

# PMEA District 12



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Spring 2009 Newsletter

## **D12 Goes Green!**

This is the first newsletter in District 12 sent electronically via member e-mail addresses. We hope it is a success and continues to meet your needs. If you wish to receive your newsletter by mail, please let us know at [secretary@pmea12.org](mailto:secretary@pmea12.org). Likewise, if you received this in the mail, but would like to help us save postage and printing costs, please give the state office your e-mail address. Thank you!

## **President's Message**

Hello Colleagues of District 12,

In the waning days of my term as president, I look back on my experience and I am glad that I had this opportunity to serve the members of District 12. Thank you to everyone for your support and assistance these past two years. The position of president has responsibilities that would be insurmountable without the guidance of the members of the board and the collective wisdom of the membership at large. I am so please to have had the chance to make new acquaintances and listen to what our members have to offer PMEA.

I would like to leave you with a few observations and conclusions I have drawn from my time as president.

**Get Involved** - Most people turn to the president and the members of the board when they have concerns, and that should never stop. Understand though that the board can only act on proposals that are submitted to them. If you see a need for change, I urge you to take the necessary steps to make that change happen. If you're not sure what those steps are, contact your board members, ask them for help to create proposals, and while you're doing that, start making suggestions, share good ideas, offer to host a fest or a festival, perhaps even run for office. These are all ways that you can make a positive impact on District 12. PMEA is so much more than fests and festivals, and we will know what it can truly offer if we decide to take an active role. A first step to getting involved

would be to participate in the upcoming elections for vice-president. This is a way for the membership of the district to determine who will steer us in the future. This is your district. Get involved and start shaping it. If you are looking for a way to get involved but don't know how, ask your board members.

**Be Timely** - Many of us have students that participate in fests and festivals. Out of professional courtesy to the hosts of these events, please submit all the necessary information by the deadlines set by the host. There are numerous arrangements that must be made for these activities, and matters are only made more frustrating when all of the necessary information is at hand. On a more general level, ensure that your membership dues are received on time, especially if you wish to send students to PMEA sponsored events.

**Be An Advocate** - During my term several schools in District 12 experienced program reductions. To avoid situations like these in the future in your own school, advocate for your own program now. There is no music program that is too strong that couldn't reap the benefits of a spot light that you are casting on all the things positive it has to offer. Remember that advocacy is not reactive, but proactive. I encourage everyone to join PLAN (the Pennsylvania Leadership Advocacy Network) by contacting Rich Victor, the PMEA State Advocacy Chair, to stay up-to-date on legislation that might effect music in the schools of the Commonwealth. We cannot allow our good work and our students' creativity go unnoticed.

As I move into my new position as Past President, I want to say that it was my pleasure to serve you as president these past two years, and I am looking forward to two more years of serving District 12 in my new capacity. Thank you once again for allowing me this opportunity and for all the support you've shown me. Have a strong finish to your school year, and have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

*Scott Cullen*

President  
PMEA District 12

## Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the three recipients of the District 12 Music Scholarships!

**Carolyn Brown** is the student of Ms. Lorraine Huddy and Ms. Kendra Werner at West Chester East High School. She will attend West Chester University as a double major in flute and music education.

**Steven Sharp** is the student of Mr. John Moczydlowski at Avon Grove High School. He will attend the University of Delaware as a trombone major in music education.

**Bradford Schoener** is the student of Mr. Michael Shoremount at Bayard Rustin High School. He will attend West Chester University as a percussion major in music education.

Each student will receive a \$500.00 check at the beginning of his/her second semester. We look forward to calling them colleagues upon their graduations!

## Thanks...

Music educators in District 12 are busy, busy people. For ensemble directors, there are musicals, fests, festivals, adjudications, concerts and community performances and countless rehearsals. Many of us are general music teachers as well and must deliver vibrant music curricula where students from all backgrounds and levels learn to create, perform, respond to music while we are also connect to “core” subjects. Our planning time is devoured by generating lesson plans, seeking resources, contacting parents, and keeping track of student performance. Of course, there is the ever-present music advocacy issue to battle.

We had those among us who stepped up and went above and beyond the day to day and opened themselves to provide fantastic performance opportunities for our elementary and middle school musicians.

