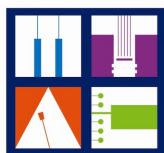


# NOTEWORTHY NEWS



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## Upcoming Events:

- ♦ 9/24 (Sunday) -CM  
Information Meeting/Potluck

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## President's Message

Welcome back for a new and exciting MTAC-Long Beach Branch year!

I look forward to an eventful year of music-making, continuing education, and happy and successful students! A majority of our members participate in the state Certificate of Merit program. But there is much, much more to MTAC than just Certificate of Merit! If you have not sampled the other state and local programs, I invite you to do so this year. You and your students will benefit from the educational programs, concerts, and performance opportunities! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Marc Lombardino, has planned speakers on a wide variety of topics for our monthly meetings. And your students will gain valuable performing experience by participating and hearing repertoire performed by other students in our Branch Recitals, Festivals, and Competitions. Do encourage them to perform in as many as possible!

Our first meeting will be a potluck and Certificate of Merit informational meeting at Sarah Sandvig's home Sunday, September 24th, at 5pm. All teachers planning to enroll students in Certificate of Merit should attend to hear all the important information for the program. See you there!

Musically Yours,

Laura Dickey, President



# 2017-2018 Board Members

**President:** Laura Dickey

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**Honorary Advisor:** Dr. Louise Earhart



## MTACLB DIRECTORY

Click the following link to access our directory:

[MTACLB Directory 2017](#)



The password to open the document is: **mtaclb75**

(You must use all lowercase letters).

**\*\*Please email Sarah Sandvig ([sarahsandvig@gmail.com](mailto:sarahsandvig@gmail.com)) with any changes you have (address/phone/email) so we can update it for our new directory.**

# Annual Potluck and CM Information Meeting

Our annual Potluck and CM Information Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 24 at 5:00 in the home of Sarah Sandvig – 2971 Shakespeare Dr., Rossmoor 90720.

CM teachers should plan to attend this meeting for a thorough discussion of the 2018 CM process. Attendance at this meeting will allow you access to your students' CM enrollment (beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup>.) If you are unable to attend the meeting, you must contact Branch CM Chair, Yvonne Chen to obtain permission to enroll your students.

We hope that many of you can join us as we kick off our Branch's 76<sup>th</sup> season. **Please bring a dish to share...**main dishes are especially appreciated! ☺



**2017 CONVENTION REPORT-Ellen Noble**

This year's Convention in Santa Clara got off to an impressive start with keynote speaker, Condoleezza Rice. Former Secretary of State Rice is a classically trained pianist and was a music major at the University of Denver before switching to Russian Studies. It was obvious that she enjoyed speaking to a room of fellow musicians. Her elegant and heartfelt address set the tone for the entire convention.

Pianist and master teacher Hans Boepple gave an excellent presentation entitled "Toward Advanced Playing." He focused on developing artistry through technique, musicianship, and performance practice. I was struck by the importance he places on developing all scales at very fast tempi. In trying to get students to accurately follow the score he asks them to "imagine that the composer actually intended every detail in the music." I thought this was a very clever way of engaging students with their music.

Other highlights from my notes include comments from composer Dennis Alexander encouraging students to smile as they are performing for a more positive experience and Anat Baniel, psychologist and neuromovement specialist, who recommends slow practice because we can only execute fast those things that we already know. If you want a different result you must practice slow.

Long Beach MTAC was well represented at Convention by members Dr. Louise Earhart (outgoing State President), Marla Devich, Susan High, Mary Inui, Laura Dickey, Jennifer Cozens, Jennifer Watts, Sarah Sandvig, and myself. We were also represented by students in recital and master class from the following branch teachers: Lilia Pershina, Susan High, Yvonne Chen, Craig Richey, Laura Dickey, Marla Devich, and Sarah Sandvig.

Our own Louise Earhart has ably led MTAC for the past two years. She had the great pleasure of meeting and introducing keynote speaker Condoleezza Rice. Louise also gave a warm speech at the installation of the incoming State Board, and new president, Gwen Churchill. In addition to her official duties she performed at Convention, along with many other State Board members, on the Teacher Performance Recital. It was very inspiring to hear evidence of our hardworking board members' devotion to their music.

My last impression from the 2017 Convention was the acceptance speech given by our new president. The focus of her remarks was how much her life has been enriched by saying "Yes" when asked to serve. My hope is that our own membership will hear her message and see what wonderful things come their way when they say "Yes"!

In conclusion, I would like to dedicate this report to the memory of our deceased member Elaine Levy. Elaine was a frequent attendee at Conventions. She always prepared a beautifully detailed report of everything that she learned at Convention.



# TEACHERS NOTES

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

The First Presbyterian Church of San Pedro is seeking a qualified person for the position of Musical Director of Children's Choirs. The applicant should have prior experience directing children age 3 years through 5th grade and knowledge of music appropriate for that age range. For more information, call [310-832-7597](tel:310-832-7597).

To apply, please submit a resume and a completed church application form, available at our website <[firstpressanpedro.org](http://firstpressanpedro.org)>. Send the completed materials to the church office at [office@firstpressanpedro.org](mailto:office@firstpressanpedro.org) by the closing date of Sept. 5, 2017.

## Welcome New Members!

Hannah Yi

Claire Mehm

Peggy Malbon

Cindy Leung

Charis Ashcraft

Jasmine Kim



**Please submit all Noteworthy News by the 25th for publication in the following month.**

Please have photos as jpeg files and provide all heading/captions/story in MS WORD format. No PDF's please.

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### **Long Beach Branch**

### **Newsletter "Noteworthy News"**

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## **MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS**

The mission of the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) is the pursuit of excellence in music education:

- To promote the stability of the music teaching profession,
- To maintain the high professional standards of our members,
- To maintain the exacting qualifications for membership in the organization establishing the active member as a qualified, accredited teacher, and
- To promote the development of musical potential and ability in students.