

PMEA Retired Member Network eNEWS: November 22, 2015

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Happy Week of Thanksgiving and welcome to this edition of **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!

BLACK FRIDAY. CYBER MONDAY.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

DECEMBER 1, 2015

Day of Giving

As they say at the <http://www.givingtuesday.org/> website:

"We have a day for giving thanks. We have two for getting deals. Now, we have **#GivingTuesday**, a global day dedicated to giving back. On Tuesday, December 1, 2015, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give."

"It's a simple idea. Just find a way for your family, your community, your company, or your organization to come together to give something more. Then tell everyone you can about how you are giving. Join us and be a part of a global celebration of a new tradition of generosity."

PMEA has announced several philanthropic opportunities to support and enhance music education programs and recognition awards throughout the Commonwealth. Go to the state website, and click on the links under "Resources" and "Scholarships and Awards." Here are segments of this information from www.pmea.net:

Honorary Membership and Honorary Life Membership: Members of 25 years or more are recommended by individual districts and then sent to the state executive board for approval. The state board may approve one application per year

Irene R. Christman Scholarship: The scholarship is presented to an outstanding All State student who will be attending college to major in music education. Applications are available online; deadline in March (varies depending on dates of Annual In-Service Conference/All State. Established in 1997

James R. Stewart Distinguished Service Award: Award given to someone who has served PMEA at the State Level. Other criteria may include length of service, multiple PMEA state level offices, NAFME Eastern Division, and/or National Offices. Named for James R. Stewart, past PMEA State President.

Margaret S. Bauer Grant Program: To provide grants to qualifying PMEA members who require funding for professional development, resources, equipment, or creative projects which will enhance music instruction, student learning and forward the mission of PMEA

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PMEA Jazz Scholarship: Money was given to PMEA by the PA unit of IAJE to be used for scholarships for Jazz students. It was agreed that a \$1000.00 scholarship would be given each year to a student in an All State Jazz Ensemble (Instrumental or Vocal).

PMEA Hall of Fame: Established July 2008 to honor music educators who, by virtue of their contributions, are recognized as being the most highly regarded professional leaders in music education in the state of Pennsylvania.

Outstanding Young Music Educator: Award created to honor an outstanding young music educator within their first 3-5 years of teaching for their contributions to music education and PMEA.

PMEA Outstanding Superintendent Award: To honor a superintendent in Pennsylvania that has supported music education in his/her school district

PMEA Citation of Excellence Recipients: On a four-year rotation among the categories of elementary, middle/junior high, high school, and any level (college included), the Citation of Excellence award recipients have made lasting contributions in their area of teaching.

Besides consideration to make a financial contribution to one or more of the scholarship endowments (*Irene Christman, Jazz, and Margaret Bauer Grant programs*), it behooves us to "put our mouth where our money is" (my adaptation) and nominate candidates for each recognition, all but the final three with an approaching deadline of December 1.

The general guidelines for each award/scholarship are listed when each link is selected. However, nominators will need to sign up for a submittable account (will only take a minute) in order to complete the application, as this program will allow you to save the application and access it at a later time.

- [2016 PMEA Outstanding Superintendent Award Nomination](#) (Due 12/1/2015)
- [2016 PMEA Outstanding Young Music Educator Award Nomination](#) (Due 12/1/2015)
- [2016 PMEA Hall of Fame Nomination](#) (Due 12/1/2015)
- [2016 Citation of Excellence Award Nomination](#) (Due 12/1/2015)
- [2016 James R. Stewart Distinguished Service Award](#) (Due 12/1/2015)
- [PMEA 25 Years of Teaching Recognition](#) (Due 1/1/2016)
- [2016 PMEA Jazz Scholarship Nomination](#) (Due 2/26/2016)
- [2016 PMEA Irene Christman Scholarship Nomination](#) (Due 2/26/2016)

I am sure you have been very generous over the year in helping out the charities of your choice. In terms of three additional music philanthropies, NAFME has the "Giving Note" foundation (<http://www.nafme.org/category/give-a-note-foundation/>), Bands of America does "Music for All" (<http://www.musicforall.org/ways-to-give/why-give-to-mfa>), and VH1 is a long time sponsor of "Save the Music" (www.vh1savethemusic.org).

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On a personal note, especially during this time of year, I reflect on the many things for which I am grateful! I give thanks for my family, friends, colleagues, and continued good health and opportunities to "make a difference" in music, music education, and the lives of the music students for which I am still privileged to teach in my youth orchestra. I appreciate the numerous opportunities I have been afforded to serve PMEA and others, helping as many people as possible realize their own pursuits in creative self-expression and artistic self-satisfaction. **Thank you, retired members, for all of your support!**

Online listings of community bands, orchestras, and choruses

Revisit your creative roots and "sing or play" in a group during retirement! Peruse the recently revised files posted at: <http://www.pmea.net/retired-members/>. Thanks and BRAVO go to Jo Cauffman, Susan Dieffenbach, Timothy Ellison, Joshua Gibson, Rosemary Haber, Betty Hintenlang, Ada Jean Hoffman, Thomas Kittinger, Joanne Rutkowski, Marie Weber, and Terri Winger-Wittreich for their research/editing help on the lists.

More news from PMEA

- The annual **PMEA District 1 Fall Workshop** will take place this coming Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at Carnegie Mellon University. With a "Back to Basics" theme (and in memory of **Areta Kalogeras**), sessions will feature clinicians **Mairi Cooper** (keynote speaker), **Craig Cannon**, **Karen Cole**, **Dr. Robert Dell**, **Donna Fox**, **Stephanie Glover**, **John Gula**, **Eric Lauver**, **Len Lavelle**, **Benjamin Murray**, **Charlotte Rudolph**, and **Maggie Sisson**. Visit <http://district1.pmea.net/> or see attached.
- If you plan to attend the **PMEA In-Service Conference** on March 31-April 2, reserve your hotel room at the Hershey Lodge. More information is posted at <http://www.pmea.net/news/2016-pmea-annual-conference-hotel-reservation-information/>.
- Early registration for the spring conference is **\$10**/retired member (as opposed to \$145/full active member - woo-hoo!). Regular and onsite registration is **\$15**, which won't break the bank either! Go to the following link: <http://www.pmea.net/2015-pmea-annual-in-service-conference/>.

We'd like to hear from YOU!

Can you name the musical from where these lyrics come? **"What the buzz, tell me what's a happening..."** Hint: I considered producing this show 20 years ago at my high school, and received phone calls from the "religious community" that we might "stir things up!"

Please send us news about our retired members and stay connected via e-mail paulkfox.usc@gmail.com. Happy trails, retirees! PKF

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