



A New Year for MTACA

Welcome to a new year of activities with MTACA! As we all move into more teaching in our fall semester, it's time to look forward to many gatherings and learning experiences. I hope to see you soon.

Best musical wishes,

Susan Robbins

Your new (22nd) President



Our First Meeting is this Friday, Sept. 4!

Please join us at our first meeting of the year at Carol Ann Bone's house (3405 Cornwallis Dr., NLR) at 9:30 a.m. After our business meeting, Carol Ann will present "Rhythm Cups & Such: *Learning Theory the Fun Way.*" We'll have a drawing for a free lunch afterwards, and the winner gets to decide where! Bring a teacher friend. Collegiate members are always welcome.

Music Stampede is Nov. 13-14

Piano Stampede has been re-named "Music Stampede" so as to include other instruments and voice. (If you have a non-piano ensemble piece in mind, please tell Carol Ann Bone, the Stampede Chairman.) This year's theme is "*Music from Stage and Screen,*" and includes music from musicals, movies, and a ballet. Forms and samples have been posted on our website www.MTACA.org under the "Stampede" tab. Rehearsals: Fri., Nov. 13, 5-9 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 14, 9 a.m. -4:45 p.m. Recital: Sat., Nov. 14, 5 p.m. **Registration Deadline: Sept. 20.**

Updates to Our Website www.MTACA.org

Pam Werner, our Webmaster, Tatiana Kotcherguina, our FirstVice-President, and I have been updating the website. The menu selections have been expanded, especially under the Teachers Resources tab. Historical photos and documents are being added for members only, requiring login. Our Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules will also be online, rather than in the Yearbook. Under "Parent Resources," teachers in Little Rock are now organized by zip code.

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Spotlight on Sheila Wallace, our new Secretary

My name is Sheila Wallace and I'm a retired English teacher and pastor's wife. I grew up in Crossett but moved to Lonoke with my husband and two daughters in 1990. I am a 1973 graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and taught seventh grade English in Cabot for twenty years. I have been retired going on four years and have enjoyed teaching piano lessons in my home. My hobbies are my grandchildren, my horses, and my music. My dream has been to play the piano at a vintage coffeehouse/antique store with lots of atmosphere.

I have been a church accompanist for many years and enjoy many styles of music. I believe I am a much happier, productive person because of music in my life.



2015-2016 MTACA Meetings and Major Events

Date	Location	Title	Presenter/Chairman
September 4, 2015	Home of Carol Ann Bone 3405 Cornwallis Dr., NLR	Rhythm Cups & Such: <i>Learning theory the fun way</i>	Carol Ann Bone
October 2	McGehee Piano 1608 S. Main St., LR	Discover the Alexander Technique	Cliff Hicks
November 6	Piano Kraft 1222 S. Main St., LR	Round Table: Running a Music Teaching Business	Shivley leading, McCartney, Kennedy, Lewis, Hanna
November 13-14	UALR Fine Arts	Music Stampede	Carol Ann Bone
December 4	McGehee Piano	Christmas Party	MTACA Membership
January 30, 2016	UALR Fine Arts	Sonatina Festival / Game Room	Kay Lindley / Carol Ann Bone
February 5	Capitol Keyboard, 10301 N. Rodney Parham Rd., LR	<i>Encyclopedia of Arkansas Music</i>	Ali Welky and Michael Keckhauer
March 4	Piano Kraft	<i>Every 5th Deserves a 4th</i> Teaching the Circle from a Different View	Kay Lindley
March 12	UALR Fine Arts	UALR Piano & Strings Festival	Naoki Hakutani
April 1	Home of Christine Wang 10600 Rivercrest Dr., LR	Collaborative Masterclass (Contact Kay Lindley by March 4)	Dr. Kyung-Eun Na
May 6	St. Andrews Church 8300 Kanis Rd.	1. Improv Techniques 2. Is that Fake Book Real?	Mike Springer
May 7	UALR Fine Arts	Honors Recital	Naoki Hakutani
June 3-4	Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia	ASMTA Conference	Priscilla Kjørlaug

Meet Our New Officers

Our new Officers/Executive Board members were elected for a two-year term, May 2015 through May 2017:

President: **Susan Robbins** lives in Sherwood, teaches piano and composition at her home studio and at Adventures in the Arts in Little Rock.

1st Vice-President: **Tatiana Kotcherguina** lives in Little Rock, teaches violin, viola and chamber music, is on the faculty of the University of Central Arkansas, and plays viola with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra. She maintains our member database and produces our Yearbook and other media.

2nd Vice-President: **Kay Lindley** lives in Little Rock, teaches piano, voice and flute, continues to serve as Sonatina Festival Chairman, and was MTACA President from 2009 to 2013. She plans and produces our monthly programs.

