

JANUARY, 2014

# TAMTA NEWSLETTER

*Tulsa Accredited Music Teachers Association*



## TAMTA All- Stars!!

TAMTA's January program promises to be one to remember! It will feature "star" performers from TAMTA's own membership, including Jana Jae, Dr. Stuart Deaver, Julia Harris, Gloria Johnson and Angeline LeLeux, Jane Bass and DeAnna Calhoun, and Amy Cottingham accompanying both Julia and Jana Jae. A complete program is on page 2. While TAMTA focuses on teaching skills, there are some amazing performers on our membership rolls and it's going to be a pleasure to hear some of them share their gifts with us this Wednesday at Harweldon. Lunch is at 11:45 and the program will begin about 12:15.

### REMINDERS

**TAMTA Sonatina Competition Deadline - Jan. 22nd.** The competition is February 22nd. Entry forms were e-mailed out to the membership. A list of the sonatinas by level can be found in your rosters. Send entries to Jo Dee Tinkel at 11047 S. Memorial Drive, Tulsa, 74133. Entry fee is \$20. We will hear the first place winners perform their sonatinas at our March meeting.

**Young Musician' Audition/Recital - deadline Jan. 25th.**

The event is at ORU on February 1st. Entry forms were e-mailed to TAMTA members. Entry fee is \$20. Send entries to Karen Harmon, 1573 E. 19th St., Tulsa, 74105.

**OMTA Senior Competition - deadline January 22nd.** Event is on Feb. 15th at TU. Entry forms and rules are on the OMTA website. Contact Chairman Karen Harrington with questions.

**OMTA District Achievement Auditions - deadline Feb. 26th.** The event is March 29th at ORU. Entry forms and rules are on the OMTA website. Entry fee is \$20. Send entries to DeAnna Calhoun, 12925 E. 76th St. N., Owasso, 74055. Kathy Wilson, Chair.

### TAMTA Holiday Showcase

On Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th, students of TAMTA teachers performed holiday music for the lucky shoppers in the Promenade Mall. The event was on the upper level, almost directly above where Santa was stationed with his elves. 2013 Holiday Showcase t-shirts were sold to raise money for Tulsa Family and Children's Center, which assists families in crisis. Thanks to the support of TAMTA teachers and their students, we were able to donate \$666.00 to this organization. Young-Eun Chung served as Chair for this event, so a big thank you goes out to her, as well.

### New Name for Sonatina Competition

TAMTA is proud to announce that the Sonatina Competition has been renamed to honor its long-time Chairman and supporter, Barbi Cottingham. Barbi is in the fight of her life right now, battling a rare form of cancer. Jo Dee Tinkel has stepped in as Interim Chairman during Barbi's absence and has done a great job. We are proud of you, Barbi, and we love you!

### OMTA Board Meeting

The OMTA Board will meeting at OBU in Shawnee on January 25th. The OMTA Nominating Committee is working on putting together a slate of new officers, which will be voted on and installed at the State Conference here in Tulsa on May 30th and 31st. OMTA members will also be voting on the issue of whether or not to continue the current OMTA certification program at the State Conference.

## **JANUARY 9th EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES**

Jane Bass, TAMTA Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jo Dee Tinkel. Minutes were read by Recording Secretary Jane Bass and were approved as amended.

Danny Calhoun gave the Treasurer's report. The balance in the general fund is \$12,241.73. Danny reported that the net profit from the TAMTA Festival in November was \$4,182.63. As TAMTA is paying \$10 a month for music storage, Kathy Wilson suggested that we reduce the amount of music in hopes that having less music offered for sale at the Festival will make it easier for teachers and judges to shop and generate more income.

District Chair Kathy Wilson reported that all twelve piano judges have been engaged and she is currently working on engaging the string judges.

TAMTA Judge Chair Phillele McBrayer asked for feedback regarding judging at Festival. She will be monitoring judges' critiques at District.

Mary Hawthorne reported that we will have a hearty soup and salad at the November meeting.

In the absence of Young-Eun Chung, Jo Dee Tinkel reported that the Holiday Showcase went well, although there were some issues with setting up the sound system. T-shirt sales raised \$666.00, which will be donated to Tulsa Family and Children Services.

Newsletter Chair Kathy Wilson asked that materials for the November newsletter be submitted to her by January 11th.

Amy Cottingham reported that the January program will be the TAMTA All-Stars, featuring performances by our own members.

Danny Calhoun moved that the Sonatina Competition be re-named The Barbi Cottingham Sonatina Competition. Motion passed. In Barbi's absence, Jo Dee Tinkel will again serve as Interim Chair.

President Tinkel is working on finding a new Workshop Chair.

Jane Bass moved that Jo Dee Tinkel, Danny Calhoun and Kathy Wilson serve as the TAMTA Nominating Committee. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned.

## **OMTA Website**

Remember to check out the OMTA web site! You can now save information that you've typed into entry forms and can even pay online with a credit card. Please do remember to print out your entry form and mail it to the appropriate person even if you have paid online. It's a good idea to print a copy for yourself, as well.



### **Program for Wednesday, January 15th**

America the Beautiful/God Bless America  
(arr. Linda Shade)

Falling Snowflakes by Linda Shade  
performed by Linda Shade

Poesie/Greensleeves by Takashi Kako  
Curious About You by Stuart Deaver  
performed by Stuart Deaver

A Taste of Scottish Music  
performed by Julia Harris and Amy Cottingham

The Little White Donkey by Ibert  
(arranged for four hands)  
performed by Gloria Johnson and Angeline LeLeux

Eternal Life by Olive Dungan  
On Eagle's Wings by Joncas/Mark Hayes  
performed by Jane Bass, vocalist and  
DeAnna Calhoun, piano

A Sampling of Violin and Fiddle Styles  
performed by Jana Jae and Amy Cottingham  
plus  
"The Da'el Among the Tailors" with "Devils'  
Dream"  
performed by Jana, Amy and Julia Harris

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This month's program features performances by music students at ORU. Performers will be Elijah Stephens, guitar, Christine Welden, harp, and Rachel Dew, soprano, accompanied by Joyce Bridgeman on piano.

## District Achievement Auditions

**Kathy Wilson, Audition Chair**

The deadline is February 26th. Send entries to DeAnna Calhoun, Data Entry Chair, at 12925 E. 76th St. N., Owasso, OK, 74055. Entry forms are on the OMTA website, Members Only section. You may type your entries directly on to the form and then print two copies, one to send in and one for your records. Include one check for all entries made out to OMTA. Please check the rules carefully to be sure repertoire meets the OMTA requirements.

