

PMEA Retired Member Network eNEWS: May 30, 2016

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With reflections and remembrances on **Memorial Day**, welcome to the latest **eNEWS** - the **PMEA Retired Member Network**... an informal alliance and forum for interconnecting retired music educators and sharing their ideas, stories, successes, news, and views via this e-mail address. Thanks for staying involved in PMEA and our profession!

Top 10 Songs to Honor Our Veterans

<http://www.houstonpress.com/music/happy-memorial-day-10-songs-to-honor-our-veterans-6530983>

Undoubtedly, we will never come to a true consensus on a "best hits" list, but here are Taylor Moon's choices for **Memorial Day**, including his rationale and a bit of pop music history recorded in *HoustonPress* (May 28, 2012):

1. Lee Greenwood: "God Bless the USA"
2. Creedence Clearwater Revival: "Have You Ever Seen the Rain?"
3. Elvis Presley: "If I Can Dream"
4. Lynyrd Skynrd: "The Last Rebel"
5. The Mamas and The Papas: "California Dreaming"
6. Fleetwood Mac: "Go Your Own Way"
7. Boston: "The Star-Spangled Banner"
8. Jimi Hendrix: "All Along the Watchtower"
9. Jimmie Osborne: "God Please Protect America"
10. Jefferson Airplane: "Volunteers"

While brainstorming songs for special occasions, how about music perfect for a **retirement party**, as suggested by <http://www.anti-aging-articles.com/Retirement-song.html>.

- "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" by June Carter Cash
- "Goodbye My Friend" by Susan Krauter
- "I Don't Need Your Rockin' Chair" by George Jones
- "Wind Beneath My Wings" by Bette Midler
- "The Best Is Yet To Come" by Frank Sinatra
- "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong
- "Hit the Road Jack" by Ray Charles
- "Thanks for the Memories" by Bob Hope
- "Work is a Four-Letter Word" by The Smiths
- "What'd I Say" by Ray Charles
- "9 to 5" by Dolly Parton
- "Young at Heart" by Frank Sinatra
- "Sunday Driver" by The Limp Twins

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Retired Members to meet at Seven Springs

Hope to see you at the annual **PMEA Summer Conference July 12-13, 2016**. I have been drafted to offer a collaborative workshop on transitioning to and enjoying a happy, healthy, and meaningful retirement... hopefully something "fun" and useful to soon-to-be retirees as well. In addition, there will be interesting sessions on band, chorus, strings, general music, and the Model Curriculum Framework... something for everyone!

As for the recreational side of Seven Springs, the skies the limit... a golf outing on Wednesday after the conference, and everything from mild exertion/low impact activities like bowling, fishing, miniature golf, paddleboats, scenic chairlift or Segway rides, and even sun bathing, to "things to prove you still have what it takes" requiring more athleticism like the Alpine Tower, EuroBungy (a 24-foot rock wall for climbing), fitness training, horseback riding, mountain or hydro-biking, tennis, etc.

Please go online to register for the summer conference and learn about booking a room.
<http://www.pmea.net/2015-pmea-summer-conference/>.

A glimpse of PMEA's past from the R³ – in tribute to two "super-mentors"

Carmen Culp

- Retired in June 1993 with 42 years of service
- Tredyffrin-Easttown School District
- Classroom Music Educator grades 6 - 9; MS/JHS Choral/Theatre Director; Grade 9 Vocal Class
- Supervisor of Student Teachers in Music (Immaculata University)
- An author of "The World of Music" and "The Music Connection" (Silver Burdett)
- Co-author of "Opera: All of Music and More" (MENC)
- PMEA State President 1982-84
- Honorary Life Membership
- PMEA Hall of Fame Award 2011
- James R. Stewart Distinguished Service Award 2004
- District 12 Citation of Excellence 1993



Richard Merrell

- Retired in 1991 with 8 years in the public schools and 23 years in post-secondary
- West Chester University
- HS Choral and Jazz Band; MS/EL General Music, Choral and Handbells; University: Choral, Elementary, Secondary Methods, Student Teaching Supervisor, Graduate Courses
- Music Education Department Chair
- Consultant for Yamaha Electronic Keyboard System (MIE) for 14 years
- PMEA State President 1988-1990
- Editor *PMEA News* 1980-1999
- Citation of Excellence Award
- James R. Stewart Distinguished Service Award 1999

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“Surfing the Net” for inspiration... lots of “heady stuff” to read here!

- I added another blog to my WordPress site: [“Retired from What?”](https://paulkfoxusc.wordpress.com/)
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- From LinkedIn, I found this article by John M Eger on the *HuffPost Education* blog [“STEM Eco-Systems - a Movement You Should Be Part of”](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-m-eger/stem-ecosystems-a-movemen_b_9850572.html)
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-m-eger/stem-ecosystems-a-movemen_b_9850572.html.
- Another interesting submission with a focus on private teaching was the LinkedIn *Pulse* piece by Lesli Mattheus [“Teaching Music After Retirement”](https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/teaching-music-after-retirement-lesli-mattheus)
<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/teaching-music-after-retirement-lesli-mattheus>
- On the arts education political scene, check out the Arts Education Partnership website, under the Commentaries and Briefs link and [“Creativity, Innovation and Arts Learning: Preparing All Students for Success in a Global Economy”](http://www.aep-arts.org/research-policy/commentaries-and-briefs/)
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- Over “Teacher Appreciation Week” (May 2-6), *Edutopia* posted several excellent blogs by Karine Veldoen as “gifts” of teacher wellness - appropriate for retirees:
[“Creativity: A Choice, a Gift, and a Mission”](http://www.edutopia.org/blog/creativity-choice-gift-and-mission-karine-veldhoen)
<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/creativity-choice-gift-and-mission-karine-veldhoen>
[“Try: A Little Word Becomes a Big Gift”](http://www.edutopia.org/blog/try-little-word-big-gift-karine-veldhoen)
<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/try-little-word-big-gift-karine-veldhoen>
[“Rest: The Anecdote for Discouragement”](http://www.edutopia.org/blog/rest-the-antidote-for-discouragement-karine-veldhoen)
<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/rest-the-antidote-for-discouragement-karine-veldhoen>
- Discovered on Facebook two recent postings citing the pros and cons of the Danielson Framework. What might surprise you is Charlotte Danielson’s own view about the successful application of her model! Check out both of these:
[“Speaking a Common Language or Getting Lost in Translation?”](http://zeswitzmusic.com/blog/2016/5/9/lost-in-translation)
<http://zeswitzmusic.com/blog/2016/5/9/lost-in-translation>
[“Danielson Framework criticized by Charlotte Danielson”](https://tedmorrissey.wordpress.com/2016/04/27/danielson-framework-criticized-by-charlotte-danielson/)
<https://tedmorrissey.wordpress.com/2016/04/27/danielson-framework-criticized-by-charlotte-danielson/>

Other Official Retired Member News

A directory of Pennsylvania [community/amateur theater companies](#) has been posted on the PMEA website. (Look under “focus areas,” and click “retired members”.) Please send the names of missing groups or any corrections to paulkfox.usc@gmail.com.

It is time to “re-up!” Dues/fees for 2016-17 membership in PMEA as retired members are only **\$64** (PMEA & NAFME) or **\$30** (PMEA only).

Let’s hear from you! We are always looking for “good news,” “suggestions for the good of the order,” and happenings from around your area. **Happy trails, retirees!** PKF

