

PENINSULA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

HISTORY FOR 2011-2012

The officers for PMTA for 2011-2012 were as follows:

President:	Teri Compos-Falk
President Elect:	Cathy Combs & Tonia Herrin
Vice President:	Ellen Baize
Secretary:	Charlene Campbell
Treasurer:	Beth Tomassetti
Historian:	Jean Kunkel
Parliamentarian:	Myrna Brinkley

The programs and special events for the year were as follows:

September 14, 2011 - Our first program this year was one of our favorite meetings when we as teachers get back together after the summer to informally discuss upcoming events and just renew friendships .

October 12 – This month was an innovative Joker’s Wild meeting. We sat on the stage in our meeting hall and listened to several of our teachers perform on the piano with a inspiring piano duet of Rhapsody in Blue, followed by several piano solos, duets, vocals, and recitations. It was fun to see all the talents that our teachers have hidden away.

October 31 – Four Williamsburg teachers held their Music Marathon at the Williamsburg Outlet Mall and had a fun day in costume for Halloween and raised \$490.00. Cathy Combs chairs this event.

October 27-30 - Several of our members were able to attend the State convention at VCU in Richmond, VA.

November 12 - Another very successful year for Piano Olympics. This year we held two event sites again. One was at Faith Baptist Church in Williamsburg that Meribeth Tozier monitors, and the other at Northampton Church of Christ in Hampton. Both Williamsburg and Hampton used four rooms with one of the rooms having a digital piano. Total number of teachers for both venues was 18: 148 students played 790 events. We gave 118 Gold ribbons, (748- before being divided into the medals), 40 Silver ribbons and 126 Gold Medals. Fees collected were \$1,616.00 – Rent for the Northampton building was \$100.00, and after printing expenses plus purchasing the ribbons and medals for next years, our profit was \$1,263.93. Co-chairs are Donna Anderson, Sukkyong Clough and Jean Kunkel.

November 11 - This month we were delighted to have Cindy Freeman, a friend and colleague of many of the local piano teachers. Her topic was, “Why aren’t they progressing?”, Learning styles and the Piano Studio. It was a very informative and interesting program.

December 1- Charlene Campbell arranged the Christmas lunch in Williamsburg again this year. There were only five teachers who were able to attend, but they had a great time and that is what is important.

January 11, 2012 –This was another ‘in house’ discussion about “Tricks of the Trade”, how we each conduct our studios. Teri gave a very detailed account of her computer lab in her studio. She also suggested at we come to her house in the summer and actually see it in action. We are looking forward to that.

February 8 – Dr. Lelia Sadlier from CNU was our presenter this month. We went to CNU and met on the stage with the two grand pianos in place. We heard four students play – nearly all of them were in the final stages of having completed their piece and it was a very informative time to hear how Dr. Sadlier would improve or differentiate on a piece. The teachers always gain as much from this as the student who is performing.

February 19 – VMTA Theory & Sight Reading Report

February 18. State Theory & Sight Reading Test was administered on February 18th, 2012 at the Hampton Baptist Church. Sixty one students of four different teachers participated in this event. They took 67 Theory tests, and 17 Sight Reading Tests.

We awarded 54 superior grades, 24 excellent, 4 VG, 2 Good

We collected \$630, State received \$480, and our chapter received \$150. The expenses of \$413.02 were covered by VMTA. State Theory & Sight Reading Chairman *Jolanta Szewczyk*

February 25. The 2012 National Federation of Music Clubs Festivals for the Virginia Peninsula were held on Saturdays, February 25th at Hampton University and March 3rd at the College of William & Mary. A total of 390 student events were judged and 345 earned “Superior” ratings. These events were in Piano Solo, Piano Concerto, Piano Hymn playing, Vocal Solo Art Song, Vocal Solo Musical Theatre, Flute Concerto and Musicianship-Theory.

Students came from 28 different teacher studios.

Additionally, we had three adult students participate (over age 19) in Piano Solo and Vocal Solo Musical Theatre. All three received “Superior” ratings.

Myrna Brinkley is chair of this event, with administrative help from Samantha Luck, Hunter Moncure, Sherri Rodgers, and Lane Spratley.

March 9 – Our last official meeting of the year and we were honored to have Donna Anderson talk about her adventures in getting to the cochlear implant of one year ago. She has had to hurdle many obstacles to get where she is today, but we are so thankful that she is able to continue in the field of music that she has always loved.

April 14 - PMTA Scholarship Award Applicant: Jason Zhang

Scholarship Audition: was held at 10 am on April 14, 2012 at the Andrey Kasparov's studio at ODU.

Two Judges: Oksana Lutsyshin and Myrenna Kikasola. Jason is the winner in this audition since he is the only one applying at this time. Jason will receive the \$2,500.00 scholarship from our organization.

Hye-Yun Bennett chairs this event.

April 14-15 – 8th Annual Music Marathon Scholarship Fund Drive was held at Patrick Henry Mall. We played on Saturday from 1-4:30 p.m. with 8 studios entering 51 students, and on Sunday there were 2 studios who played from 1-5:45 p.m. with 50 students playing. We are always so grateful to Alex Rotter for his donation to our marathon of a Yamaha grand piano, from the Piano and Organ Outlet in Williamsburg, both to the Williamsburg event and the Newport News event. Our expenses from the Marathon money are the award prizes of \$175.00 to the two students who raise the most money, \$800.00 for summer camp scholarships and \$2,500.00 for the Senior high school scholarship winner. Two students from Teri Falk’s studio raised \$650.00 and \$335.00 respectfully. Pledged monies were \$3930.00 and we will add in the Williamsburg teachers Oct. event of \$490.00 for a grand total of \$4,410.00 We expect this number to change some as we wait for the pledged money to come in. The final amount of collected monies is \$4,570. The co-chairs of this event are Teri Falk and Jean Kunkel

April 21 - PMT AUDITIONS REPORT: . We had 59 students registered by 8 teachers for the **Auditions** on Saturday April 21. We heard 45 students that day and had 6 make-up Auditions. Ten teachers helped and one parent, making 11 adults helping at the church. All went well even with the Children's Festival in downtown Hampton that day making parking difficult. Awards will be presented later in the month. Anita Moody with co-chairs chair this event.

Newsletters:

Six **Newsletters** were send out this year. They were sent out in September, October, November, January, February and March.

April 25 - The last luncheon for the working year was held at Warwick Forrest. The college scholarship winner was Jason Zhang, student of Teri Falk and he presented his outstanding program

May 4 & 5 - This was National Guild Week and there are 27 students from 5 studios playing in that audition. Our judge is Geraldine Wagoner from Williamsburg. Friday and Saturday auditions were at the Northampton Church of Christ. Jean Kunkel chairs this event.

Incoming slate of officers for 2012-2013

President-co-chairs	Cathy Combs, Tonia Herrin
Vice President	Ellen Baize – membership (Note the change in title)
Programs	Teri Falk – (Note the change in title)
Secretary	Charlene Campbell – secretary/hospitality/publicity
Treasurer	Paulette Amory
Historian	Jean Kunkel
Parliamentarian	Myrna Brinkley

We are always so appreciative to so many members who help to keep our organization alive and well. Thanks to all the officers and chairpersons who have worked so diligently at keeping up with all the record keeping and scheduling that it takes to make each event move along smoothly. We are looking forward to a new slate of officers for the next two years. Thanks to the outgoing officers and welcome the new officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Kunkel, Historian