keep up with their positions, and I know that I can’t name every person—but please accept a warm round of thanks for everything that you all are doing and getting done! Bravo!

National Conference: Well, big news in our house: we ALL are going to the MTNA National Conference. This is a HUGE decision and one that Cameron is so excited about. (No, he is not attending the Conference. . . .) Well, you know, right around the Albuquerque area are quite a number of golf courses. So, the boys will be out every day getting in several rounds of 9, 18, or whatever it is that they do out there. Scott is pretty excited too . . . Our decision came about for many reasons, but mainly because, since we have made the change to new instruction and a new teacher, Cameron has just taken off with enthusiasm and energy. We truly thought it was all over by June of last summer. His golf coach is also thrilled that we are doing this for Cameron so he can get a good jump-start at playing again (no, we are not taking the golf coach too!). So, it will be interesting and fun! Will I get to see some of YOU there??!! I hope so! Do let me know if you are planning to attend: the East Central Division meeting will be open to any attendees from Michigan.

Well, I apologize if this is short. I am in the throes of getting a recital together on two instruments at the end of February—organ and piano. Why do I do this . . .?? So, best to everyone out there. Stay healthy and have fun!

Warmly,

Adrienne

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ELEMENTARY DIVISION

1st Place:	Richard Hou	- Concerto in G, K. 453 1st mvt., Mozart	Mary Siciliano
2 nd Place:	Heather Gu	- Concerto in C, Op. 15 1st mvt., Beethoven	Mary Siciliano
3 rd Place:	Carol Wu	- Concerto in C, K. 246 1st mvt., Mozart	Mary Siciliano
H. M.	Ting Ting Chang	- Concerto in F, K. 459 1st mvt., Mozart	Isabella Vilensky
H. M.	Kelvia Jaupi	- Concerto in F, K. 459 1st mvt., Mozart	Mary Siciliano
H. M.	Jaehae Lee	- Concerto in f minor 3 rd mvt., Bach	Catherine Rollin

JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION

1st Place:	Heather Shen	- Concerto in a minor 1st mvt., Grieg	Isabella Vilensky
2 nd Place:	Yuenshe Zhong	- Concerto in g minor 1st mvt., Mendelssohn	Mary Siciliano
3 rd Place:	Elizabeth Xiong	- Concerto 1st mvt., Muczynski	Catherine Rollin
H.M.	Kathy Young	- Concerto in g minor 1st mvt., Saint Saens	Catherine Rollin
H.M.	Sukruth Shashikumar	- Concerto in f minor 1st mvt., Bach	Mary Siciliano
H.M.	Laura Huang	- Concerto in C, Op. 15 1st mvt., Beethoven	Isabella Vilensky
H.M.	Jennifer Long	- Concerto in g minor 1st mvt., Mendelssohn	Marta Petryk
H.M.	Caleb Lei	- Concerto in d minor 3 rd mvt., Mozart	Mary Siciliano

SENIOR HIGH DIVISION

1st Place:	Allen Yuan	- Concerto #3 1st mvt., Rachmaninoff	Arthur Greene
2 nd Place:	Christine Wu	- Concerto #1 1st mvt., Tchaikovsky	Logan Skelton
3 rd Place:	Rachel Ferrero	- Concerto #2 1st mvt., Shostakovich	Derek Polischuk
H.M.	Annie Xiao	- Concerto in G 1st mvt., Ravel	Catherine Rollin
H.M.	Siyuan Tian	- Concerto #1 1st mvt., Beethoven	Michael Coonrod
H.M.	Michael Li	- Concerto #1, Michael Li	Ida Leshchinskya
H.M.	Jason Gong	- Concerto #3 1st mvt., Beethoven	Catherine Rollin

Respectfully submitted:
Pat Lobbestael, Concerto Competition Chair

“Piano Retreat” at MSU August 4 – 5, 2010

Derek Polischuk, Assistant Professor of Piano and Piano Pedagogy at Michigan State University, will be holding a "Piano Retreat" August 4th and 5th at Michigan State University. The focus of this retreat will be the cultivation of piano skills in the studio teacher, and will include piano lessons with Derek, opportunities to perform in and observe masterclasses, and the chance to perform in a recital at the conclusion of the two days. Save the date, and look for further information about this workshop sponsored by Michigan State University and the Capital Area Music Teachers' Association.

125th MMTA State Conference

Sunday, October 17 - Tuesday, October 19

at the



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EAST CENTRAL DIVISION COMPETITIONS

The East Central Division Competitions were held January 15 – 17, 2010, at Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Chamber Music

Winner: The Sicilian Trio
Members: Jean-Hee Lee, violin, Andrew Hayhurst,
cello, and Samantha Biniker, piano
Coach: Christopher Harding

Senior Performance Competitions

Brass

Representative: Steven Lieb, trombone
Teacher: Kenneth Kroesche

Strings

Honorable Mention: Ken Kubota, cello
Teacher: Anthony Elliott

Woodwinds

Representative: Jordan Luloff
Teacher: Joseph Luloff

Piano Duet

Alternate: Emily Beckman
and Kristin Beckman
Coach: Helen Marlais

Young Artist

Woodwinds

Winner: Kevin Bene, saxophone
Teacher: Joseph Luloff

Piano

Winner: Julia Siciliano
Teacher: Logan Skelton

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Nannette L. Tooman (1937 - 2009)

Nannette L. Tooman of Allegan, Michigan passed away in December 2009. Nannette attended Interlochen National Music Camp (All-State) from 1953-1955 and University Women (piano) in 1958 where she studied with Nelita True. She graduated from the University of Michigan School of Music in 1960.

Nan's life was centered on music. She was a fine pianist and taught piano for over 50 years. She performed in the Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Allegan areas as a soloist, accompanist for soloists and choral groups, and church organist. She was a member and past president of the Allegan Music Club, a member of the Kalamazoo Music Teachers Assoc., and a life member of the Michigan Music Teachers Assoc., where she received the Teacher of the Year Award.

Nan will be missed by the community of Allegan, Methodist Church, her husband Les Tooman, four children and their spouses, six grandchildren, her mother, two sisters and their spouses, one brother, and nieces and nephews. Les and Nan sponsored the Kao Tep family of Allegan and she mentored for the Kid's Hope program at Northwood School of Allegan. She will be missed by many former students who have been inspired by her love of music.



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