**Postmark Deadline:** February 26th.

**Labeling Party:** Friday, March 14th, Panera Bread at 41st & Hudson, 10:00 a.m. Coffee, chat, and label sticking! Let Kathy Wilson know if you can come and help. [okathyw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:okathyw@sbcglobal.net)

**March 8th:** Deadline for changes in repertoire.

**March 22nd:** Deadline for schedule changes.

**Student Helpers:** High school and up are welcome!! Please let Kathy Wilson know if you have interested students.

**Help Wanted:** Even if you are not entering students, please consider volunteering a few hours to monitor, help in the theory room, or grade. Contact Kathy or indicate availability on the entry form.

## Young Musicians Audition/Recital

Many thanks to chairman Karen Harmon for a wonderful event that was a pleasure for all involved. There was a nice mix of piano and string students participating, and they all did a great job.



The Young Musicians of 2014

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OMTA Senior Competitions** were held Saturday, February 15th. Results are on the following page. Thanks to Karen Harrington and her helpers for doing a great job!

**The TAMTA Barbi Cottingham Sonatina Competition** will be this Saturday at ORU. Jo Dee Tinkel has e-mailed all the schedules to participating teachers.

The deadline for the **Spindler-Lynch Piano Awards** and the **Graduating Senior and Camp Scholarship** auditions is March 19th. Send entries to Karen Harrington, Chair, at 1556 E. 37th St., 74105.

**Be sure to vote!** Ballots for the OMTA certification proposal vote have been e-mailed out to the membership. See the instructions included with the ballot for details on how to submit your vote.



**February 6th, 2014**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES**  
Jane Bass, TAMTA Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jo Dee Tinkel. Minutes were read by Recording Secretary Jane Bass and were approved as amended.

Danny Calhoun gave the Treasurer's report. The balance in the general fund is \$12,803.04. The final amount donated to Family and Children's Services from the Holiday Showcase proceeds was \$690.09.

President Tinkel reported that our caterer will be out of town for the February meeting. The food will be prepared and ready for Mary Hawthorne to pick up, but TAMTA will need to provide service help.

District Chair Kathy Wilson reported that twelve piano judges and two string judges have been engaged. Kathy is planning to have most or all theory tests graded on-site and stressed the importance of teachers volunteering to work a full day so there are enough workers to make that happen.

President Tinkel reported that the Sonatina Competition schedules were complete and would be sent out soon. Danny Calhoun mentioned that a Kuhlau sonatina is listed both in Level II and Level IV, which will need to be corrected in next year's roster.

President Tinkel read a letter from Sandy Pierce to the board nominating both Danny and DeAnna Calhoun as the TAMTA CFO Fellows. Phillele McBrayer made a motion to accept both nominations. Motion passed.

Newsletter Chair Kathy Wilson asked that materials for the February newsletter be submitted to her by February 15th.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

TAMTA members **Amy Cottingham** and **Roger Price** were pictured in the February 7th Tulsa World article as guest artists for Tulsa Symphony Orchestra's performance at TU's Lorton Performance Center. They played the two piano part of Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals", stepping in at the last minute to fill in for twin sisters Christina and Michelle Naughton, whose flight was delayed due to weather. This was a collaborative performance with eight students from Kendall-Whittier Elementary School, who wrote poetry to be read during the concert. For many of the students, it was their first time to hear the Tulsa Symphony Orchestra perform.

**OMTA Slate of Officers**

Some TAMTA members have been nominated for positions on the OMTA Board. **Karen Harrington** has been nominated for OMTA President-Elect, **Gloria Johnson** will continue as Vice President for Auditions and Competitions, **Kathy Wilson** was nominated for Vice President for Local Associations, **Jo Dee Tinkel** for Recording Secretary, and **Stuart Deaver** will serve as College Faculty Chair. The election and installations will be at the OMTA conference in May.

**OMTA SENIOR COMPETITION FINALISTS**

**9th Grade Piano**

Janet Hong, student of Gloria Johnson  
Daniel Fang, student of Gloria Johnson  
Lydia Jeong, student of Gloria Johnson

**10th Grade Piano**

Kacie Brown, student of Beverly Fitch  
Kristy Huynh, student of Gloria Johnson  
Philip Hwang, student of Gloria Johnson

**11th Grade Piano**

Gabrielle Thng, student of Gloria Johnson  
Joahua Ye, student of Michele Cowen

**12th Grade Piano**

Connor Swan, student of Amy Cottingham  
Casey Cai, student of Gloria Johnson

**11th/12th Grade Voice**

Natalie Taylor, student of Sharon Yenzer

*Congratulations to these students and  
their teachers!*



*Congratulations to Danny and DeAnna  
Calhoun for being recognized as TAMTA's  
2014 CFO Fellows in honor of their years of  
dedicated service and participation.*

MARCH, 2014

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## MARCH 12th PROGRAM SONATINA COMPETITION WINNERS

Competition Results on page 2

### District Achievement Auditions

**Kathy Wilson, Audition Chair**

Thank you! We have quite a few more teachers who agreed to work a full day this year, which will make the day so much easier on everyone. Work assignments are being developed right now and will be sent out very soon. Schedules have been sent out along with informational letters to teachers and parents, and a map to ORU and Timko-Barton Hall. I would like to extend my deep appreciation to the following teachers:

DeAnna Calhoun - Computer Chair  
Danny Calhoun - State Registration Chair  
Vicki Walker - Facility Chair  
Sandy Pierce - Monitor Chair  
Jo Dee Tinkel - Hospitality Chair  
Karen Harrington - Theory Chair

**Labeling Party:** Friday, March 14th, Panera Bread at 41st & Hudson, 10:00 a.m. Coffee, chat, and label sticking! Let Kathy Wilson know if you can come and help. [okathyw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:okathyw@sbcglobal.net)

**March 22nd:** Deadline for schedule change requests.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deepest sympathies to **Sharon Yenzer** on the recent passing of her mother.

The deadline for the **Spindler-Lynch Piano Awards** and the **Graduating Senior and Camp Scholarship** auditions is March 19th. If you need an entry form please contact Karen Harrington at 918-742-4349. Send entries to her at 1556 E. 37th St., 74105.

**Be sure to vote!** Ballots for the OMTA certification proposal vote have been e-mailed out to the membership. See the instructions included with the ballot for details on how to submit your vote.

### TAMTA Officer Elections

The slate of officers will be voted upon at this Wednesday's TAMTA meeting.

President	Kathy Wilson
Vice President	Laura Berman
Recording Secretary	Linda Fields
Corresponding Secretary	Laurie Lightbody
Treasurer	Danny Calhoun
Parliamentarian	Jo Dee Davis Tinkel

Nominations may be made from the floor as long as permission from the nominee has been granted prior to the meeting. If you plan on making a nomination from the floor, please notify Jo Dee immediately so she can prepare to take a secret ballot, as required in the ByLaws.

