

**FSMTA Conference 2010 Final Report**  
Cabot Lodge, Gainesville, June 11, 2011

The return to a fall Conference can be presumed to be a resounding success. We had 112 members pre-register by November 1<sup>st</sup> as well as 11 students for Free Student Friday from out of town. **112** out of 745 FSMTA memberships is **15% participation**. FINAL numbers were **124**. Out of that number, 80% registered for all 3 days which included the concerts and banquet. Considering our current economy, this was an outstanding turnout.

Out of a total of 25 presenters, we had 7 from out of state, including FJH and Alfred representatives Dr. Helen Marlais and Dr. Gayle Kowalchuk from California, both of whom gave 3 presentations each. We had Sally Bonkrude from Colorado, Ms. Ogilvy from Texas, Ms. Herbein from Pennsylvania, and Drs Garcia and Lim from Louisiana. Our Master Classes this year included Intermediate and Advanced Piano, Guitar and Voice. Programs were printed for all. Beautiful thank you baskets were given to all presenters.

For the Presidents Luncheon we had 28 Local and District Presidents attending.

For the Conference Friday Banquet, we had to expand our seating from 100 to 110 and still had a waiting list. Out of the 110, 18 were spouses and guests.

With the motto, “New Decade, New Perspective” we generated such buzz for presentations, we had more than we could use. The extra people were referred to next year’s Conference. Two vocal sessions were presented, and a Master Class. A new feature, an **electronic Infomercial** was sent out between newsletters, and sent snail mail to those without internet, to remind members of some of the highlights of our programming and to put yet one more copy of the Registration form in their hands. Chair Lesia Schulha also attended 1<sup>st</sup> local meetings in the Tampa Bay area.

We ended up very much in the black with a 22% profit margin. The 2 districts and 2 locals who donated \$1000 each seed money, were reimbursed AND were given an additional \$500. FSMTF received \$3000 and MTNA Foundation, at the request of Adrienne Leblanc, received \$1000.

I would like to personally thank the following who were helpful from the beginning and willing to work from the start: President Marc Hebda, Sheron White, Mary Seal, Adrienne LeBlanc, Charles Turon, Mary Webb, Mary Beth Purchase and her binder, Geri Zandstra, Jan Mason and Candace Sundby. Other members and friends who came on board later and made significant contributions include Amy Turon, Gretchen Mason, Betty Hines, Sonja and Al Rozier, Ruth Burns, Carmen Conway, Beth von Ende and Nikki LaChambre. A large thank you goes to Charles and State College of Florida for co-sponsoring our Artist and providing the facilities for the 2 evening recitals, the beautiful Art gallery for receptions, and the Neel Auditorium for MTNA Competitions.

Respectfully submitted,  
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