



LONG BEACH  
BRANCH

# Noteworthy News



October 2015

## President's Notes

### Upcoming Events:

10/1-CM Registration Open at  
[www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org)

10/4-General Meeting

10/7-Deadline Branch Recital  
#1 Registration

10/17-Branch Recital #1

10/21-Board Meeting

10/28-Deadline Theme Festi-  
val Registration

10/30-CM Registration dead-  
line

11/1-SCJBF Registration  
Open at [www.scjbf.org](http://www.scjbf.org)

11/1-General Meeting

11/7-Theme Festival

11/18-Board Meeting

For more details, please go  
online to our website:

[www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com)

### Inside this issue:

**President's Notes** 1

**CM News** 2

**VOCE, ASCAP, and** 3  
**Directory Corrections**

**MSSL** 4

**Teacher Notes** 5

Happy October everyone!

We had a wonderful start to our year with our potluck and CM meeting at Tasha Locke's home on Sunday, 9/20. Thank you to those who spoke about programs, to Tasha for hosting, to Ellen for an informative and concise CM training, to Mary for getting our directories finished and in our hands, and for the fantastic fellowship from everyone! Below is a summary of what's coming up in October.

-October 4th – Sunday – 3:30pm

General Meeting & program on Group Lessons at Sarah Sandvig's home.

2971 Shakespeare Dr. Rossmoor, CA 90720.

-October 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 3pm MSSL Recital- Artesia Christian Home

-October 7th – Wednesday Deadline to enroll students in Branch Recital #1

(on our website [www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com))

-October 11th – Sunday 3pm MSSL Recital- Country Villa Seal Beach

-October 17th – Saturday – 10am-2pm

Branch Recital #1 at Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living (SBCSL).

500 Marina dr. Seal Beach. CA 90740

-October 18th – Sunday – 3pm MSSL Recital- Katella Manor

-October 28<sup>th</sup> - Deadline to register for the Theme Festival

(on our website [www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com))

More information about this month's events can be found in your directories or on our website calendar.

I hope to see you at some or all of these events!

Sarah Sandvig

MTACLB-President



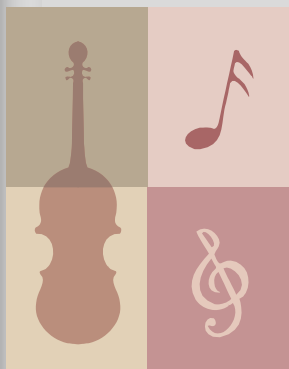
President: Sarah Sandvig

## News to Tell:

Please submit all Noteworthy News to Mary Inui at [jminui@gmail.com](mailto:jminui@gmail.com) by the end of the month to be published for the following month's newsletter. Submissions must be in Word Format. PDF files will not work.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."

—Plato



## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

### REMEMBER...CM Registration is October 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015

CM registration is on your teacher home page at [mtac.org](http://mtac.org).

The Teacher Work Agreement is at [mtaclb.org](http://mtaclb.org) on our new Certificate of Merit page.

After you have enrolled your students in CM you must send me the following, postmarked no later than Nov. 1, 2015.

- 1) One check payable to "MTACLB" including fees for all students
- 2) A print copy of your Student List
- 3) A print copy of the Student Fees List
- 4) The signed Teacher Work Agreement

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our branch CM evaluations are April 2 and 3. Be sure that your families are aware that this is the weekend immediately following Easter Sunday. There are no refunds for CM fees.

Best wishes for a successful teaching year!

It has come to my attention that our branch CM dates of April 2/3 will present a serious conflict for some of our high school students who have mandatory school events at that time. CM does offer make up evaluations (MUPs) for high school students with a valid excuse. The issue is that students who have a MUP are not eligible to be considered for Convention programs.

To solve this problem our branch will schedule an alternative CM date (Sunday, March 6) for those students who meet the following criteria:

1. The student must be currently enrolled in high school, 9th grade or higher.
2. The conflict with the April 2/3 weekend must be a mandatory school activity such as a choir or orchestra trip.
3. The student must provide a written excuse from the teacher to the branch CM Chair to be postmarked Nov. 1.

Please email me if you have students who meet this criteria. You may drop off, scan and email, or mail me the letter from their teacher verifying their school obligation. Again, this letter must be postmarked by November 1st in order for your students to be evaluated on March 6th.

Thank you,

Ellen Noble  
MTACLB: Branch Chair

## VOCE

There is a new database you will go through to register students in VOCE. Please see the message below. Janice Luna is our branch representative, and more info will follow regarding this year's competition. For now, you can check out the database and register.