*Have a wonderful Spring Break! Safe travels to TAMTA members who will be attending the MTNA National Conference this month.*

## SONATINA COMPETITION WINNERS

### Level A

#### *First Place*

Esther Zhu, student of Gloria Johnson

### Level I

#### *First Place*

Julie Phung, student of Gloria Johnson

#### *Second Place*

Evan Farris, student of Ruth Reather

#### *Third Place*

Gloria Lee, student of Inki Cho

#### *Honorable Mentions*

Justin Lin, student of Gloria Johnson

Patrick Chen, student of DeAnna Calhoun

Jadyn Halford, student of Vicki Walker

### Level II

#### *First Place*

Daniel Oh, student of Inki Cho

#### *Second Place*

Jerry Han, student of Danny Calhoun

#### *Third Place*

Raymond Jiang, student of Mary Hawthorne

#### *Honorable Mentions*

Abbey Ren, student of Gloria Johnson

Edwin Ding, student of Gloria Johnson

Tad Tan, student of Young-Eun Chung

Chloe Ngo, student of Vicki Walker

### Level III

#### *First Place*

Tyler Tan, student of Young-Eun Chung

#### *Second Place*

William Wang, student of Gloria Johnson

#### *Third Place*

Ryan Chen, student of Danny Calhoun

#### *Honorable Mentions*

Mellisa Xie, student of Mary Hawthorne

Caroline Ngo, student of Judy Johnson

### Level IV

#### *First Place*

Maggie Zhang, student of Gloria Johnson

#### *Second Place*

Laura Tham, student of Young-Eun Chung

#### *Third Place*

Brooks Lin, student of Gloria Johnson

#### *Honorable Mentions*

Victor Zhu, student of Gloria Johnson

Emerson Turner, student of Gloria Johnson

Angeline Huynh, student of Gloria Johnson

## Sonatina Competition Winners (cont.)

### Level IV

#### *Honorable Mentions (cont.)*

Aaron Phung, student of Gloria Johnson

Lily Jiang, student of Mary Hawthorne

Marta Almazovaite, student of Young-Eun Chung

### Level V

#### *First Place*

Sarah Deramo, student of Danny Calhoun

#### *Second Place*

Joshua Ye, student of Michelle Cowen

#### *Third Place*

Michael Hwang, student of Gloria Johnson

#### *Honorable Mention*

Michelle Yang, student of Karen Harrington

*Congratulations to these students and  
their teachers!*

### Summary of the March 7th TAMTA Board Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Danny Calhoun reported that the balance in the general fund is \$13,0383.53. He read a thank you note from Tulsa Family and Children's Services acknowledging the \$690 gift from TAMTA, which was raised at the Holiday Showcase. Other notes acknowledged TAMTA's donations to the scholarship fund in memory of Judy Macha and Laven Sowell. Danny reported that TAMTA could save significant funds by converting the roster file to a Word document so it can be updated and edited by TAMTA instead of an outside agency. DeAnna Calhoun is willing to do the conversion. Karen Harrington moved that TAMTA pay DeAnna \$20.00 per hour, with a minimum fee of \$200.00, for this service. Motion passed. Danny Calhoun moved that TAMTA members pre-order rosters so printing costs can be reduced. Additional copies would be available for \$5.00 each. It was suggested that roster pre-orders be made by the May general meeting. District Chair Kathy Wilson reported a total of 652 entries. Everything is moving along well to prepare for the audition. Mary Hawthorne announced the menu for the meeting on Wednesday will be a spinach-bacon quiche, salad, and brownies.

Karen Harrington announced that judges have been secured for the Spindler/Scholarship Competition. Jo Dee Tinkel reported that the Sonatina Competition went smoothly and the students played very well. Meeting adjourned.

Jane Bass  
TAMTA Recording Secretary

APRIL, 2014

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## APRIL PROGRAM "TULSA TALENT"

"Mardi Gras" from the Enchanted Garden.....Danielpour  
**LAURA BERMAN, pianist**

Du bist die Ruh.....Schubert  
Ombre legere from Dinorah .....Meyerbeer  
**ABIGAIL RAIFORD, soprano**  
**JUDITH RAIFORD, piano**

String Trio in G major, Op. 9, No. 1: Allegro .....Beethoven  
**NEELY STRING TRIO**

Selections TBA  
**BARRON RYAN, piano**

### May Meeting Date Change!

The May meeting has been moved to May 14th instead of May 21st due to a scheduling conflict with Harweldon. We will be listening to our Spindler Piano Award winners and scholarship recipients at that meeting.

### Location Change for May Board Meeting

The May board meeting on Friday, May 2nd at 10:00 a.m., will be held at the Panera Bread at 41st and Hudson, due to a conflict at Harweldon

### Be Sure To Vote on Certification

Ballots for the OMTA certification proposal vote have been e-mailed out to the membership. See the instructions included with the ballot for details on how to submit your vote.

### OMTA CONFERENCE, May 30 and 31st, TU

Registration information for the conference and meals was sent out by e-mail to all OMTA members recently, along with hotel reservation details. On-line registration is available on the OMTA website ([oklahomamta.org](http://oklahomamta.org))

### Theory Tests Ready for Pick Up

Tests will be available for pick up at the April meeting or at the home of Kathy Wilson ([okathyw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:okathyw@sbcglobal.net))



### Congratulations!

The TAMTA Board voted to recommend Honorary Membership for **Gloria Johnson, Karen Harrington, and Mary Hawthorne**. The membership will vote to approve this at our meeting. Honorary membership is extended to members who have belonged to TAMTA at least twenty years and have made significant contributions to the organization.

### New TAMTA Officers

The following new officers were elected at the March meeting and will be installed at our May general meeting on May 14th.

President	Kathy Wilson
Vice President	Laura Berman
Recording Secretary	Linda Fields
Corresponding Secretary	Laurie Lightbody
Treasurer	Danny Calhoun
Parliamentarian	Jo Dee Davis Tinkel

### Spindler Piano Awards

Spindler-Lynch Piano Awards preliminaries are April 19th and the finals are on April 26th, both at ORU. TAMTA members are invited to come listen to the performances.

### Name Change

Jo Dee Tinkel has decided be called by her maiden name, which is Jo Dee Davis.



## MINUTES OF THE TAMTA BOARD

April 4th, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Danny Calhoun, in the absence of Jo Dee Tinkel due to illness. The minutes of the March Board meeting were read by Recording Secretary, Jane Bass, and approved as read.

Danny Calhoun gave the Treasurer's report. The balance in the general fund is \$1,816.64.

District Chair Kathy Wilson reported that the audition went smoothly. Four hundred and twenty-seven students signed up for the State Achievement Audition.

