

Welcome to **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 contributing to and staying involved in PMEA and our profession!



A Tribute to Our Newest Retiree – Margaret Bauer now "Immediate Past Executive Director"



Margaret Bauer and PMEA State President Dennis Emert

Who has had the greatest influence in leading and innovating PMEA through the 21st Century?

After 20-years of service to PMEA, Margaret S. Bauer is "stepping down" from full-time management of our professional organization. Not to worry about the transition... at least from now to December 2015, she will continue as part-time advisor to the new Executive Director... her daughter **Abigail Young!**

PMEA has been truly blessed in having Margaret at the helm. By all accounts, the association's "reach," efficiency, and growth have developed exponentially under her tutelage. Many feel she has brought PMEA out of the Dark Ages (eliminating those PMEA archives in boxes stored in a former staff member's attic), literally embracing many new "best practices" of vastly improved bookkeeping, financials, technology, long range planning, public relations (along with legislative relations a.k.a. advocacy and lobbying), and office management.

Margaret was honored at the Spring 2015 PMEA In-Service Conference in Hershey with the announcement of a new scholarship award, the **Margaret S. Bauer Grant Program**. Please read the attached program recognition... the story behind her and "everything you always wanted to know" about our former PMEA State Executive Director.

Our *bravos*, best wishes and thanks go to super-retiree Margaret Bauer!

Check out "Fox's Blogs" for a Graceful Transition to Retirement!

Have you seen the puppy pictures? Besides past/future articles for *PMEA News* and other thoughts about *creativity in education*, *supercharging the school musical*, and *interview tips/marketing professionalism*, numerous resources for retirees are posted on this site: <https://paulkfoxusc.wordpress.com/category/retirement-resources/>.



There's Still Time to Join the R³

Coming soon... we are preparing for another major upgrade to the PMEA Retiree Resource Registry (R³) and the accompanying R³ Help Index, posted in Retired Member section of the PMEA state website: <http://www.pmea.net/retired-members/>.

If you are interested in serving as an informal adviser or consultant to PMEA members, please fill-out the Retiree Resource Survey: <https://pmea.wufoo.com/forms/pmea-retiree-resource-survey/>.



PA Community Choir Listing Updated

We added a large number of ensembles to our "nearly-comprehensive" directory of **community singing groups**, hopefully all non-religious-affiliated adult choirs with open (or auditioned) adult membership for retired (and active) PMEA members. These need to be proofread carefully! Although many were confirmed to be on the American Choral Directors Association ChoralNet website (<http://www.choralnet.org/list/choir/299>), are they now active? Our thanks and appreciation go PMEA members Jo Cauffman, Susan Dieffenbach, Rosemary Haber, Ada Jean Hoffman, Thomas Kittinger, Joanne Rutkowski, and Marie Weber for their help. **Did we miss any from your area?**

Abington Choral Club - Abington

Abingtones - Abington

Ambler Choral Society - Ambler

Andulhea Chorus - Hamburg

Anna Crusis Women's Choir - Philadelphia

Arcadia Chorale - Chinchilla/Scranton/Wilkes Barre

Arbel Chorale - Philadelphia

Armstrong Festival Chorus - Ford City

Bach Choir of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh

Blair Concert Chorale - Altoona

Blazing Star Choral Society - Butler

Brandywine Valley Chorale - Kennett Square

Bucks County Choral Society - Doylestown

Bucks County Women's Chorus - Holland

Bucks-Mont Camerata Chorus - Horsham

Cantata Carlisle - Carlisle

CANTATICA Chamber Ensemble - Allentown

Canto Spianato - Greensburg

Cantus Novus - Yardley

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Cathedral Choral Society - Philadelphia
Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus - Harrisburg
Chamber Arts Guild - Doylestown
Chestnut Street Singers - Philadelphia
Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia - Philadelphia
Choral Arts Society of Upper Perkiomen Valley - Pennsburg
Choral Arts Society of Northeast Pennsylvania - Scranton
Choristers - Lansdale
Colonial Revelers (Historical Harmonies) - Philadelphia
Cordus Mundi - Bucks County
Cumberland Singers - Harrisburg
Delaware Valley Show Chorus - Sweet Adeline's International - Springfield
Ephrata Cloister Chorus - Ephrata
Essence 2 - State College
Gettysburg Civic Chorus - Gettysburg
Grantham Oratorio Society - Grantham
Greater Harrisburg Chorus - Sweet Adeline's International - Quentin
Greater Philadelphia Chorale - Philadelphia
Harrisburg Choral Society - Harrisburg
Harrisburg Singers - Camp Hill
Hershey Community Chorus - Hershey
Highlands Alumni/Community Choir - Natrona Heights
Hummelstown Community Chorus - Hummelstown
Jerusalem Singers - Allentown
Keystone Capital Chorus - Harrisburg Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society - Camp Hill
Lebanon Choral Society - Lebanon
Lebanon Senior Singers - Lebanon
Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus - Bethlehem
Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh
Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia - Philadelphia
Mercersburg Area Community Choir - Mercersburg
MFE (Music for Everyone) Lancaster Community Chorus - Lancaster
Mon Yough Chorale - White Oak
Monroeville Community Chorus - Monroeville
New Horizons Senior Glee Club - Clifton Heights
Nittany Knights Barbershop Chorus - State College
Norristown Chorale - Norristown
Northampton Community College Chorus - Bethlehem

