



LONG BEACH
BRANCH

MTAC Long Beach Branch

1941 75 YEARS 2016

October 2016

President's Notes

Upcoming Events:

11/19-Branch Recital #1

11/13-Wheeler Concert

12/4-MTAC-LB 75th Anniversary Celebration

12/10-Ensemble Festival

1/14-Theme (Styles) Festival

For more details, please go online to our website:

www.mtacb.com

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Greetings!

As I write this in late September, the temperature outside is 101 degrees, and I feel like I'm back in Texas! The calendar may say it's Fall, but it feels like July!

Our first meeting of the year was a winner with over 30 members present to hear a presentation on Certificate of Merit that focused especially on the new software system. We learned that as of the previous Friday, only 39% of CM students had been transferred ("migrated") to the new system. Teachers and parents must complete this migration in order to keep student records in the system. Anyone with questions or problems should contact CM Chair Yvonne Chen at 562-314-7362. The presentation was followed by a delicious potluck and much socializing. Many thanks to Sarah Sandvig for opening her beautiful (and wonderfully air-conditioned!) home for the meeting!

Attendance at our usual October Branch Recital tends to be low, so we have moved it to November in hopes more students will be prepared to perform. We also combined the Theme and Styles Festivals (calling the result "Theme Festival") and scheduled it in January. This year's theme will be "Sounds of Nature." Since the theme is being announced so late, we decided to use the same one used for CM this year. Themes for the next three years will be listed in the directory.

Our annual teachers' recital that raises money for the Wheeler Memorial Scholarship will be held Sunday, 11/13 at 4pm. Teachers who wish to perform should contact Chair Jeremie Favreau, 310-832-3629, email jef72@hotmail.fr.

Planning for our 75th Anniversary celebration is moving along. Retired member Lyn Pohlman has offered her home for the event, and the Orpheus Duo will present a concert of two-piano music on Lyn's twin Fazioli grands! Lyn has also offered to make a donation to the Historical Society of Long Beach to have information about MTAC-LB's founding included on a plaque the society is creating to memorialize the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day. Thanks so much, Lyn! Marc Lombardino will be putting together a media presentation for the event; he will be asking members to share photos or video they have to illustrate our history.

Our Branch offers many opportunities for student performance and for teacher enrichment. I encourage you to make the effort to attend the meetings yourself and to encourage your students to participate in some of our recitals, festivals, and contests. See you there!

Musically Yours,
Laura Dickey
President



President: Laura Dickey

OUR PIANO HAS A NEW HOME!

The Board has been working the past year to find a new home for our Mason & Hamlin grand piano that will have a more spacious stage, better acoustics, and more parking. We explored several options and finally settled on Newcomb Academy, a public K-8 school in East Long Beach. 3351 Val Verde Ave., Long Beach. The building is brand new, with a spacious auditorium that seats about 200. Our member Beejell Soco teaches there, while Treasurer Mary Inui volunteers on campus several times a week. Getting the Memorandum of Understanding between the school district and ourselves drawn up and signed took all summer, but things were finally settled a couple of weeks ago. We are looking forward to moving our piano to its new home soon!

Special thanks to Beejell, Mary, Sarah, and other members who persevered to make this happen! Members who wish to use the piano for their own studio recitals should coordinate with Mary Inui rather than the school to expedite scheduling and ensure you will be recognized as part of our group. Contact Mary at least six weeks before the desired date of your recital so she can submit the appropriate paperwork to the school. Fees for renting the auditorium are \$49/hour with a 4-hour minimum on the weekends. If your event goes as long as 6-hours, there will be an extra \$34 custodial fee.

Since the location of our piano has been in question until the past couple of weeks, we are late scheduling our events for this year. I sent an email of proposed dates a few days ago and will put them on the website calendar. The directory is also being updated and will be sent out soon.