Danny Calhoun read a note from Sharon Yenzer thanking TAMTA for the contribution made to the scholarship fund in memory of her mother, Pauline White.

Mary Hawthorne reported that the menu for the April meeting will be chicken mushroom crepes and a mango avocado salad.

Karen Harrington reported that plans for the Spindler/Lynch Piano Awards Competition are going well. Scholarship Auditions plans are also moving forward. Three pianists, one string student, and one vocalist will be auditioning.

Karen Harrington moved that the rules for the Spindler-Lynch Competition be revised to include the statement that students must play different literature each year they enter. Motion passed.

The Fall workshop was discussed and Karen Harrington volunteered to inquire about Pamela Pike, who is at LSU.

Kathy Wilson moved that Gloria Johnson, Karen Harrington and Mary Hawthorne be awarded Honorary Membership in TAMTA. Motion passed.

Jane Bass  
TAMTA Recording Secretary

## District Achievement Auditions 2014

by Kathy Wilson, Chair

The District Auditions were a success, thanks to the efforts of all the teachers who pitched in to help. For the first time ever, enough teachers volunteered to work a full day shift to allow us to grade theory tests during the audition in the conference room. You can see the graders hard at work in the picture below. I am pleased to announce that theory tests will be ready to pick up at the TAMTA April meeting, which is quite an accomplishment considering there were over 500 tests to grade. If you cannot pick them up then, please contact me at [okathyw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:okathyw@sbcglobal.net) to arrange for a pick up time from my home at 1440 E. 36th Pl., which is at the corner of 36th Place and Rockford Avenue. Tests cannot be mailed.

I would like to extend my gratitude to **Danny and DeAnna Calhoun**, who did a huge amount of work preparing for this audition. DeAnna handled all the data entry and printed out all the schedules and labels. Danny took care of the State Registration table. The two of them had a long day Sunday after the audition getting all the state cards ready to mail in to the state chair on Monday. **Sandy Pierce** did a great job as Monitor Chair, making sure everyone was in place and with all needed materials. **Vicki Walker** efficiently helped prepare the building and made sure everything was unlocked for us in the morning, in addition to hiring our very appreciated ORU student workers, who did the physical labor needed to set up and break down. **Karen Harrington** made sure the theory and grading rooms were running smoothly and opened her home more than once for theory grading sessions after the audition. **Jo Dee Tinkel** handled the hospitality and luncheon arrangements. **Phillele McBrayer** did the judge's orientation and contracts. There isn't room to list all the monitors, graders, award table workers, theory workers, runners and floaters. Thank you to everyone who helped!





MAY, 2014

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## MAY PROGRAM

### TAMTA Spindler-Lynch Piano Award Winners & Scholarship Winners

#### June 6th - New Board Meeting

Incoming President Kathy Wilson would like to thank those of you who have agreed to serve in leadership for the next term. A listing is on the following page. The June 6th Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. at Harweldon is an extremely important board meeting to attend, as that is when we set our calendar of events for the coming term.

#### Theory Tests Ready for Pick Up

Tests will be available for pick up at the May meeting or at the home of Kathy Wilson ([okathyw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:okathyw@sbcglobal.net)).

#### OMTA CONFERENCE, May 30 and 31st, TU

The deadline for pre-registration for the conference is May 15th. You may register online at [oklahomamta.org](http://oklahomamta.org). If you miss the deadline, you may register at the conference, but it will cost a little more. The conference guest artist is Peter Mack and the guest clinician is well-known pedagogue, Marvin Blickenstaff. His master class will include students of TAMTA teachers. TAMTA members DeAnna and Danny Calhoun will be recognized at the Friday banquet as our 2014 CFO Fellows. Be sure to attend all or part of the conference, especially since it's here in town.

#### Congratulations!

The TAMTA Board voted to recommend Honorary Membership for **Gloria Johnson, Karen Harrington, and Mary Hawthorne**. The membership will vote to approve this at our meeting.

**Karen Harmon's** one minute original work, "Dabke for Lebanon", will be performed as part of Tulsa's own "Fifteen Minutes of Fame" on May 29th, 7:30 - 8:30 at Living Arts.

For our May program we will have the pleasure of hearing the first place winners of the Spindler-Lynch Piano Awards and our scholarship winners. TAMTA would like to warmly thank those who have made these awards possible. They are: Miriam Spindler-Lynch, the Laven Sowell estate, the Lucille Gourley estate, the Rosemary Huff family, and those who have made contributions in memory of Roy Gene Black, father of Margie Berman, Georgann Gasaway, Glenn Lawrence, father of Sandra Pierce, and Howard Reather, husband of Ruth Reather.

TAMTA extends our congratulations and best wishes to the recipients of these awards. A complete listing of the award winners and their teachers may be found on the following page.

Karen Harrington, Chair

#### New TAMTA Officers

The following new officers were elected at the March meeting and will be installed this week at our May general meeting.

President	Kathy Wilson
Vice President	Laura Berman
Recording Secretary	Linda Fields
Corresponding Secretary	Laurie Lightbody
Treasurer	Danny Calhoun
Parliamentarian	Jo Dee Davis

## SUMMARY of TAMTA BOARD MINUTES

May 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Jo Dee Davis.

Danny Calhoun submitted a written Treasurer's report, as he was unable to attend. The balance in the general fund is \$12,160.08 as of April 30, 2014.

District Chair Kathy Wilson reported that most subchairs for next year's audition are in place, and that on-site grading of theory tests was very successful and will be continued.

Mary Hawthorne reported that the menu for the May meeting will be a salad luncheon. She moved that TAMTA give our caterer a \$50.00 gift card as a thank you for her fine work. Motion passed.

Young-Eun Chung asked for feedback about the Holiday Showcase at Promenade Mall.

Kathy Wilson reported that the new Program Chair is Sandy Pierce, who is already in the process of lining up the programs for the coming year.

Karen Harrington reported that the Spindler/Lynch Piano Awards Competition and scholarship auditions went well. There is a possibility that not all the winners will be able to perform at the May meeting due to the date change, which conflicts with AP testing and finals.

Karen Harrington reported that Pamela Pike from LSU is available to do our workshop in September. Suggestions for possible topics were discussed.

President Davis read through the document that the Federal Trade Commission is requiring all state and local affiliates of MTNA to sign and return to MTNA by August 28th as a condition for maintaining their affiliation. The document states that "...the association should not have anything in its bylaws, code of ethics, website, or policies that restricts soliciting and recruiting students, advertising prices or term of teaching services, or competing on price-related terms." The board expressed its hope that TAMTA members will continue to respect the MTNA Code of Ethics, especially in respect to student recruitment.

