

PMEA Retired Member Network eNEWS: February 12, 2015

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Welcome to the third edition of **eNEWS** from the **PMEA Retired Member Network**... an informal alliance for interconnecting retired music educators and sharing their ideas, stories, successes, news, and views via this e-mail address. Thanks for reading this, and contributing to and staying involved in PMEA and our profession!

Music in Our Schools' Month

You are cordially invited to the annual **MIOSM celebrations** planned for March in Harrisburg. (Let's party - do you have time to take a brief trip to the center of our state?)

- On Wednesday, **March 4**, a brief news conference will be held at 11:45 a.m. in the Main Rotunda, with a presentation by Representative Eddie Day Pashinski of a resolution proclaiming **March "Music in Our Schools Month" in Pennsylvania**, sponsored by PMEA and the National Association for Music Education (NAfME).
- Also on **March 4**, the Lehman Intermediate School Chorus (Main Rotunda) and the Upper Merion HS Chamber Strings (East Wing Rotunda) will perform at Noon.
- PMEA will hold its fourth annual **Music Education Advocacy Day** at the State Capitol in Harrisburg on Wednesday, **March 25**. During this event, PMEA members, along with community members from school districts across the state, will have the opportunity to listen to remarks from those who have been positively impacted by the music education they received in school.
- Performances scheduled on **March 25** include the following: Owen J Roberts HS Chorus, 10 a.m. in the Main Rotunda; the State College Area HS Flute Ensemble (Paul Leskowicz, director), 10 a.m. in the East Wing Rotunda; Academy of Notre Dame Chorus (Lindsay Miller, director), Noon in the Main Rotunda; Big Spring HS Jazz and Vocal Ensembles (Adam Nobile, director), Noon in the East Wing Rotunda.
- Throughout the month of March, numerous concerts will be presented in the State Capitol. A complete **MIOSM Schedule** is available on the PMEA website at www.pmea.net by scrolling over the "Conferences and Events" menu option and selecting the Music in our Schools Month link.

Unveiling the Inaugural R³

Drum roll, please! The long awaited **R³ - Retiree Resource Registry** - was posted on the PMEA website February 10, 2015, archiving and sharing the history of PMEA Retired Member experiences and expertise, while offering free (but priceless) services to PMEA with a list of willing consultants and advisers.

To facilitate connecting needy members with our retiree volunteers, the **R³ Help Index** catalogs the specialty areas. (See attachments!)



63 retired members were a part of the **inaugural R³** announcement (but, as of today, more than 83 retirees have responded - to be listed in the **next** update). There's still time to join the registry. **R³** will be revised at least three times a year, and hopefully once more before the conference. If you are interested in participating, please complete the survey on the PMEA website or this link: <https://pmea.wufoo.com/forms/pmea-retiree-resource-survey/>.

Retirees to Hershey

Hope to see you at the **PMEA Annual State Retired Member Breakfast** in the Hershey Lodge on Friday, March 27 at 7:30 a.m. No speeches to suffer through or forms to fill out... just food and fellowship! Even if your personal plans change as late as the week before, the invitation still stands. Feel free to stop in... try to reply to this e-mail as soon as you know!

Reminder to "Put on Your Thinking Caps!"

For the Summer 2015 *PMEA News*, we would like to print a little "Advice from the Retirees" in the retired members' column. Can you provide a little insight (keep it short/concise) on **How can you prepare for a smooth and happy transition towards retirement?**

Keeping your mind, inner ear, and note-reading skills sharp!

Okay, here's a puzzle. At the bottom of this **eNEWS** is my personal logo (notes that end with an orange Fox... how appropriate, you say?) From this, who is one of my favorite composers? No hints should be needed! Can you name the work and movement? (Your college music history professor would be proud of you!)

Please continue to send me stuff... thoughts and happenings from & about our retirees! PKF

