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Christmas Lunch this Friday, December 9

Greetings, Everyone,

To celebrate Christmas this year, we're meeting for lunch instead of having a party. We have tables reserved for this Friday at 12:30 p.m. at Café Bossa Nova, which has a well-deserved reputation for its fine Brazilian cuisine. It's located at 2701 Kavanaugh Blvd. (Suite 105), LR 72205, in Hillcrest. Their phone number is: 501-614-6682. You can peruse the menu here... <http://www.cafebossanova.com/>

Coterie will have a lovely program of Christmas organ music nearby at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. (4823 Woodlawn Dr., LR). You can attend Coterie and then hop on over to Café Bossa Nova afterwards. Kay Lindley needs a head count in case our group is larger than the number reserved. Please let her know by this Thursday, Dec. 8: kaymlindley@me.com. Feel free to bring friends.

Best wishes to you and yours for the holidays. Have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Susan

Susan G. Robbins
 MTACA President



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Martha Ann Edwards Recovering from Two Major Surgeries

In case you don't know her, Martha Ann Edwards is a Past President of MTACA and ASMTA and an Honorary Life Member of MTACA. She is a pianist, teacher, arranger and adjudicator (have I forgotten anything?). A charter member of MTACA, Martha Ann began attending meetings in 1969 and has been a loyal participant ever since. She recently had hip replacement surgery.



***Get Well Soon,
dear Martha Ann!***

***from all of your
MTACA friends***

In her email of Nov. 25, Kay Lindley wrote...

Hi, All,

I meant to write earlier in the week about Martha Ann. She had hip surgery Friday, two weeks ago. Then on Monday, had a heart attack. Open heart surgery ensued, and she's still in ICU at Baptist. Carole Harvey said the family would prefer cards over visits until further notice, but that MA was doing well Wed. Sitting up on the bed, etc... Carole and Jim Harvey have been in constant contact with them.

Kay

On Nov. 28, Kay forwarded this email from Carole Harvey...

MA continues to make progress, moving from icu to a room and now set to move soon to Rehab at Baptist. She is able to walk down the hall for short periods and is working hard on the road to recovery! She is enjoying the cards and looks forward to having visitors when she gets home and settled.

Carole Harvey

Let's give Martha Ann our support. Here's her contact info:

5 Wingfield Circle

Little Rock, AR 72205

mae7@swbell.net

501.225.2991

Stampede 2016 a Huge Success!

I'm very proud and happy to report that our Stampede was a great success on November 5, thanks to all the dedicated efforts of our teachers, their students, and guest composer-director Julie Gardner Bray. Carol Ann Bone, Chairwoman (assisted by Kay Lindley) outdid herself once again in planning this popular monster concert, traditionally held at the UALR Fine Arts Center. This year she chose the "World of Nature" as the theme, represented by a waterfall on the artfully designed program's cover.

Over 75 students participated, ranging in level from elementary to advanced. They performed piano ensemble and vocal works written by exclusively American composers. (Kay Lindley and I helped "test-drive" and select the duets.) Ms. Bray conducted the world premiere of her own composition, a tone poem for two or more pianos titled "Serendipity in Spring," which was commissioned by MTACA especially for this concert.

Under the direction of Dr. Naoki Hakutani, UALR professor (who led at the podium and piano), several teachers performed the 1st movement of Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony, arranged for piano by Kirchner. At the end, Naoma McCartney presented Carol Ann with a bouquet of peach-colored roses and a gift certificate to a fine local restaurant, as heartfelt thanks from other teachers.

Afterwards, there was a most enjoyable dinner celebration at Olive Garden, attended by Carol Ann, Julie, their sisters, husbands, and me. —*Susan Robbins*



Playathon Planned for March or April, 2017

MTACA is negotiating with a new location in Little Rock for a spot and date to hold our next Playathon. I've conducted two polls and the results are tied between March 4 or April 15. We should have more news for you in January.

MTACA PROGRAMS 2016-2017

INVITE A FRIEND!

December 9, 2016, 12:30 p.m.