Kathy Wilson  
Substitute TAMTA Recording Secretary

## Spindler/Lynch Piano Awards

### 7th & 8th Grade Division

**1st Place - Aaron Phung** (Gloria Johnson)

**2nd Place - Angela Chen** (Gloria Johnson)

**3rd Place - Katlynn Waggoner** (Young-Eun Chung)

### Finalists:

**Sophia Fears** (Amy Cottingham)

**Seth Hernandez** (Laura Berman)

### 9th & 10th Grade Division

**1st Place - William Spaeth** (Amy Cottingham)

**2nd Place - Kristy Huynh** (Gloria Johnson)

**3rd Place - Lydia Jeong** (Gloria Johnson)

### Finalists:

**Janet Hong** (Gloria Johnson)

**Briana Liu** (Gloria Johnson)

**Maggie Zhang** (Gloria Johnson)

### Honorable Mention:

**Haydn Ogden** (Laura Berman)

## Summer Camp and Graduating Senior Scholarship Awards

Summer Camp Scholarship - not awarded

Lucille Weston Gourley Award (\$1200) - **Connor Swan**  
student of Amy Cottingham

Rosemary Huff Memorial (\$600) - **Elise Collingsworth**  
student of Laura Berman

TAMTA String Scholarship (\$800) - **Ashtin Johnson**  
student of Jody Naifeh

Laven Sowell Instrumental Award (\$700) - not awarded

Laven Sowell Vocal Award (\$1200) - **Natalie Taylor**  
student of Sharon Yenzer

## INCOMING TAMTA LEADERSHIP

(In addition to the Executive Officers listed on Pg. 1)

Thank you for your time and efforts on behalf of TAMTA!

Arrangements Committee:	Cynthia Briscoe, Linda Shade Kaye Cole, Nancy Haswell
Holiday Showcase:	Young-Eun Chung
District Achievement:	Kathy Wilson
Festival:	Angeline LeLeux
Jr. Competition	Margie Berman
Sonatina Competition	Jo Dee Davis
Newsletter	Kathy Wilson
Program	Sandra Pierce
Scholarship/Spindler Awards	Sharon Yenzer
Workshop/Publicity	Karen Harrington
Young Musicians	Karen Harmon
TAMTA Judge Chair	Phillele McBayer
Historian	Jane Bass
Librarian	Jan Smithen-Meyers
Music Sales	DeAnna Calhoun
Roster	Janell Whitby
Telephone	Linda Nichols
Webmaster/Referrals	Angeline LeLeux

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## Pamela Pike, PhD.

**Associate Professor of Piano Pedagogy at  
Louisiana State University**

- 1. Sightreading: Strategies to Increase Student Success**
- 2. Motivation and Practicing: Some Practical Ideas for  
21st Century Students**
- 3. New Trends in the Teaching Profession**

### From Your President, Kathy Wilson

Welcome to a new TAMTA year! I'd like to thank the TAMTA board for its leadership and hard work over the summer months. There have been some significant recent changes for OMTA and TAMTA members. Here is a brief summary:

1. OMTA's certification program was discontinued this summer after a state-wide membership vote. This makes Provisional membership a thing of the past. While there are no membership requirements now, teachers will be encouraged to become nationally certified through MTNA.
2. OMTA has a new Treasurer, William Spannagel, who is moving OMTA into the computer age. Student entries into OMTA events must now be done online, and new financial procedures that utilize electronic communication will result in faster reimbursements and payments.
3. After forty years of service, Auda Marie Thomas stepped down as the State Achievement Auditions Chair. Jennifer Jennings has bravely agreed to be the new Chair. The membership of OMTA has indicated a desire to continue having State as usual, and she is working hard to make that happen.
4. TAMTA had to change meeting locations after Harwelden rental costs became too costly for our budget. We will meet in the lovely Travis Mansion, home of the Tulsa Historical Society, starting in October.
5. We are sadly saying good-bye to our wonderful caterer, Susan Efron of Eats and Sweets, after the September 20th workshop. The Arrangements Committee is working to find other caterers to provide our meeting lunches.

TAMTA is pleased to present Dr. Pamela Pike as the clinician for our annual workshop on Saturday, September 20th at Saied's 71st Street store. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. Those attendees who are not members of TAMTA will be charged \$10.00 at the door. Students may attend free. Lunch reservations must be made by September 15th and the cost is \$10.00 per person. TAMTA members who have not already spoken to a TAMTA calling committee member about reservations should contact Linda Nichols at [nicholspiano@gmail.com](mailto:nicholspiano@gmail.com). Non-members should contact Karen Harrington at [karenharrington@cox.net](mailto:karenharrington@cox.net). If you prefer to eat lunch elsewhere, please be aware that the time allotted for lunch is 11:45 - 12:30 p.m. Dr. Pike will be presenting on timely and important pedagogical concepts that apply to teachers of all instruments. We hope to see many of you there!

### Upcoming Dates

- October 1 - Deadline for OMTA Jr. Honor Competition and Collegiate Competition
- October 3 - TAMTA Board meeting, Harwelden
- October 4 - Postmark deadline for TAMTA Festival, Angeline LeLeux, Chairman
- October 11 - OMTA Junior Competition, ORU
- October 15 - General Meeting, Tulsa Historical Society  
2445 South Peoria
- October 25 - Deadline for changes for TAMTA Festival



## SUMMARY of TAMTA BOARD MINUTES

June, 2014, home of Karen Harrington  
Original minutes by Linda Fields, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Wilson. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Karen Harrington was thanked for hosting. Twelve board members were present.

President Wilson reported that TAMTA has signed and submitted the Federal Trade Commission affiliation document, as required.

Danny Calhoun reported that the balance in the general fund is \$11,213.25. A \$50 gift card was presented to Susan Effron by Mary Hawthorne as a thank you for her fine job of catering, as approved at our last meeting.

Event Chairs worked to set tentative dates, which will be presented to ORU to see if they are available.

Judge Chair Phillele McBrayer went over the new procedures for hiring judges. It is most important to contact Phillele before contacting potential judges so she can send a list of approved candidates. This will help us avoid having the same judges multiple times in one year. As judges are secured, chairs should inform Phillele so she can continually update the list. Feedback about judges should be given on the form that Phillele will provide.

President Wilson introduced the new board members and encouraged all board members to look at the discontinuation of the OMTA certification requirements as an opportunity to grow our organization.

Program Chair Sandy Pierce went over the programs for the 2014-2015 year.

Workshop Chair Karen Harrington reported that details for the September 20th workshop with Pamela Pike are being finalized.

President Wilson suggested that the TAMTA Bylaws be revised, which should be done after OMTA completes their Bylaw revision. She also encouraged the board to be alert for new and potential members and help them to get plugged in to the organization. Also, board members should familiarize themselves with the requirements for MTNA certification. A meet and greet for new and potential members will be scheduled for the fall.