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North Hills Chorale - Allison Park/McCandless
Palisades Community Chorus - Pipersville
Parkside Harmony - Enola
Pennsbury Community Chorus - Bucks County
Philadelphia Chorus - Philadelphia
Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus - Philadelphia
Pittsburgh Camerata - Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh Concert Chorale - Pittsburgh
PRIMA CANTICA - York
Prima Vocal Ensemble - York
PRIMA VOX - York
Reading Choral Society - Reading
Roxborough Male Chorus - Philadelphia
Shenango Valley Chorale - Sharon
Singing City - Philadelphia
SLC Community Choirs - Quarryville
State College Choral Society - State College
Susquehanna Chorale - Messiah College
Susquehanna Valley Chorale - Sunbury/Susquehanna University
Sylvan Chorale - Harrisburg
Village Singers/Tri-County Choir Institute - Sewickley
Voices of Palmyra - Hershey
Voices of the Valley (formerly known as Lebanon Valley College Alumni Chorale) - Lemoyne
Vox Ama Deus - Gladwyne
Vox Philia - Reading
Washington Festival Chorale - Washington
Westmoreland County Community College Community Choir - Youngwood
Wheatland Chorale - Lancaster
Williamsport Civic Chorus - Williamsport
York County Honors Choirs - York

Please Keep in Touch! We'd Like to Hear from You!

Psst! Pass it on! Send us news about our retired members and stay connected via e-mail paulkfox.usc@gmail.com or surfing the net in our section of PMEA state website: <http://www.pmea.net/retired-members/>. Happy trails, retirees! PKF

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PMEA is pleased to recognize Margaret S. Bauer for her twenty years of service to the association as executive director. Margaret will be cutting back to part-time as of July 1 and will completely retire as of Dec. 31, 2015. She is only the second person to serve as PMEA Executive Director, following Irene Christman, who served the organization for more than 40 years.

Margaret Spearly was born in Bellefonte and grew up in State College, nurturing a passion for music throughout her education in the State College Area School District. She participated in PMEA festivals on her primary instrument – bassoon; only missing All-State because the festivals were on a rotating basis at the time. When it came time to choose what would lie beyond high school, Margaret chose to major in Music Education. And because so many of her high school classmates were going to Penn State – she found her niche at Mansfield University.

While there, she found a fellow music education major who swept her off her feet – James Bauer. (The two have been married for almost 42 years). After earning a B.S. in Music Education from Mansfield, she and Jim headed to Indiana, PA to work on earning their masters degrees. Margaret earned hers in Music History and then decided to follow another passion: books. She received a Masters of Library Science from SUNY Geneseo and was named the Director of the Juniata County Library in Mifflintown soon after that. A short time later, she and Jim welcomed their first child – Abigail. A couple of years later, Margaret was hired by the State Library System of Ohio and the family moved to Columbus. They were there long enough for their second child, Nathan, to join the family, before packing up and moving back to Pennsylvania.

It was at this time when Margaret would enter the world of associations, being named Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Library Association, located in Harrisburg. While serving PaLA, she became involved in the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), earning her Certified Association Executive designation and also the Pennsylvania Society for Association Executives (PASAE), where she would later serve a term as president. She attended and completed the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Organization Management – a week long program for six years, specializing in association management. She served PaLA in the position for ten years, before the family relocated to Berks County, PA.

After a short stint with the Schuylkill County I.U., she ran into a colleague at an association event. That colleague happened to be Irene Christman, who shared with her that she would be retiring and PMEA was currently looking for her replacement. Although they were already in second interviews at that time, Margaret indicated an interest and was granted an interview. After completing the interview, Margaret received a phone call that same day inviting her to serve as PMEA's next Executive Director. She has been serving the organization ever since – combining her love for music and associations. What started as a one-person position, Margaret has grown the association to have four full-time staff. She has seen the association through many changes: in technology, governance and tough economic times. The association has flourished because of her outstanding leadership and we thank her for her many years of dedicated service.