



DELTA BRANCH

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Delta Branch MTAC Newsletter

CONVENTION NEWS

Upcoming Events

Student Recitals at LMC Recital Hall

September 27, 3pm

October 25, 3pm

November 22, 3pm

For any questions about how to enter a student, please contact Maureen Honegger, Recital Chair (moznotes@aol.com). All recital entries go directly to Susan Clark. All monies are sent directly to Maureen. Recital entry forms are available at www.deltabranch.org

Teachers' Recital November 16, 2014

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MTAC Convention 2014 in Los Angeles

Why do I love going to MTAC conventions? They are inspiring and motivational. I can hear first-class performers that I would not otherwise be able to afford. I always feel that I come away with new ideas to be a better teacher. New music is presented that is interesting. Shopping for music is convenient and at a discount in the exhibit hall. If I plan ahead, I can usually find all the music that I need for the entire year. Plus, I get to be in a beautiful hotel and eat out for 5 days! No cooking!! Seeing old friends and making new ones is also fun. Fellow Delta Branch members usually go out for dinner together at least once during the convention.

One of my favorite performers this year was Sean Chen, who won 3rd place at the Van Cliburn last year – the first American to place since 1997! His arrangement of Ravel's "La Valse" was outstanding. The other exceptional piano recital was the Anderson and Roe piano duo that brought down the house on Monday night. You must watch them on YouTube to understand the impact of their performance. They are young, exciting, artistic and full of showmanship!

My favorite master classes and showcases were presented by Melody Bober, Diane Hidy, and Nancy Bachus. Ms. Bachus' lecture on "The Technique Behind Intermediate Repertoire" was extensive.

So, please, don't miss next year's convention in San Jose or you will miss a great opportunity.

Maureen Honegger, 2014 Convention Delegate for Delta Chapter

MTAC State Presidents

Convention 2014



MTAC State Presidents and Their Terms of Office

This picture was taken at the banquet on the first night
of the 2014 MTAC Convention in Los Angeles.

(From left-to-right)

**Lee Galloway (2007-09), Deborah Erftenbeck (1995-97), Olga Quercia (1989-91), Madeline Miller (2011-13)
Irene Brown (2005-07), Amy Martin (2013-15), Susan Clark (2009-11), Current Delta Branch President**

Delta Branch Members Attend Convention 2014



Teresa Cannizzaro, Maureen Honegger, Evelyn Steinmetz (past member), and Susan Clark

Delta Branch Welcomes New Members

I want to extend a warm welcome to our new Delta Branch members:

- Dmitri Manuylov (piano)
- Vicki Fawns (piano)
- Beth Reeves (piano & voice)
- Ophelia (Ophie) Raboca Flores (contributory member – piano)

Contact information for these members is in your new directory. Please make them feel welcome at upcoming recitals and Branch functions. Our Delta Branch is growing – how exciting!

Susan Clark, President

Hey, It's that time again! Time for the Barnes& Noble fund-raiser!

The date is Dec. 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m.

Remember, we get a percentage of everything {well, almost everything} sold that day, plus on-line purchases the following week. We also raise more money in tips by gift-wrapping purchases. Where does the money go? The money goes to our Delta Branch scholarship fund, given each year to a music student attending Los Medanos College.

Please contact me to sign up for a recital time and a time to work at the reception desk. If you have any questions, I'm listed in the Delta Branch Directory.

Carole Main

Delta Branch General Meeting

September 13, 2014



Jane Travale, Vicki Fawns, Sharon Vela

Kim Griffith Fraley, Catherine Thompson



Geri DiFrancesco

Friends

Business

Music

Colleagues

Fun



Miki Cannizzaro



Grace Edwards



Beth Reeves and Kathleen Flemming



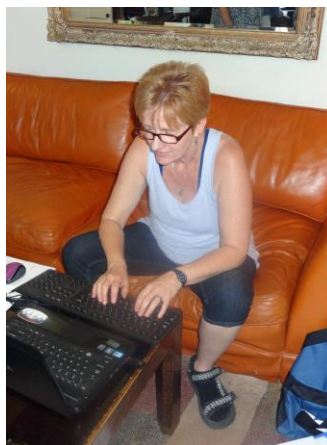
Barbara Schnieder
(Cabbage Crunch Salad)



Barbara Sobalvarro and
Maureen Honegger



More Food!!!!