## Meet Your New Vice President

### Laura Berman



From the minute her hands touched the keys at the age of six, Laura Berman has had a tremendous love for music. She received a full scholarship to the University of Memphis for a Bachelor's in Piano Performance. In addition, she received her Master's degree in Music Business and Entertainment from the University of Miami. Since graduating, she has worked in the music industry from the coast of Miami, Florida to Los Angeles, California. After moving back to her hometown of Tulsa in 2013, she taught Barbi Cottingham's sixty-five students while Barbi was on medical leave. This past June, Laura opened her own music studio across from Jenks High School. Her studio offers piano, violin, guitar and vocal lessons. Laura also performs regularly in various venues.

"For lack of better words, I jumped right in to TAMTA last year. I believe I had students in almost every event that OMTA and TAMTA offers. Growing up, I was a participant in these very same events, so I was already familiar with most of the guidelines. Since I had such a hectic teaching schedule last year, I wasn't able to attend as many meetings as I wanted. However, my mom is also a member of TAMTA, which has been very beneficial in meeting many of the members.

I am very excited to be the new Vice President of TAMTA! This organization has so many wonderful, talented musicians and teachers and I am looking forward to working with and learning from everyone this year!"

## LIBRARY CORNER

by Jan Smithen-Meyer, TAMTA Librarian

Since our September meeting will be a workshop, our focus will be on our guest clinician, Pamela Pike, that day. Beginning in October, TAMTA library materials will be available for one month checkout at our monthly general meetings. Most of our resources are in DVD format. Look for the Library Corner in your October TAMTA newsletter for more information.

## SUMMARY of TAMTA BOARD MINUTES

September 2014, home of Sharon Yenzer  
Original minutes by Linda Fields, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Wilson. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Sharon Yenzer was thanked for hosting. Thirteen board members were present.

Danny Calhoun reported that TAMTA had an overall surplus of \$1253.99 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The roster was converted into Word Publishing and printed for much less than we've paid in the past. Next year the costs will be even lower. Since our new meeting venue will be more expensive than what we had previously been paying for Harwelden, it is recommended that the charge for lunches be raised to \$12.00 per person.

Corresponding Secretary Laurie Lightbody reported that she has sent out three cards over the summer and has received no correspondence. "Thinking of You" cards were signed by board members to be sent to some of our older, formerly active members.

District Auditions Chair Kathy Wilson reported that due to a conflict at ORU, the date had to be changed from March 7th to April 4th. There will be changes coming as we have a new State Audition Chair.

Arrangements Committee Member Cynthia Briscoe reported that they are working to find new caterers, using the information gathered from the poll of the membership. It was suggested that we try different caterers over the year instead of using the same one for all the meetings. It was moved that TAMTA raise the cost of lunches to \$12.00 per person, and the motion carried.

Margie Berman reported that the Junior Competition judges are secured, and asked that an e-mail be sent out to members about the September 12th deadline and the new requirement for entering students online.

Membership Chair Laura Berman will be joining Kathy Wilson and Sandy Pierce to meet new(er) members and potential members on September 26th. Location will be announced. Teachers at the bART may be interested in joining. Reactivating TAMTA's former mentorship program was discussed.

Program Chair Sandy Pierce reported that the new meeting venue has all needed media technology available and that since Karen Harrington will be out of town for the November meeting, Janell Whitby will join the panel, instead.

In the absence of Referral Chair Angeline LeLeux, President Wilson reported that the web site revisions were under way. Teachers should let Angeline know if they would like to be added or removed from the Find a Teacher page.

DeAnna Calhoun was thanked for her work transcribing the roster into Word Publishing. The roster will be distributed at the workshop and mailed to members who didn't attend.

President Wilson went over the new procedure for entering students in OMTA events and how chairs should handle payments that are made by check instead of online, should that happen. Receipts and financial reports are to be scanned and e-mailed to the OMTA Treasurer, which will allow for faster processing.

Event Chairs will need to instruct their judges to go the OMTA web site and type in their information on the Adjudicator Contract. This should then be printed and brought to the event.

President Wilson proposed that we change our name to Tulsa Area Music Teachers Association, as accreditation is no longer required for membership. It was moved to make the name change, and the motion carried. This will need to be approved by the membership at the September workshop's business meeting. The future Bylaws revision will need to include changing the name wherever listed.

Telephone Chair Linda Nichols asked President Wilson to announce the need for two more callers on her committee.

President Wilson asked all officers to start writing an updated timeline for tasks related to their board position so the information can be passed on to the new officers in 2016. She also asked all chairs to submit a written end-of-year report at the June board meeting. These may be e-mailed to her or brought to the meeting.



## Congratulations!

**Janell Whitby** received a 40 year OMTA membership award at the state conference held at TU in May. It was a wonderful event filled with beautiful performances, excellent clinicians, and fellowship with colleagues.

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## OCTOBER PROGRAM

**Melissa Johansen**

**Musical App'titude:  
How to Integrate Apps into your Studio"**

If you are even remotely interested in learning how musical apps can be integrated into your studio teaching, this is a "must-see" program! Melissa Johansen, our guest presenter from Edmond, will introduce, demonstrate and explain how various apps can be used and correlated to enhance your teaching. Melissa presented this program at the MTNA Conference this past spring and it was very well received. She says, "Apps have become an invaluable resource to me in my studio and I can't wait to share it with you! Teachers will be able to download 2 to 3 apps when they leave and use them in their teaching studios that afternoon."

### **Coming in November!**

Do you have questions you've always wanted to ask other teachers, especially those with years of successful teaching experience? There is no doubt that one of the most valuable educational resources we have available to us are other TAMTA members! On November 19th our TAMTA program will consist of a panel of four colleagues addressing "The Four P's: Pedagogy, Policy, Parents and Performance". TAMTA members are encouraged to fill out a question form at our October meeting or e-mail your question(s) to Sandy Pierce at [spierce6770@gmail.com](mailto:spierce6770@gmail.com) by October 25th. The more questions that are asked, the more we all will learn! The form also provides space to write in your favorite "student-saver" piece(s) for our January 21st program.

### **NEW MEETING LOCATION**

Please remember that we are no longer meeting at Harwelden for our general meetings. We are gathering at the beautiful Travis Mansion, home of the Tulsa Historical Society, located next to the Tulsa Garden Center at 2245 S. Peoria. **The cost of lunch has been raised to \$12.00 to cover increased expenses. Please park in the back of the building (east side) and enter the northeast door.**

### **MUSIC SALE DONATIONS**

If you have music, used or new, that you would like to donate to the music sale held at the TAMTA Festival, please bring it to the October meeting. Our Music Sales Chair, DeAnna Calhoun, has done a great job of sorting the large amount of music we already have, and will need some time to sort new donations before the sale. If you can't bring it to the meeting, you may contact her at [decal74@sbcglobal.net](mailto:decal74@sbcglobal.net).

