

PMEA Retired Member Network eNEWS: February 1, 2015

by Paul K. Fox, PMEA Retired Members Coordinator

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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!

They want OUR opinion re: the Summer Conference!

Do you know a better place to hold a summer professional development workshop than **Seven Springs**? Wow! Look at all of the FUN that is available: Alpine Slide, biking, bowling, fishing, fitness training, golf, hiking, hydro-biking, miniature golf, paddleboats, paintball, scenic chairlifts, Segway tours, spa treatments, sports, summer tubing, swimming, trail rides/horseback riding, etc. This is the perfect venue to launch a summer escape (yes, we know, "every day is a vacation" to a retiree!), especially for your extended family (sons/daughters, nephews/nieces, grandchildren, friends, etc.).



The PMEA state officials would like to **poll your interest in the Summer Conference**. Frankly, as your Retired Member Coordinator, I, too, would like to build "engagement" and participation of our music teacher retirees, in order to better serve YOUR needs! What sessions or social events would you like PMEA to offer? What can we do better?

Please click on the following link and take a few minutes to complete the **online survey**: <https://pmea.wufoo.com/forms/pmea-summer-conference-survey/>. Thank you so much!

What about adding a Washington D.C. or New York City tour?



I asked Jim Falvo, a friend of mine (also retired from music education) who runs Choice Music Tours, Inc., a PMEA Platinum Corporate Sponsor, for estimates on sponsoring a group sightseeing excursion from Seven Springs to either **Washington D.C.** (four hours away) or **New York City** (six hours). Letting someone else do all of the driving, we could leave on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 (the final day of the conference), and enjoy a "getaway" of two-nights/three-days, transportation, lodging, two dinners (up to \$25/each), fees/taxes paid based on double occupancy and a minimum of 20 participants:

- **Washington D.C.** Marriott Springhill Suite 2 free breakfasts plus 2 dinners, night monument tour, Arlington, Smithsonian or shopping, *Phantom of Opera* performance @ Kennedy Center, National Archives, and National Zoo = ~\$700-750/person
- **New York City** Marriott Courtyard on 5th Avenue next to Bryant Park, 2 dinners, free time for shopping or sightseeing, one musical *On Your Feet*, *The Book of Mormon*, *Jersey Boys*, or *Something Rotten* = ~\$750-805/person

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If you are even mildly interested in either one of these packages, please complete the PMEA summer conference survey **AND drop me an email**. Depending on the number of PMEA members, retirees, and their family members who respond positively on the survey, we can set-up the trip, nail-down the location, and finalize the details.

Thank you for volunteering your help for the spring conference!

I was impressed with the immediate "I'll help" response from our retired members to

"Ask not what PMEA can do for you, but what you can do for PMEA..."

There's still time to sign-up to man the **PMEA booth** at the 2016 **Spring Conference** in Hershey, PA March 31-April 2! At this point, all we need is an hour of your time if you are planning to attend the event. So far, here is the tentative schedule (two people for each time slot!):



Thursday 10:45	Adrianne Kelly
Thursday 12:15	Bill Pendziwiatr
Thursday 1:45	
Thursday 3:15	
Thursday 4:45	
Friday 9:45	Diane Maclay
Friday 11:15	Adrianne Kelly
Friday 2:15	Paul Fox
Friday 3:45	Paul Fox



Please e-mail me at paulkfox.usc@gmail.com. Thanks, again, for coming to our aid!

Please RSVP for the annual Retired Member breakfast meeting!

No foolin', the annual PMEA retiree breakfast meeting is on Friday, April 1 at 7:00 a.m. in the Hershey Lodge Forebay Lounge. **Please RSVP by March 15, 2016:**
paulkfox.usc@gmail.com.

That's it, for now. Please take the survey! Your opinion counts! Also, continue to check out the retired members website (<http://www.pmea.net/retired-members/>) and more retiree blogs at: <https://paulkfoxusc.wordpress.com/category/retirement-resources/>.

Happy trails, retirees!

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