<b>Chester County 5/6 Band Fest</b>	Christine Gehring, Julie Allport, and Theresa Hoover Oxford, Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Schools
<b>Middle School Song Fest</b>	Anna Marie Matteo - Springfield School District
<b>Delaware County 5/6 Band Fest</b>	Theresa O'Brien, Aimee Turso, and Chris Adam - Ridley School District
<b>5/6 String Fest</b>	Kenny Joseph and Katie Wilbur - Westtown School and The Episcopal Academy
<b>7/8 String Fest</b>	Erick Wunder - Garnet Valley School District
<b>Elementary Song Fest</b>	Maggie Mitchell and Mary Litzenberg - West Chester Area School District

Thank you to these wonderful colleagues of ours. If you are interested in hosting a fest in the future, please contact Anne Sprissler at [cichair@pmeal2.org](mailto:cichair@pmeal2.org).

## More thanks...

Our great appreciation goes out to these men and women who hosted our high school level District and Region festivals this year. There were some wonderful performances by our students this year, and it was made possible by our hosts.

<b>Chorus Auditions</b>	John Shankweiler, Strath Haven High School
<b>Instrumental Auditions</b>	Scott Litzenberg, Unionville High School
<b>District Band</b>	Chuck Keating, Bishop Shanahan High School
<b>District Chorus</b>	Kate Nice, Phoenixville High School
<b>District Orchestra</b>	Keith Roeckle, Ridley High School
<b>Region Orchestra</b>	Erin Kauppila and Scott Cullen, Oxford HS and Octorara HS

## **From CI Chair Anne Sprissler**

### **PMEA District 12 Fests 2009-2010**

If you are interested in hosting a Fest for the next school year, please contact me. I would be most happy to help you in any way. I am particularly asking those schools who have not hosted for some time, to seriously consider hosting a Fest. Several directors have done their tour of duty numerous times. Please consider being a “driver” rather than a “passenger”.

Selecting a date and reserving a facility are the most important details and the rest will fall into place. Reserve September 13, 2009 as the date to have dinner and exchange information with the 2009 hosts.

### **PMEA State Conference**

It was wonderful to see so many from District 12 at the State Conference this year. The workshops were extremely pertinent and valuable. I would like to congratulate District 12’s **Haverford High School Symphony Orchestra** under the

direction of **Joe Brennan** and **The Episcopal Academy Chamber Orchestra** under the direction of **Katie Wilber**, for their outstanding performances at the conference.

### **PMEA District 12 Fall In-service Conference**

The date for the conference is **November 3, 2009**. The location of the conference is yet to be determined. If you have any ideas for workshops or clinicians please forward them to me at [cichair@pmea12.org](mailto:cichair@pmea12.org).

## **From High School CI Sue Dickinger**

Hello to all the District 12 Choral Directors! For the past several years, many District 12 Choral Directors have been discussing a change to the song rotation for the District Chorus auditions. Some of them have very difficult tessituras for high school singers (“Hallelujah” - tenors and sopranos) or are rather repetitive (“Wondrous Cool”). Some rotations are totally sacred, and while I do feel that sacred music is important, I think it is essential to have auditions that are not exclusively sacred. It is obviously too late to replace the Grotenhuis for this year, but how about something by Eric Whitacre the next time around? Maybe a Whitacre could replace the Rutter in 2011? The rotation is:

**2009-2010:** Sicut Locutus Est - Bach (edited by Gerald Mack); Wondrous Cool, Thou Woodland Quiet - Brahms; Blessed Be the Name of the Lord - Grotenhuis

**2010-2011:** Crucifixus - Bach; Hallelujah from the Mount of Olives - Beethoven; O Clap Your Hands - Rutter

**2011-2012:** He Watching Over Israel - Mendelssohn; Alleluia - Thompson; My Spirit Sang All Day - Finzi

**2012-2013:** O Magnum Mysterium -Victoria; Cantique de Jean Racine - Faure; Under the Willow Tree - Barber

What do you think? I value your opinion!

**District Chorus Auditions - Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Octorara High School**

**District Instrumental Auditions - Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Unionville HS**

**District Orchestra - January 14-16, 2010 at Cardinal O'Hara High School**

**District Chorus - January 28-30, 2010 at Great Valley High School**

**District Band - February 11-13, 2010 at Sun Valley High School**



## In the Spotlight...



### Anne Sprissler

Congratulations to our 2009 Citation of Excellence winner, Anne Sprissler! She is shown here with District 12

President Scott Cullen at the state conference. Many of us appreciate Anne for all her work as Middle School Curriculum and Instruction Chair, and for the great District 12 Fall Inservice conferences she has spearheaded. Way to go, Anne!