### **WORKSHOP**

The workshop last month featuring Pamela Pike was wonderful! Thanks to **Karen Harrington**, TAMTA Workshop Chair, Saied Music, and the Arrangements Committee for making it such a success!

### **DATES**

November 1st - TAMTA Festival at ORU  
November 7th - Board meeting at Harwelden  
November 7-8 - MTNA/OMTA Competitions  
November 15th - East District Conference, OBU  
November 19th - TAMTA General Meeting



## OMTA Junior Competition Results

Forty-nine students participated on Saturday and the playing was wonderful! Thanks to Chairman Margie Berman for all her hard work! Thanks also go out to Laura Berman, Inki Cho, Young-Eun Chung, Gloria Johnson, Vicki Walker and Kathy Wilson for their assistance.

### 3rd/4th Grade Division

#### Winners

**Jerry Han**, student of Danny Calhoun  
**Anna Teoh**, student of Gloria Johnson  
**Chanel Sun**, student of Young-Eun Chung

#### Alternate

**Esther Zhu**, student of Gloria Johnson

#### Honorable Mentions

**Sean Shuai**, student of Gloria Johnson  
**Sophie Kim**, student of Inki Cho

### 5th/6th Grade Division

#### Winners

**Fay Shuai**, student of Gloria Johnson  
**Gloria Lee**, student of Inki Cho  
**Abigail Ren**, student of Gloria Johnson  
**Victor Zhu**, student of Gloria Johnson

#### Alternates

**1st Alternate: Daniel Oh**, student of Inki Cho  
**Tony Tan**, student of Gloria Johnson  
**Lily Jiang**, student of Mary Hawthorne  
**Derek Huang**, student of Gloria Johnson

#### Honorable Mentions

**Ryan Chen**, student of Danny Calhoun  
**Rachel Tjong**, student of Gloria Johnson  
**Julie Phung**, student of Gloria Johnson

### 7th/8th Grade Division

#### Winners

**Michael Hwang**, student of Gloria Johnson  
**Chloe Ngo**, student of Vicki Walker  
**Katlynn Waggoner**, student of Young-Eun Chung

#### Alternates

**1st Alternate: Aaron Phung**, student of Gloria Johnson  
**Angeline Huynh**, student of Gloria Johnson  
**Edwin Ding**, student of Gloria Johnson

#### Honorable Mention

**Marta Almazovaite**, student of Young-Eun Chung

### Congratulations to all!

**Winners will perform at the East District Conference at OBU on November 15th.**

## Meet Your New Recording Secretary!



### Linda Fields

Growing up in Tulsa, Linda Mitchell Fields studied piano with Betty Ward, and later with Virginia Myers before graduating from Memorial High School. She earned a BM in Piano at UNT in Denton, and then moved to Baltimore, Maryland to earn a

MM at the Peabody Conservatory of Music. Married in 1978, Linda and her husband, John, settled near Princeton, New Jersey, where he worked at RCA Laboratories. They raised two sons; both attended Carnegie Mellon University and now live in Seattle, where they married and started families (3 grandchildren and one on the way!). Retiring in 2012, John and Linda moved last year to Tulsa to be near Linda's parents.

In New Jersey, Linda founded a music school, offering early childhood music classes that fed into a group/private piano program. Linda was active in the Piano Teachers Forum there. It was also her privilege to serve as Assistant Treasurer of NJMTA for several years.

Teaching music and movement to young children is Linda's passion. She is especially interested in the transition between early childhood music and the beginning of formal study on an instrument.

Joining TAMTA was one of the first things Linda did as she settled in the Tulsa area. She also recently accepted a position on the Membership Committee of OMTA. "I'm so impressed with the high level of professionalism, excellent teaching standards and personal friendliness of TAMTA members. Being Recording Secretary is a perfect opportunity for me to meet colleagues and learn what makes this wonderful organization tick."

### LIBRARY CORNER

#### by Jan Smithen-Meyer, TAMTA Librarian

Library materials are available for checkout before and after our general luncheon meetings. Featured this month are five Alfred Publishing Co. DVD's: PERFORMANCE PRACTICES IN PIANO MUSIC. 1. Baroque 2. Classical 3. Romantic 4. Impressionistic 5. 20th Century.

Maurice Hinson is the pianist and lecturer for these DVD's, except for the fifth one, which features Stewart Gordon. Each DVD is aimed toward achieving more historically informed performances of the piano music of that period. These are very practical aids for music teachers.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

## OMTA Member Benefits and Discounts

The OMTA website is quite easy to navigate, and is well worth exploring. If you click on the "About" menu, you will see Member Benefits and Discounts, which includes a discount program from Office Depot on products and copying. There are other great discounts available, as well.



## WELCOME TO TAMTA!

The TAMTA Board has recently received information on FIFTEEN new TAMTA members! We are so happy to have you with us!

Jarrett Bastow - string bass  
Kent Dennis - piano  
Allyson Eskitch - piano  
Noam Faingold - composition and theory  
Krassimira Figg - cello  
Ashley Hinden - violin  
Anna Ignatenkova - piano and theory  
Kevin Jackson - cello  
Jennifer Kane - music education  
Tatyana Lantos - piano  
Marilyn McCulloch - piano, violin, voice  
Ann Miller - theory  
Andrew Glenn Perrine - guitar, voice  
John Rush - flute  
Jennifer Sherman - violin



## SUMMARY of TAMTA BOARD MINUTES

October 2014, Harwelden

Linda Fields, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Wilson. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Nine board members were present.

Danny Calhoun reported that eventually we may need to either transfer funds from the General Fund into the Workshop account or increase the amount allocated from dues for workshop. It was agreed that the workshop is a high priority for the TAMTA budget and we should continue to seek the highest quality of presenters. Danny also explained how to be reimbursed for any expenditures incurred by TAMTA officers.

Corresponding Secretary Laurie Lightbody reported that she has sent out four cards and that rosters that were not picked up at board meetings or the workshop have been mailed out.

District Auditions Chair Kathy Wilson reported that four excellent judges have been engaged so far for the April 4th event.

Arrangements Committee Member Cynthia Briscoe reported that Jonathan Brilliant will be catering our meeting in October.

There was discussion about eligibility requirements for various TAMTA events. The Sonatina Competition and Scholarship/Spindler events will be governed by OMTA eligibility rules, but the TAMTA Festival will be more relaxed. Angeline LeLeux will be asked to draft a brief statement to be added to the information about the TAMTA Festival.

Membership Chair Laura Berman announced that we have two new members; one in piano and one in guitar. The meet and greet for newer members on September 26th went well.