Christmas Luncheon, Cafe Bossa Nova, 2701 Kavanaugh Blvd., Suite 105, LR 72205 (Hillcrest), Phone: 501-614-6682

January 6, 2017: No Meeting

February 3, 2017 9:30-10:00 Business meeting; 10:00-11:15 Presentation.

Topic: **Teaching Theory**

Presenter: Michael Carenbauer, Professor of Music, UALR

Location: TBA

March 3, 2017 9:30-10:00 Business meeting;
10:00-11:15 Presentation.

Topic: **How to Teach Kids About the Piano**

Presenter: Stephen Wirges

Location: Stephen's Piano Shop, 13101 Fortson Road, Jacksonville

(It's out in the middle of nowhere—an amazing workshop.)



April 7, 2017 9:30-10:00 Business meeting; 10:00-11:15 Presentation.

Topic: **Collaborative Master Class**

Presenter: Dr. Kyung-Eun Na

Location: Hosted by Christine Wang, 10600 Rivercrest Dr., LR

May 19, 2017 **Composer Workshop**

9:00 Registration. \$20/person; \$10/students.

9:30-10:45 **The Teen Machine: How to Keep it Running**

11:00-12:30 **A Rocherolle Gourmet: Something for Every Taste**

Presenter: Eugenie Rocherolle, composer, lyricist, pianist, teacher

Biography: <http://www.rocherolle.com/bio.html>

Recent picture in AL: <http://www.nlapw.org/nlapw-music-gallery/>

Location: TBA

Our program schedule was created by Kay Lindley, MTACA Program Chair and 2nd Vice-President.



***Parent and Student
Resources at www.MTNA.org***

There's a wealth of information for parents and students at the MTNA website. Check out their list of music websites for kids...

<http://www.mtna.org/parent-and-student-resources/websites-for-kids/>



***Upcoming Musical Events
that Might Interest Young Students***

Robinson Auditorium

<http://www.robinsoncentersecondact.com/opening-events/>

"Phantom of the Opera" will be here...

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/sep/14/phantom-opera-coming-robinson-center-2017/>

Arkansas Repertory Theater

The Rep has "Sister Act" and "Godspell" on its program list.

<http://www.therep.org/>

Murry's Dinner Playhouse

A good place for students to see musicals. "The Wizard of Oz" will play next summer.

<http://murrysdp.com/the-shows/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016-2017

December 9 (Fri.) MTACA Christmas Luncheon (Café Bossa Nova in Hillcrest)

January, 2017 no meeting

January 14-15 (Sat.-Sun. all day) MTNA South Central Div. Competition (ASU, Jonesboro)

January 28 (Sat.) MTACA Sonatina Festival (UALR)

February 3 (Fri.) MTACA Monthly Meeting and Program

February 4 (Sat.) J.D. Kelly Piano Competition (ASU, Jonesboro)

February 4 (Sat.) NFMC Festival, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Linda Kennedy

February 5 (Sun.) J.D. Kelly Violin Competition (ASU, Jonesboro)

February 10 (Fri.) NFMC Festival 2:00 p.m.-6:30 Sherry Mashburn

February 11 (Sat.) NFMC Festival 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Trudy Kincade

February 25 (Sat.) NFMC Festival (morning) Kristin Duckworth



March 3 (Fri.) MTACA Monthly Meeting and Program

March 11 (Sat.) UALR Piano & Strings Festival, 1:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

March 18-22 - MTNA Conference (Baltimore, Maryland)

March 20-24 Spring Break

Playathon will be in March or April, 2017.

April 1 (Sat.) ASMTA Region IV Festival (UALR Fine Arts)

April 7 (Fri.) MTACA Monthly Meeting and Program

April 8 (Sat.) ASMTA Region III Festival (Hendrix College, Conway; Fine Arts)

April 21-22 (Fri.-Sat.) AFMC Convention

May 4-14 NFMC National Music Week

May 6 (Sat.) MTACA Honors Recital, 3:00 p.m. (UALR)

May 19 (Fri.) MTACA Composer Workshop with Eugenie Rocherolle

June 2-3 ASMTA Conference (Harding University, Searcy)

June 20-24 NFMC Biennial Convention (Dayton, Ohio)

