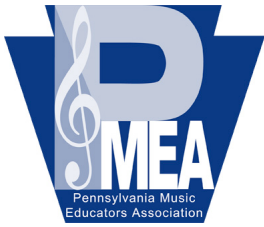


# PMEA Retired Member Network eNEWS: February 29, 2016

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**Happy Leap Day** and 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! !

## Quotables: "As I get older..."

- "You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old." - George Burns
- "As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do." - Andrew Carnegie
- "If you carry your childhood with you, you never become older." - Tom Stoppard
- "As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands: one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." - Audrey Hepburn
- "The older you get, the more fragile you understand life to be. I think that's good motivation for getting out of bed joyfully each day." - Julia Roberts

## Summer Survey: Please respond!

The annual **PMEA Summer Conference** will be held at the Seven Springs Resort on July 12-13, 2016. In order to better serve the goals, needs, and preferences of all PMEA members, an **online questionnaire** is posted asking for *your* feedback.



Click on this link: <https://pmea.wufoo.com/forms/pmea-summer-conference-survey/>.

If desired, your comments can remain completely anonymous... just omit your name and e-mail address on the form. **There's still time to make your "voice" heard!**

We were encouraged to learn that, as of today, 51 members have completed the survey. Seven indicated they were interested in going to New York City after the conference (only one selected touring Washington DC). At this point, we will need to postpone the theater side-trip for this year (requiring a minimum number of 20 participants), and bring it up again as a future post-conference activity. Many people to whom I talked in person sounded very interested in seeing a Broadway show or two as a part of a future PMEA event... so let's put our heads together and plan something in 2017!



Regardless, I hope to see you at **Seven Springs**, at least for all the amazing recreational, sightseeing, and entertainment opportunities! As retirees, we do not need to be kept cooped-up inside doing workshops, right? There will be no snow for skiing, but how does a round of golf, swimming, bowling, horseback riding, or hiking sound?

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## Retired Member links to look-up: Have you perused these?

My recent blog "**An Engaged Mind Makes for a Happy Retiree**" is all about remaining active, stimulating your brain, and improving your "CQ" (curiosity) during retirement:

<https://paulkfoxusc.wordpress.com/2016/02/17/an-engaged-mind-makes-for-a-happy-retiree/>

I climbed up on my soapbox in "**Retirement = Deferred Gratification**," airing a few pet peeves and listing "the good, the bad, and the ugly" about music education:

<https://paulkfoxusc.wordpress.com/2016/01/23/retirement-deferred-gratification/>

The "latest and greatest" PMEA retired members who recently joined the PMEA **Retiree Resource Registry** (R<sup>3</sup>) are **Mark Jelinek, Mary Loyer, and Jim Seidel**. Both the registry and R<sup>3</sup> Help Index are posted here: <http://www.pmea.net/retired-members/>.

## More namedropping: Hershey breakfast buddies & info booth pals

The annual **PMEA Retired Member breakfast meeting** will be held on Friday, April 1 promptly at 7:00 a.m. (some have sessions at 8:30 a.m.) So far, we have heard back from the following attendees (they are coming):

Carl Barr, David Cree, Ronald DeGrandis, Susan Dieffenbach, Joanne Dieterly, Paul Fox, Estelle Hartranft, Ben Holste, Mark Jelinek, Adrienne Kelly, Lori Luurtsema, Diane Maclay, Sheryl May, Cynthia Miller-Aungst, Bill Pendziwiatr, Bill Powers, Joanne Rutkowski, Rich Victor, Jane Wall, Lee Wesner, and Harding Whitacre. **Did I miss anybody? Please RSVP by March 15, 2016.**



Thanks go to the following retired members for volunteering to serve an hour or so in the **PMEA information booth** at the spring conference. Your time is NOT set in stone. Other state officers and representatives will "join in the fun." If you receive a request to serve as PMEA Presiding Chair or Registration Aide, or even have a change in plans, just let me know. We will re-adjust. All other commitments come first! For PMEA communications, please use this e-mail address: [paulkfox.usc@gmail.com](mailto:paulkfox.usc@gmail.com).

Thursday, March 31	10:45	Adrienne Kelly & Jane Wall
Thursday	12:15	Bill Pendziwiatr
Thursday	1:45	Bill Powers
Thursday	3:15	Susan Dieffenbach
Thursday	4:45	Susan Dieffenbach
Friday, April 1	9:45	Diane Maclay & Carl Barr
Friday	11:15	Adrienne Kelly
Friday	2:15	Paul Fox
Friday	3:45	Paul Fox

## Retired member announcements and resources are posted @

<http://www.pmea.net/retired-members/>. **Happy trails, retirees!** PKF

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