Program Chair Sandy Pierce distributed a questionnaire that will provide topics for the November panel discussion and the January "student-saver" repertoire program. This will also be handed out at the October general meeting.

Workshop Chair Karen Harrington asked for ideas about next year's workshop.

President Wilson announced that the membership did vote to change the name of our organization to Tulsa Area Music Teachers Association in September.

Laura Berman was asked to gather names of TAMTA members willing to serve as mentors, and to develop a way to find out in what areas members are willing to serve as volunteers.

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## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

### "The Four P's: Pedagogy, Policy, Parents and Performance"

**Panel:**

**Gloria Johnson, Karen Harrington, Janell Whitby, Roberta Lewis**

**Moderated by Phillele McBrayer**

**Meeting this Wednesday, Nov. 19th**

Remember to park in the back of the building (east side) and enter the northeast door.

## OMTA SENIOR COMPETITION DATE CHANGE

Due to a conflict at TU, the date for this event has been changed to **February 28th**.

## DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Former TAMTA member Farren Mayfield, who is now living in Tahlequah, recently lost his 18 year old son in a tragic fire. His mailing address was sent out in a recent OMTA e-mail if you would like to send a card or note.

## OMTA/MTNA COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following TAMTA teachers and students! Fay Shuai was the winner of the Marilyn Witcher Honor Competition and Tony Tan was the alternate. Briana Liu was the MTNA Senior Piano Performance Alternate. All three are students of Gloria Johnson. Charles Iskander, student of Roger Price, was MTNA Young Artist Alternate.

## LIBRARY CORNER

Jan Meyer, Library Chairman

Our rolling library is at our General Meeting each month. Stop by to see if there's something you'd like. Materials may be checked out for one month. Most of our library is on DVDs. Featured this month is world-renowned piano pedagogue Jane Bastien, "A PASSION FOR TEACHING." This film offers a rare, close-up glimpse into Jane's private studio and features candid footage of lessons, performances, and personal interactions. Interviews with family members, current and former students, and parents add insight into the unique experience of studying under this master teacher. Looking forward to seeing you all November 19th.

## FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

**Angeline LeLeux, Chairman**

TAMTA raised \$3,623 at this event to help pay operating expenses. There were 41 teachers participating and 343 students. We had a wonderful day despite half the ORU campus being closed in the morning for a Fun Run. The Music Department was just as surprised by the run as we were, so they were not able to forewarn us. Many thanks to Michele Cowen for finding the judges, DeAnna Calhoun for data entry, Vicki Walker for helping with set up, Ed and Sandy Pierce for helping with the table decorations and teardown, Amy Cottingham for organizing the monitors and workers, and all the teachers who put in time to make everything go smoothly for the students. A big thank you to Angeline LeLeux for her work chairing the event. Congratulations to all who played, as well!

## Judge Feedback - What Did You Think?

Phillele McBrayer needs your feedback about the judges for Festival. If you had students who played and you especially loved or didn't love a particular judge, please contact Phillele at [pmcbrayer2@gmail.com](mailto:pmcbrayer2@gmail.com). and give her as many specifics as possible. Thank you!

## TAMTA HOLIDAY SHOWCASE

This is a fun, relaxed event that raises money for Family and Children's Services of Tulsa, which assists families in crisis. The Showcase takes place on December 13th and 14th at the Promenade Mall (lower level near Macy's). Teachers sign up for however much time they feel they need for their studio. It can be for as little as 15 minutes, or as long as needed. There are times available. Contact Young-Eun Chung at [ychung823@gmail.com](mailto:ychung823@gmail.com) or 918-492-4840 to reserve a time. Students may perform holiday music or regular repertoire. **This year, students are asked to make a voluntary donation of \$5.00 each.** Teachers may make one check for their studio's total donation out to TAMTA and mail their checks to Danny Calhoun at 12925 E. 76th St. N., Owasso, OK 74055. TAMTA will then donate the proceeds to the charity.



## SUMMARY of TAMTA BOARD MINUTES

November 7th, 2014, Harwelden

Original minutes by Linda Fields, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Wilson. Seven board members were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Danny Calhoun reported that the balance in the general fund is \$8,386.79. Web hosting and meeting venue bills have been paid for the year. The Festival netted \$3,623.72 and music sales brought in \$181.50. There was some discussion about whether to continue the music sale. As the yearly cost for storage is \$120, we only netted \$61.50. There is some paperwork associated with our name change for our investments at Morgan-Stanley. It was agreed to merge the two scholarship funds into one account.

The OMTA Senior Competition date has been changed to February 28th due to a conflict at TU.

Corresponding Secretary Laurie Lightbody sent out rosters to the new members and a sympathy card from the board to Farren Mayfield. President Wilson asked her to write a thank you note to ORU for the use of their facility for the Festival.

Kathy Wilson reported that 9 piano judges and 1 string judge have now been engaged for the District Auditions. She is looking for three more piano judges and may need additional instrumental judges this year, as well.

Jonathan Brilliant will cater our November meeting. The menu is an Asian stir-fry, salad and cheesecake. The entry and salad are gluten-free.

The following statement will be added to the Festival rules: "Transfer students and beginners may be entered at the teacher's discretion. However, transfer students should play repertoire learned with the current teacher, unless permission has been granted by the previous teacher, the previous teacher has moved out of the area, or is no longer teaching".

Festival Chairman LeLeux requested the board's input regarding students who were not officially registered being substituted in for students who entered but could not play. It was agreed that only the students listed on the entry forms may play.

Holiday Showcase Chair Young-Eun Chung reported that six teachers have already signed up for times. She will work with Jo Dee Davis regarding the t-shirts. NOTE: Donations will replace t-shirts this year.

## November Board Minutes (cont.)

Program Chair Sandy Pierce reported that all the submitted questions should fit into the allotted time for the panel program. She is hoping there will be extra time available for questions from the floor. Ideas for the January program about student-saver pieces will be gathered at the meeting.

The web site is now completely updated, with the exception of headings with TAMTA's old name. Diverge will need to make those changes, as the headings cannot be edited by Angeline.

President Wilson proposed restructuring the Elected Officers of the board. Corresponding Secretary would become Vice President for Communications, which will oversee all facets of member communication. Also, the Parliamentarian, which is always the outgoing President, would be called "Immediate Past President" instead.

### President

#### Vice President for Membership

*New member recruitment.*

*Mentorship program.*

*Certification support.*

*Volunteer identification.*

*New member orientation.*

#### Vice President for Communications

*Newsletter*

*E-mail loop*

*Correspondence*

*Web site*

*Roster/Yearbook*

*Telephone*

### Recording Secretary

### Treasurer

### Immediate Past President

After discussion, Sandy Pierce moved to adopt the proposal. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

**NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**