Julie Mae, Our Secretary
Hard at work!



Food!!!!



Barbara Sobalvarro and Kathleen Flemming

Thanks to Jane Travale for being our Host!

MTAC CONVENTION TIPS

For those of you who were not able to attend Convention this year, here are a few points of information:

From the President's Meeting

- Branches may not use the MTAC State logo. Instead, they must use their Branch affiliation logo.
- Members may use the State logo only in connection with stating their membership relationship with MTAC, in limited circumstances. Members may use the State logo on private studio or business websites, provided it is very clear that the relationship is that of **membership/affiliation** and not **agency/representation**.
- Branches may use the acronym MTAC only if it includes the Branch name to distinguish it from the State Association.
- Active over 80 members **do need** to renew their membership even though they pay no State dues. (Branch dues may apply.)
- In 2015-2016 the Branch Liability Insurance will be increased to \$7 per member. (It is currently \$5 per member, and is deducted directly from your Branch dues payment.) It is recommended that Branches increase Branch dues to accommodate this increase.
- CM Registration of \$6.00 retained by the Branch per registration will no longer be retained by Branches beginning in 2015-2016. Also take this into consideration regarding Branch CM fees. This \$6 per registration will be used for State Administrative costs associated with the development of a new CM registration system. Branches need to plan for these future financial changes.

From the CM Chair's Meeting

- Students must play technique (scales, etc.) in rhythms.
- Be sure to use CM lingo with students --- use the terms as used in the CM materials. For instance: Chords, cadences, five-finger patterns, scales, etc.
- Statewide CM will run from February 14 – March 29, 2015. Theory tests will be released statewide on March 30, 2015.
- In 2013, overall percentage of piano test scores was 90.3%. In 2014, they were 89.5%. Winds in 2013 – 89.3%. Winds in 2014 – 89.6%.
- In 2013-14 (last year), 65 Branches (out of 68) participated in CM with 3,100 teachers and 28,267 students.

DELTA BRANCH RECITAL FORM

2014-2015

NAME OF STUDENT _____

NAME OF DUET PARTNER (If appropriate) _____

NAME OF TEACHER _____

ACCOMPANIST (if appropriate) _____

RECITAL DATE _____ (choose early or late, if two recitals are scheduled)

Name of Piece #1 (including movement, opus #) _____

Level _____ **Composer** _____

Timed Length of Piece #1 _____

Name of Piece #2 (including movement, opus #) _____

Level _____ **Composer** _____

Timed Length of Piece #2 _____

Cost per Student Entry (please note that a duo or trio is only one fee) - **\$10** Check made out to MTAC, Delta Branch, and sent to Recital Chair Maureen Honegger, 4019 Boulder Dr., Antioch 94509. (There is no price break for siblings; one entry form = \$10)

Recital forms must reach Susan Clark no later than one week prior to the Recital Date. You may postal mail (mailed no later than the day before the due-date), or email the information to Susan at tubaflute@comcast.net. Recital dates and deadlines for 2014-15 are as follows:

<u>Recital Date</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
September 27	September 20
October 25	October 18
November 22	November 15
January 17 (2 recitals)	January 10
February 21 (2 recitals)	February 14
April 18	April 11
May 16	May 9

Student Composers & Improvisers

Support your student's creativity using the MTAC Composition Syllabus and the MTAC Improvisation Syllabus. Encourage your students to develop their skills in music writing and improvisation! Both syllabi are available for purchase on the state website.

Get your students ready for upcoming state composition and improvisation events this year!

Sara Harris, Delta Branch composition & Improvisation Chair, will be happy to answer your questions on these topics.