Ensemble Festival

Come join the fun! Our Branch Ensemble Festival is for everyone who enjoys making music together. It is open to all MTAC students and teachers. Family members are welcome as part of the ensemble. This year's Festival is Saturday, December, 10 at our branch piano's new home, Newcomb Academy. The entry deadline is Saturday, November 19. The entry form is online www.mtacb.com. There is a \$5.00 fee for each participant, including teachers. Holiday music is welcome on the program.

Co-Chairs, Marla Devich, [562-433-3545](tel:562-433-3545) and Ellen Noble, [562-431-6740](tel:562-431-6740)

Potluck and CM Info Meeting



We had a wonderful turnout to our CM info meeting and potluck on Sunday, September 25th. Thank you to Sarah Sandvig for graciously opening up her home and hosting the meeting.

Ellen Noble did a fantastic job of explaining how to navigate the new CM database. Thank you to Yvonne Chen for chairing. If you have any questions or problems, please call or email Yvonne!



In memoriam

Our late MTAC-LB member and former president, Katherine Panian passed away on August 7, 2016 in Washington at the age of 90. She had her memorial service recently at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in East Long Beach, CA on Saturday, September 10, 2016. This is the church where she faithfully served as their pianist/organist for about 50 years. Ellen Noble presented a mini-recital of classical favorites on piano as the prelude to the service . In lieu of flowers, Katherine and her family requests that donations be made to MTAC-LB.

A donation button is available on our website, or checks made out to MTAC-LB can be mailed to Treasurer, Mary Inui at: 2219 San Vicente Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815

Sympathy cards may be sent to: John Panian, 2331 Wabash Cr, Placentia, CA 92870.

Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent.

—Victor Hugo

From the studio of Kazuko Ysawkawa



2016 SYMF Winners from Kazuko Ysawkawa's studio



For those wishing to receive the newsletter by snail mail, please let Mary Inui know. If you are aware of any members that do not have access to a computer or the internet, please let them know that this option is available.

To cover the cost of paper, printing, postage, and envelopes, through the year, we are asking for a suggested donation of \$5.



MUSIC STUDENTS' SERVICE LEAGUE 2016-2017

To participate, RSVP to Liam Watts 3 days before recital day at wattsdojn@earthlink.net Recital attire preferred.

Artesia Christian Home

11614 183rd St, Artesia, CA 90701

October 2 @ 2pm SUNDAY

November 6 @ 2pm SUNDAY

December 4 @ 2pm SUNDAY

Katella Manor

3952 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

October 15 @ 3pm SATURDAY

November 19 @ 3pm SATURDAY

December 17 @ 3pm SUNDAY

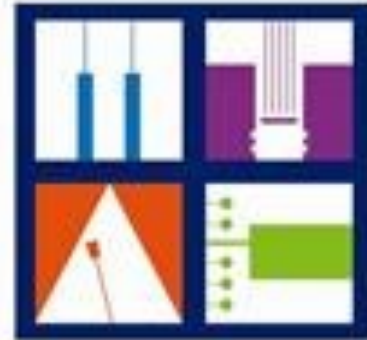
Seal Beach Health and Rehab Center

3000 N Gate Rd, Seal Beach, CA 90740

October 9 @ 3pm SUNDAY

November 13 @ 3pm SUNDAY

December 11 @ 3pm SUNDAY



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Thank you for your ongoing participation!

Liam Watts, Student Chair 2015-2017

Music Teachers Association of California-Long Beach

Background: the Music Students' Service League (MSSL) was formed so that students of MTAC members may have the opportunity to serve the community through music. MTAC awards students community service credit for their time, efforts and talents. These awards, in turn, help students to fulfill their graduation requirements of their schools and other service organizations. Students share their gift of music with the community by giving recitals in senior citizens' homes and by helping with other musical activities. MSSL is a student-run organization under the guidance of an MTAC teacher.

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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.

Don't forget to check out our website for past newsletters, forms, maps, calendar, and more!

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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.

Email all submissions to Mary Inui at jminui@gmail.com.