

**FSMTA DISTRICT VI
President's Report
June 18, 2008**

District VI is comprised of four MTAs, namely Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Treasure Coast.

Current Officers:

President	Dr. Jay B. Hess
Vice President	Rosalie Gregory
Secretary	Sheri Garlock
Treasurer	Patricia Simpson

The MTA chapters in District VI are very active and progressive, successfully serving and promoting music education among out youth. It is our dedicated goal to instill a love and appreciation of music throughout our community of youngsters and to foster a life long involvement with the richness and beauty that is music.

I have requested an activity report from each of the MTA chapters in our District:

**Broward County Music Teacher's Association
Semi-Annual Report**

As part of FSMTA and MTNA, Broward County Music Teacher's Association continues it's commitment to promoting music education in the District VI region of South Florida. The following activities have taken place since our first General Meeting on July 18, 2007:

Three General Meetings and several special events have taken place; most accompanied by a lecture/ recital presented by representatives of BCMTA. They were as follows:

July 18, 2007: First General Meeting and Presentation by Peggy Gallagher, which included several teachers in performance of the materials from the new Federation List. Over 30 teachers attended.

September 9, 2007: Second General Meeting and Open House at First Baptist Church of Pompano Beach. Our 2007 Competition Winners were featured in recital. New officers and chairmen gave a brief presentation of their individual job descriptions and events, preview of the upcoming year's schedule, presentation of the 2007 BCMTA Distinguished Service Award was made, and a reception concluded the lovely event

Special Event: Friday, September 14, 2007: Preparing Students for Student Day. This seminar presented by Sue Colvert was offered to help teachers new to FSMTA Student Day in presentation of Theory and Keyboard Skills and choosing repertoire.

November 17, 2007: Student Day Written and Aural Theory Evaluations took place at Broward Community College. Over 280 students participated in this event.

December 16, 2007: Annual Holiday Party took place at the home of President Mary Beth Purchase. It was a well-attended beautiful event, organized by Hospitality Chairman, Barbara Schaap.

January 4, 2008: Third General Meeting. Barry Weinberg gave a wonderful lecture to an enthusiastic crowd at the Steinway Gallery in Boca Raton. The program was titled Natural Laws and Common Sense in Piano Teaching.

***BCMTA is proud to announce their web-site; www.BCMTA.org. We expect it to be fully functional by our Musicthon, which will take place on January 26-27,2008.**

January 26-27, 2008: Musicthon fundraiser took place at the Galleria Mall. Chairmen Jan Kravets and Wanda Wiranis. We raised over \$8628.50 for our scholarship fund as well as the teachers of Mississippi and Louisiana who lost their studios in Hurricane Katrina.

February 24, 2008: Pompano Piano Competition. Over 150 students and 30 teachers participated. Chairman, Mary Beth Purchase

March 7, 2008: Fourth General Meeting. The program was entitled “Studio Business Panel... Everything You Wanted to know about Running a Successful Studio...but Were Afraid to Ask!” Experienced teachers with differing backgrounds and experiences took part in a panel question and answer session.

March 15-16, 2008: FSMTA District VI Student Day Keyboard Skills and Repertoire exams.

March 22,2008: District VI Concerto Competition

March 29-30,2008: Student Day Honors Recitals

May 16 End of Year Brunch at the home of Dr. Diane Garvin. Featured a performance by former MTNA STAR Award Recipient, Otto Garcia.

May 17, 2008: Intermediate A&B Competitions took place.

May, 2008: \$3000.00 in scholarships were awarded to summer music camp applicants.

May 31, 2008: The Steinway Competition. A new BCMTA and Steinway sponsored competition for ninth and tenth grade students.

May 31, 2008: BCMTA Composition Contest. We had the most entrants in the history of BCMTA.

June 1, 2008: The Messingschlager Competition for high school students.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mary Beth Purchase
President BCMTA**



Miami Music Teachers Association
President Report 2007-2008

August 26, 2007 - Sunday	General Meeting, 2 pm, Steinway – Teacher’s Forum
September 11, 2007 - Tuesday	General Meeting, 2 pm, Steinway – FFMC Music
September 16, 2007	MMTA Informal Recital, 2 pm, Steinway
October 18 – 21, 2007	FSMTA Convention, Boca Raton
October 27, 2007	MMTA Jazz Festival Auditions
November 4, 2007	Jazz Festival – Steinway Piano
Raising for Scholarship monies for the MMTF Merit fund;	
November 18, 2007 – Sunday	Dadeland Mall – Evening of Giving
Evening of Giving at Dadeland Mall 7:30 – 9:30 pm \$35/ticket fundraiser with Simon;	
This opportunity for young performers to share their talents in public, for support of the arts, early holiday shopping and fun Mall entertainment.)	
December 9, 2007	Holiday Party at Dr. & Mrs. Jay Hess’
January 6, 2008	MMTA Informal Recital, 2 pm, Steinway
January 20, 2008 - Sunday	General Meeting, 2 pm – Steinway Van Steenberg Winner Recital
February 2, 3, 9, 10, 2008	<u>FFMC District Festival</u>
February 24, 2008	General Meeting, 2 pm - Steinway Elena Casanova Concert fundraiser for Rene Touzet Scholarships
March 2, 2008	MMTA Informal Recital, Steinway
March 8, 2008 - Saturday	Audition for MMTA Honors Recital
March 16, 2008	MMTA Honors Recital - UM
March 22, 2008	Concerto Competition
March 28-April 2, 2008	NMTA Convention, Denver, CO

April 12, 2008 – Saturday

FSMTA District Student Day

April 20, 2008 – Sunday

Student Day Honors Recital UM

May 18, 2008

General Meeting, 2 pm – Teachers' Recital

President's Report for 74th FSMTA Conference
Palm Beach County MTA

The 2007-08 School year for PBCMTA was very successful with new events and record-breaking participation from the members and local community.

