



Music Teachers Association of Central Arkansas

*President's Note ~ Carol Ann Bone
November 2018*

Happy Autumn to you, my music friends!

Wasn't it a wonderful 50th Anniversary Celebration at Christine Franklin's house? We had 24 members and their 13 guests, then added nine performing students with approximately one parent each.

After the welcome, Dr. Naoki Hakutani gave us a brief history of the inception of ASMTA, our affiliate. Then students of some of our teachers performed solos and ensembles with piano, voice, flute, and violin - what a delight it was to hear them! A special plaque was presented to Martha Ann Edwards, who is a charter member, a past president, a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music, an ASMTA Teacher of the Year, and an Honorary Lifetime Member of MTACA. Here is an excerpt from her correspondence after the event:

"What a wonderful anniversary party you all had at Christine's. It was fabulous - the exquisite food, the beautiful music with the students. And what an honor you gave to me! I so love my plaque and it is beautiful. I was overcome. Thank you...for that!" Martha Ann

A special thank you goes to these chairpersons of the 50th Celebration: Venue and piano - Christine Franklin, Musical Program - Kay Lindley, Refreshments - Naoma McCartney (committee - Sherry Mashburn, Sabrina Shivley), Seating - Kristin Duckworth, Plaque - Susan Robbins, Printed Programs - Carol Ann Bone.

Other happenings:

October was Halloween Playathon month. Five teachers and 26 students initially raised \$710. Next, a non-participating teacher added \$100. Then an adult student of one teacher donated \$500. That adds up to \$1,310 donated this month for our Scholarship Fund! Yea!

November marks the 8th "almost-annual" Stampede program of playing and singing. Come Nov. 10 at 2 pm to hear us!

December will include a special time to gather and share. Look for information via email.



*Our Spotlight this month is on
Sabrina Smith Shivley, MTACA member since 1985*

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Sabrina Shively



After graduating from UCA in Conway in 1981 with a BME degree, I taught Elementary Music in Louisiana, Pulaski County Special School District, and Bryant School District, covering 10 yrs. This involved directing musical productions and choirs. I also taught private piano lessons during this time. After resigning from public school teaching in 1991, I started *Bach to the Future Piano Studio* in my home, where I am now teaching some of the children of my former students!

I served as President for Benton's MacDowell Music Club, 1992-1994, which was a Senior chapter of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

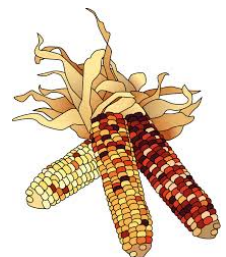
I have been a church pianist for over 40 years! I've experienced many changes in church music styles during these many years. This position has given me many accompanying roles: full choirs, musical productions as part of a full orchestra, and congregational singing involving the old hymns, as well as playing in a Praise band using chord charts! The Jubilation Jazz Band is a band composed of Christian players from across the state. I was blessed to have been a member of it from 2001-2007, playing the keyboard. We traveled to Brazil in 2001 to play and share the gospel, which was a wonderful opportunity and experience for me!

I have been a co-chair for the ASMTA Region IV Piano Festival for several years. Several of my own students have participated in this Festival over the years, and some have also played at the State Level.

The highlight of the year for me and my students is our Spring Recital. I choose a theme each year then we decorate the stage to fit the theme, and we often wear costumes. A few themes I have used: 1) Around the World: we traveled on a "cruise ship" and performed music from around the world, 2) Radio Station: I had a DJ call out the song selections, 3) Circus: with a ring master, 4) Night At the Movies, 5) Wild Beasts: the stage was a jungle! 6) Disney: I dressed as Minnie Mouse! and 7) a Café setting: all music had a type of food in the title.

I have enjoyed being a member of MTACA. I cherish the friendships I have made, and am proud to be part of a group that shares music with those around us! Music is a true gift and God has given me the privilege of seeing how music soothes our souls, gives us joy, and even leads us to Him!

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ANNIVERSARIES

Whereas, membership into MTNA and MTACA were not always the same year for teachers living in Arkansas (or any other state) in the past, we still have active + non-active members with these dates to celebrate:

Martha Ann has been a member of MTNA for **61 years**. WHAT A MILESTONE!

Sherry Mashburn has been a member of MTNA for **45 years**, and MTACA for **44 years** - where she now has HLM status. CONGRATULATIONS!

Helen Vanlandingham held membership in MTNA for about **40 years** until her retirement from teaching, but her MTACA membership changed from active to HLM and adds up to **43 years**. WAY TO GO!

Trudy Kincade just finished year number **43** with MTNA, and her years with MTACA add up to **38**. HOW SPECIAL!

HLM - Honorary Life Membership in MTACA

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The Yearbook for 1993-94 (25th Anniversary) shows these MTACA members (past + present) who served as leaders:

President - Kathy Piper

Corresponding Secretary - Terry Snider

Recording Secretary - Kathy Mesko

Historian - Helen Vanlandingham

Treasurer - Jackie Wallace

Parliamentarian - Linda Naugher

Chairpersons - Sherry Mashburn & Trudy Kincade



~ Fine ~