

District 9 President's Report  
FSMTA Executive Board Meeting  
November, 2011

**District Officers:** Becky Barlar, President  
Betty Chester, Vice-President  
Theo Boylan, Secretary  
Ana Bravo, Treasurer

**Local Associations:** Mid-State MTA – Theo Boylan, President – 38 members  
Upper Pinellas MTA – Angela Baptiste, President – 33 members  
Ridge MTA – Jane Spencer, President – 22 members  
Greater St. Petersburg MTA – Susan Uibel, President – 20 members  
Tampa MTA – Ruth Johanboeke, President – 18 members

**The State Conference** is being co-hosted this year by Districts 5 and 9. Theo Boylan, Betty Chester and Debbie Stassin are the District 9 representatives serving on the conference committee. Theo Boylan designed the conference logo and banner. Sheron White is serving as registrar for the conference. Debbie Stassin is in charge of obtaining prizes for raffles and door prizes. Our district is also responsible for manning the registration desk and helping supply monitors wherever needed.

**The 2012 District 9 Conference** will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012, at Puckett Auditorium on the campus of Florida College in Temple Terrace. Dr. Helen Marlais will be coming to present three pedagogical sessions for this event. The schedule of events will be:

**9:00am-10:30am – Registration**

**9:15am-10:15am – District 9 Business Meeting**

**10:30am - 12:00am - Pedagogical session - *Essentials for Success: When Students Practice and are Motivated***

Dr. Marlais will discuss the art of practicing using pieces from *Succeeding with the Master*® and *The Festival Collection*®. She will discuss how to motivate students toward self-directed and intelligent practicing and how to teach students to play repertoire pieces musically and with excellent technique.

A packet of complimentary publications will be distributed to each teacher who pre-registers containing copies of the books being presented. Teachers whose registration is received later than January 7 will receive music on a first come/first serve basis. This packet will include:

- \* FJH1438 – Succeeding with the Masters®, Baroque Era, Vol. 1
- \* FJH1437 – Succeeding with the Masters®, Classical Era, Vol. 2
- \* FJH1587 – The Festival Collection®, Book 3

**12:00pm-12:45pm – Lunch** (Box lunch available for purchase)

**12:45pm to 2:00pm: Intermediate Master Class** featuring a student from each local in the district

**2:00pm to 3:15pm: Succeeding at the Piano® Showcase**

Publications being presented to teachers in attendance who pre-register (and to others on a first come/first serve basis) will include:

- \* FJH2061CD - Succeeding at the Piano® Grade 2A - Lesson and Technique Book with CD
- \* FJH2063 - Succeeding at the Piano® Grade 2A - Theory and Activity Book
- \* FJH2066CD - Succeeding at the Piano® Grade 2B - Lesson and Technique Book with CD
- \* FJH2067 – Succeeding at the Piano® Grade 2B - Recital Book
- \* FJH2111 – Succeeding with a Note Speller – Preparatory Level

Dr. Marlais serves as Director of Keyboard Publications for The FJH Music Company. She is also an Associate Professor of Music at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she teaches piano majors, directs the piano pedagogy program, and coordinates all of the group piano programs including the young beginner program.

FJH Music Company and Head's House of Music are helping sponsor this event. Members from other districts are invited to join us for this conference. The cost will be \$10 for FSMTA members, \$15 for non-members and \$5 for students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Barlar, President