Keeping In Contact



On Friday, July 25th, Delta Branch members had lunch with Bonnie Jolly (Delta Branch President 2003-04) at the Olive Garden. Bonnie currently lives in Arizona. (Back row: left-to-right, Sara Harris, Geri DiFrancesco, Maureen Honegger, Kathleen Flemming. Front row left-to-right: Susan Clark, Bonnie, and Jane Travale.)

DELTA BRANCH STANDING RULES

2014-2015

Approved April 2014

(1) Elections

The President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and one Director (if needed) shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and two Directors (if needed) shall be elected in even-numbered years.

(2) Contributory Members

Contributory Membership is not a form of MTAC State Membership, but is a Secondary Branch Membership in a Branch which is not the member's Primary Branch. Contributory Members of the Delta Branch may become such by paying the yearly Branch Dues to the Delta Branch. If payment is not received by August 15th, their name(s) will not be included in the Delta Branch directory.

Privileges of Contributory Membership are as follows:

Participation allowed: monthly student recitals, master classes, General Membership meetings

Participation not allowed: competitions, voting in the Delta Branch elections, holding Delta Branch office, participating in State Programs (such as Certificate of Merit) through the Delta Branch (this participation must be done through the Contributory Member's Primary Branch)

(3) Annual Dues

The annual dues shall be (a) the amount designated by the State, plus (b) the Delta Branch dues. The current 2014-2015 Delta Branch dues are as follows:

Active Member \$35

Provisional Member \$35

*Active Member over 70 \$17.50 (will be full dues in 2015-16)

*Active Member over 80 waived (will be full dues in 2015-16)

Student Member \$ 17.50 (will be full dues in 2015-16)

Contributory Member \$35

**first-time applicants to the over-70 or over-80 categories must notify the MTAC State Office before the start of the fiscal year in which the age change occurs to receive State Dues discounts. Branch dues may or may not reflect State discounts.*

(4) Convention Delegate(s)

The Delta Branch is allowed one Delegate per every 25 members, or a portion thereof. The Delta Branch Delegate(s) shall be selected by the Delta Branch Board of Directors, with preference given to the Branch President, and then to members of the Board of Directors who will be attending the Annual Convention. The Branch will reimburse the selected Delegate(s) for Convention Early-Bird Registration, and may decide to add one night's hotel stay, if finances allow, with the total expense not to exceed \$300 (divided, if

there are two Delegates) Each Delegate is mandated to attend the following:

- a. The Delegates' Meeting on Sunday morning of the Convention (informational)
- b. The Annual Business Meeting on Monday morning of the Convention (vote)
- c. The Delegate is mandated to vote according to the directives given from the Delta Branch Members, as the Delegate represents the entire Delta Branch.

The Delegate(s) is asked to pick up any packets or awards at the

Convention for the Delta Branch, and will give a Convention Report at the Fall General Membership Meeting of the Delta Branch.

(5) Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed in February by the current Branch Board of Directors, according to the guidelines set forth in the Delta Branch Bylaws, Article V, Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall meet in March to select a slate of nominees for the upcoming election and term of office, and shall continue to work until a proposed slate of nominees is secured and reported to the Board.

(6) Monthly Student Recitals

Unless expressly stated by the Board in advance for specific recitals, all piano solos must be memorized when participating in monthly student recitals. Asking special permission for students to play out-of-order, or to change repertoire after the program has been printed, is strongly discouraged.

(7) Reimbursement of Expenses

For up to date and accurate bookkeeping, original receipts must be submitted for reimbursement no later than 60 days after the expense was incurred. The Branch is will reimburse you for any expenses within the approved budget. Only original receipts will be accepted. There will be no reimbursements after the 10th of August. We close the books on the 11th as the annual financial report is due to the State Office on August 15th.

(8) Changing of Standing Rules

These Standing Rules will be printed in the Branch Directory, and may be changed when necessary at any Branch Board meeting by two-thirds vote of the Board Members present. **Changes will be printed in the newsletter.** Objections, if any, may be presented to the Branch Board in writing, to the attention of the Branch President.