PBCMTA hosted the 73rd FSMTA Conference in October in Boca Raton. The entire board with Mary McOwen as the Conference Chairperson worked together and enjoyed a very successful weekend. The other chapters in District VI were active in the planning, helping, and executing the planned agenda in perfect harmony. The Bach to Brubeck in Boca was a unique and wonderful experience for all of those you were able to participate.

PBCMTA had five **General Meetings** with workshops dealing in all aspects of music and piano pedagogy. The topics were as follows:

“African Music in the Diaspora”

“The Art of Musicianship”

“The Art of Spanish Music”

“What is on Your Musical key Chain?”

“Natural Laws and Common Sense in Piano Teaching”

PBCMTA had a one day **Music-Thon** in which 13 teachers and 167 performers played in Boynton Beach Mall and raised **\$11,555.00** for Camp Indian River (this is a camp for abused, neglected, and orphaned children)

PBCMTA had two **Unjudged Musicales**, a Halloween Party, and a Spring Fest.

PBCMTA had two **Judged Musicales** with 8 students receiving honors which entitle them to play in the end of the year HONORS RECITAL.

PBCMTA had its very **first Composition Competition** with 11 entries in three categories: Elementary, Intermediate, and Senior. There were four winners. There was a first place in the elementary and intermediate and two first place winners in the senior division. These winners performed their compositions at the HONORS RECITAL.

PBCMTA had a **Scholarship Competition** with 16 competitors in two divisions. Each division had a first, second, and third place. These students performed in the **HONORS**

RECITAL which took place on May 4, 2008, which concluded the activities for the 2007-08 PBCMTA Year.

Respectfully submitted,
MaryAnn Rothschild, President of PBCMTA

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TREASURE COAST MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Affiliated with:

**Music Teachers National Association
Florida State Music Teachers Association**

REPORT TO FSMTA CONFERENCE PARAMOUNT PLAZA HOTEL, GAINESVILLE, FL JUNE 18-21, 2008

On September 7, 2007, we held our first meeting of the year. Our guest speaker was **Jennifer Jarred**, MM, NICU MT, coordinator of Medical Music Therapy at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center. A graduate of FSU in Music Therapy, Jennifer gave a presentation about the different areas of music therapy and led a lively audience participation demonstration.

On November 2, 2007, **Maribel Soriano** presented a program on “*Studio Management.*” She included items such as studio policy, fee structure, billing, tuition, forms of payments, business license, insurance, taxes, bookkeeping, studio deductions, inventory, newsletters, website, LLC & 501c3 status.

On December 8, 2007, we had our annual **Music-Thon** at the Treasure Coast Square Mall in Jensen Beach. Ten teachers participated and we raised a total of **\$4,477** for Tykes & Teens and our TCMTA Scholarship Fund.

Our annual **Holiday Party** was December 16, 2007, at the home of Sandra Palter in Stuart. It included dinner and musical entertainment.

On January 8, 2008, the “**5 Browns**” presented 2 Master Classes at the two campuses of the Pine School in Stuart. Several students of TCMTA members participated.

On January 11, 2008, **Brigid Kegel**, a vocal performance college student at Ithica College in New York presented a program on “*College Preparation and Auditions.*” Lively questions and answers followed her outstanding performance.

On March 7, 2008, **Cynthia Hinkelman**, violinist, presented a program on “*Suzuki Method & Performance.*” Several groups of children ranging in age from 3-12 who played violin, viola and cello were an inspiration to all of us.

On May 2, 2008, **Gaynelle Gosselin**, Certified Alexander Technique Instructor, presented a program on the Alexander Technique. She demonstrated how the technique can relieve stress and improve vocal quality and stage presence.

TCMTA has applied for another grant through the “**State of the Arts**” **License Plate Grant** program with the Arts Council in Martin County. If we receive the funds, we plan to bring a concert artist in early 2009 to present a recital and master class.

Our officers are President-**Cindy Kessler**, 1st VP-**Maribel Soriano**, 2nd VP-**Lynn Haynes**, Secretary-**Nancy Rance**, Treasurer-**Sandra Palter**, and Parliamentarian-**Karyn Heath**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kessler
President TCMTA

District VI is proud to be a member of the family of Districts that comprise the FSMTA. We reaffirm our commitment to promote the knowledge of music to the young in our communities so that they too, as with all of us, can experience the wondrous fulfillment that only music can create in our hearts and in our souls.

Yours in music,

Dr. Jay B. Hess