### Richard Miller

PMEA initiated a state Hall of Fame at this year's conference. District 12 was fortunate to have among the

very first to be initiated, its own Richard Miller. Shown above on the right with PMEA Past President David Cree, Dick was selected for his many years of fine middle school bands and orchestras, as well as his service to PMEA as a long-serving District 12 Secretary/Treasurer.

## Adjudication Chair Appointed

Scott Litzenberg, band director at Unionville High School, was recently appointed by President Scott Cullen as the new District 12 Adjudication Chair. Scott's goal is start a tradition of hosting PMEA Adjudication Festivals in District 12. Each year across the state, directors bring their students of all levels to various types of festivals, including solo, ensemble, jazz and large group adjudications. Scott has tentatively scheduled a large instrumental ensemble MPA (the new name for adjudication - it means Music Performance Assessment) for May 1, 2010.

If you are interested in hosting a festival of this type, please contact Scott at [adjudication@pmea12.org](mailto:adjudication@pmea12.org).



### Are You Ready For Some Football?

The NFL season will begin in September, and so will District 12's new football

pool! All members are invited to participate in what will hopefully be a fun way to interact more with each other, meet some music teachers from our PMEA district, make a couple new friends and, of course, win bragging rights over each other! The pool will be

managed by D12 Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Cooper through the CBS Sports website. The cost for the entire 17-game season will be \$20.00 with one weekly winner and, at the end, three overall winners (there may be more winners if the response is high!). Three dollars of each entry fee will go towards a music-related charity to be determined.

Interested? Send an e-mail to [secretary@pmea12.org](mailto:secretary@pmea12.org) and Kevin will send you an invitation to sign up at the website.

# PMEA District 12

## 2009-2010 Festival Audition Pieces

### Band

<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Piece</i>	<i>Composer</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Flute	Sonata #2 in Eb	J.S. Bach	Carl Fischer	All mvts,; Pepper #2072296
Oboe	Concerto in C Major	Mozart	Southern	Mvt. 1, Pepper #6307771
Bassoon	Sonata #3	Galliard/ Weissberg	International	Largo - 1st 3 lines; Allegro & Spiritoso -All; Pepper #4613212
Bb Clarinet	Concertino Op. 26	von Weber	Carl Fischer	Pepper #6459002
Alto Clarinet	Rigaudon	Lacome/ Andraud	Southern	Pepper #4893327
Bass Clarinet	Andante & Allegro	Desportes	Southern	Pepper #998013
Contra Clarinet	Sonata in a minor	Marcello/Hite	Southern	Pepper #997999
Alto Saxophone	Sonata in Eb	Jacobi	Bourne	Omit Mvt. 2; Pepper #1012368
Tenor Sax	Sonata in c minor	Telemann/ Voxman	Rubank	Pepper #995738
Baritone Sax	Undercurrent	Long	Rubank	Pepper #995829
Trumpet	Petite Piece Concertante (in Concert & Contest)	Balay	Rubank	Pepper #959809
French Horn	Concerto No. 4 - Romanze & Rondo (in Concert & Contest)	Mozart	Rubank	Pepper #959841
Trombone & Euphonium	Fantasia Marziale (in 24 Studies)	Paudert	International	Pepper #7216062
Bass Trombone	Melodious Etudes for Bass Trombone #12	Ostrander	Carl Fischer	Pepper #1013077
Tuba	Sonata #1	Marcello	Southern	Pepper #4841706
Percussion	To Be Determined	Check <a href="http://www.pmea12.org">www.pmea12.org</a> for updates.		

## Strings

<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Piece</i>	<i>Composer</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Violin	Concerto No. 4 in D	Mozart	Schirmer	Mvt. 1, no cadenza; Pepper #1011964
Viola	Concerto in D	Hoffmeister/Doktor	International	Mvt. 1; Pepper #5184510
Cello	Concerto No. 4 in G	Golterman/Rose	International	Mvt. 1; Pepper #4860862
String Bass	Sonata No. 1 in Bb	Vivaldi/Zimmerman	International	Mvt. 1; Pepper #5103072
Harp	Contact the District 12 President at <a href="mailto:president@pmeal2.org">president@pmeal2.org</a> for more information.			

## Chorus

<i>Piece</i>	<i>Composer/Editor</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Sicut Locutus Est	Bach/Mack & Banzhaf	Carl Fischer	Pepper #1341148
Wondrous Cool, Thou Woodland Quiet	Brahms/Wasner	Schirmer	Pepper #426874
Blessed Be the Name of the Lord	Grotenhuis	Curtis Music Press	Pepper #1358605