The new VOCE database is now live. All teachers interested in participating in VOCE for this are required to go through the new database. Teachers will be able to sign up by visiting the new website [new.mtac.org](http://new.mtac.org). The first time they visit the site, they will be able to log in with their current MTAC log in information, and then will be prompted to create a new password.

Look for the new VOCE Guidelines for 2015-16 and the updated Branch Packet that will be posted soon.

## ASCAP

As branch ASCAP chair, I collect programs from member recitals as well as branch events and send them to the state office so composers receive credit for the performance of their works. Please send your recital programs to me or bring them to branch meetings. I accept either hardcopy or softcopy programs.

Laura Dickey  
[astromusette@yahoo.com](mailto:astromusette@yahoo.com)

3476 Fanwood Ave  
Long Beach CA 90808

## 2015-2016 Branch Directory Corrections

Below you will find the corrections that need to be made in the new directory.

1. Please add these members:

Harriet Bennish-Voice	(562) 621-9734
254 Bennett Ave.	<a href="mailto:alinkletter@yahoo.com">alinkletter@yahoo.com</a>
Long Beach, CA 90803	<a href="http://www.harrietbennish.com">www.harrietbennish.com</a>
<b>Wheeler Memorial Concert Chair</b>	

Bevinda Gomes-Piano	(562) 924-2582
19518 Nancy Cir	<a href="mailto:bevindagomes@hotmail.com">bevindagomes@hotmail.com</a>
Cerritos, CA 90703	

2. New number for Linda Pryor: 562-619-5510.
3. In Table of Contents on page 3, Referral Service is Jessica Baptist, page 22, **not** Rachel Grizzel. It is correctly listed under Jessica's name on page 22.

## Music Students Service League 2015-2016

To participate, RSVP to Clare Courter 3 days before recital day. Recital attire preferred.

Jennifer Watts and Andrea Chou-Wu, Co-Chairs

### Artesia Christian Home

11614 183rd St, Artesia, CA 90701

(562) 865-5218

October 4 @ 3:00

November 8 @ 3:00

December 6 @ 3:00

### Katella Manor

3952 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

(562) 596-2773

October 18 @ 3:00

November 22 @ 3:00

December 20 @ 3:00

### Country Villa, Seal Beach

3000 N Gate Rd, Seal Beach, CA 90740

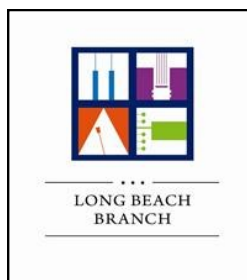
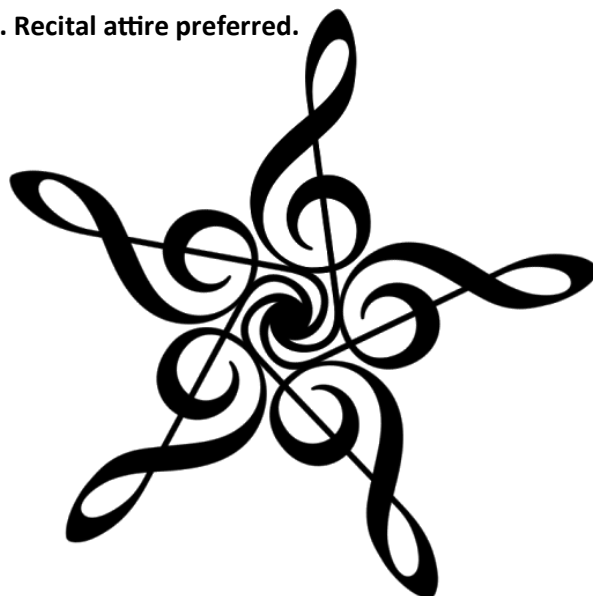
(562) 598-2477

October 11 @ 3:00

November 15 @ 3:00

December 13 @ 3:00

Thank you for your ongoing participation!



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.



## Teacher Notes



K. Yasukawa Studio: 2015 SYMF winners



## Long Beach Branch Newsletter

Editor: Mary Inui  
jminui@gmail.com



## 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!*

[www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com)

Please submit all Noteworthy News by the 15th for publication in the following month. Please have photos as jpeg files and provide all heading/captions/story in WORD format.

Email all submissions to Mary Inui at [jminui@gmail.com](mailto:jminui@gmail.com).

THANK YOU!