Treasurer: **Carol Ann Bone** lives in North Little Rock, teaches piano, continues to serve as Chairman of the Music Stampede and Teacher-Student Scholarship, and was MTACA President from 2005 to 2009.

Secretary: **Sheila Wallace** lives in Lonoke, teaches piano and has been a church accompanist for many years (see article on page 2).

Historian: **Elizabeth May** lives in Little Rock, teaches piano and voice, and is Music Director at Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church. She has directed many Musical Safaris, and was MTACA President from 2003 to 2005.

In Memoriam: those we lost in 2015

Dear MTA friends, I can't tell you how much your love, prayers, and many cards meant to me when my son-in-law Chris died. You are a special group and I am very grateful for your friendship and support. I look forward to seeing you soon. With love, Kathy Mesko (emailed August 31, 2015)



CHRISTOPHER ALAN KNIGHT

Christopher Alan Knight, 47, of San Francisco, CA, passed away July 10, 2015. Chris was born in Fayetteville and was a graduate of the University of Arkansas. His career in Sales and Marketing took him to Little Rock, Chicago, Phoenix, Nashville, Fayetteville and San Francisco, working for several start-up companies in the Silicon Valley. Most recently, he was head of marketing for Escape Camper Vans and wrote and published a US travel guide... Chris and Emily both loved the outdoors. Among their many adventures, they climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, hiked the Annapurna Circuit in Nepal, scuba dived in Indonesia, and floated the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. He had an incredible gift for writing and photography, and also loved music, dogs, books, and was a wonderful cook. Chris's warmth, ease and charm endeared him to all who knew him.



HELEN LOUISE

KIMBROUGH CARUTHERS

"She has been in Coterie for years and involved with music all over Little Rock - the Symphony, The Rep and numerous musical groups. Helen is one of the sweetest and most gentle women I have ever had the pleasure of meeting."... "Helen was a lovely and precious lady and will be greatly missed by all those who had the privilege of knowing her."

—Nancy Griffin, President,
Little Rock Musical Coterie
(See ArkansasOnline.com for Helen's obituary.)



PATRICK OWEN HENRY

Pat Henry "was a professional musician for over 50 years and played 15 musical instruments." He was also music director at a Methodist Church in Maumelle. I knew Pat as my piano tuner. He enjoyed playing and teaching the trumpet and leading his band. Pat was an outgoing, pleasant person, with a great, life-long love for music.

(See obits.dignitymemorial.com for more details and many nice photos.)

—S. Robbins

About Us

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*Professionals Dedicated to
Quality Music Education*

MTACA is a professional organization of musicians dedicated to promoting and advancing excellence in music education.

The purpose of MTACA is to support and actively encourage the study of music in Central Arkansas.

We continually increase our knowledge in music, upgrade our professional standards, and promote excellence in music through the latest teaching techniques.

We are affiliated with the **Arkansas State Music Teachers Association (ASMTA)** and the **Music Teachers National Association (MTNA)**.

We Need Volunteers!

We need volunteers for the following positions:

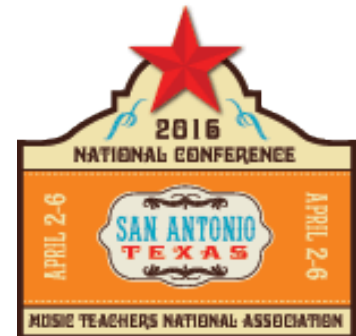
Advertising Chairman: posts announcements online and distributes our brochures and notices. Works closely with our 1st Vice-President and Webmaster.

Parliamentarian: monitors meetings and ensures that the correct procedures are being followed. Also chairs the nominating committee every 2 years, prior to our election.

2016 MTNA National Conference

The 2016 MTNA National Conference will be held from April 2 to 6 in San Antonio, Texas. Their website, www.MTNA.org says...

“Evening recitals include performances by American trio Time For Three and Grammy-winning pianist Emanuel Ax. Celebrated author and piano teacher Seymour Bernstein will lead an advanced master class. Noted pedagogues Bruce Berr and Barbara Fast will also lead intermediate piano master classes. And don’t forget about annual favorites like Pedagogy Saturday, the Exhibit Hall and the MTNA National Student Competitions!”



Clavier Companion Subscriptions



Clavier Companion subscriptions may be renewed or new subscriptions may be added to the MTACA group by sending a check for \$20.00 made out to Sherry Mashburn, 21 White Willow Ct., Little Rock, AR 72212. Clavier Companion will only accept one check for the entire group. Deadline: Sept. 15. Also, please let Sherry know if you wish to cancel an existing subscription.