

Combined PMEA state e-publications – Retired Member Network eNEWS and Collegiate Communique

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Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Council TTRR

“Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.”
– Mattie Stepanek

Happy Summer!

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EDITOR'S NOTE

How are you doing?

Retirees, active members, and college students: Join us in celebrating what TEAM PMEA has to offer! Send us news/updates. Do you have any advice to share with our colleagues? Contribute articles, notices, or suggestions for future editions of PMEA *Collegiate Communique* and *Retired Member Network eNEWS*.

Special Summer Conference & PMEA “Professional Development” Edition

Welcome to the combined issue of the PMEA *Retired Member Network eNEWS*, an informal alliance and forum for interconnecting retired, soon-to- retire, and active music educators, AND the *Collegiate Communique* for PCMEA/collegiate and Higher Education members. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment of PMEA and staying involved in the profession!

“Why is this e-publication being sent to me? I’m not a college music education major nor am I retired!”

First, we want to encourage communications, collaboration, and participation of our active *and* retired members and collegiates in mutually beneficial projects. Second, ALL OF YOU can *refresh, recharge, rejuvenate, reflect, and reset* by attending the **PMEA Summer Conference** from Monday, July 18 at 10 a.m. through Tuesday, July 19 around 1 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Reading, PA.

First Some (?) Humor – “Summer Jokes, Some Are Not!”

<https://www.myowntutors.com/summer-jokes-summer-jokes-for-kids/>

What did the bread do on vacation? *It loafed around.*

What summer vacation destination makes a pet bird sing for joy? *Canary Islands!*

When do you go on red and stop on green? *When you’re eating watermelon.*

Where do sharks go on summer vacation? *Finland.*

What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer’s day? *I’m bacon!*

Why do bananas use sunscreen? *Because they peel.*

What do sheep do on sunny days? *Have a baa-baa-cue.*

Why do golfers carry an extra pair of socks? *In case they get a hole in one.*

Why are gulls named seagulls? *If they were by the bay, they’d be bagels!*

What did one tide pool say to the other tide pool? *Show me your mussels.*

Where do goldfish go on vacation? *Around the globe!*

What do frogs like to drink on a hot sunny day? *Crock-o-cola.*



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Deadline for the next issue(s)

October 1, 2022

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It's time to register for the big event! – July 18-19, 2022 – Reading, PA **The PMEA Summer Conference Is Back... In-Person and Better Than Ever!**

<https://www.pmea.net/pmea-summer-conference/>

Once again, we are “crushing COVID” and returning to some level of normalcy to offer a face-to-face summer conference of many “awesome” professional development venues – everything from hands-on music reading, member “sharing” sessions, clinics on advocacy, band, choral, classroom music, community ensembles, conducting, curriculum writing, gender identity, health/wellness, mentor training, Modern Band, music technology, recruitment, strings, and so much more enrichment and enlightenment.



More info is posted on the PMEA website.

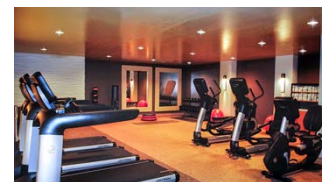
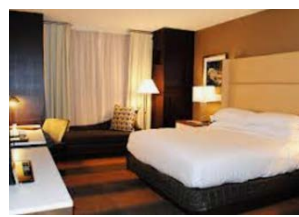
- Detailed descriptions and schedule of sessions <https://www.pmea.net/pmea-summer-conference/>
- Registration is available online <https://portal.pmea.net/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3284> or using this PDF form <https://www.pmea.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-PMEA-Summer-Conference-Registration-Form.pdf>
- Link to hotel registration <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=RDGDTDT&arrivalDate=2022-07-17&departureDate=2022-07-20&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink>
- Keynote Speakers: Suzanne Hall and Rollo Dilworth, Temple University
- Approximately nine hours of PDE Act 48 available
- “Give-Back to the Community” event: PMEA Second Annual Day of Service at Google Works (Tuesday afternoon)
- “Just-for-Fun” Social event (optional additional charge): Reading Fightin’ Phils baseball game (Sunday at 5:15 p.m.)

THE MAGIC OF “CASUAL COLLABORATION” – PCMEA Students Paired Up with PMEA Active & Retired Members

The planning committee thought that this conference would be a good time to put together the talents, interests, experiences, and inspirations of the entire strata of our membership, or as they say, the scope of the PMEA Council for Teacher Training, Recruit, and Retention – “the life-cycle of a music educator” – lasting introductions and partnerships involving everyone from pre- to in-service teachers and those “old retirees!” Let’s all swap thoughts, tips, and techniques!

Therefore, besides the state-of-the-art demonstrations and presentations, there will be informal opportunities to network with others in the field – to make connections, ask questions, share “best practices and perspectives” – and for college and newcomers to the field, perhaps hear about a few leads on job openings. Get ready to take a “deep dive” and sit next to someone with whom you have never met, exchange business cards, shake hands with colleagues from the other side of the state, and load up on sources for exploring insightful new media, music, methods, mentors, and modus operandi.

Have you never attended a conference before? Read this short blogpost: <https://majoringinmusic.com/music-conferences/>



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Reading – 701 Penn St, Reading, PA 19601

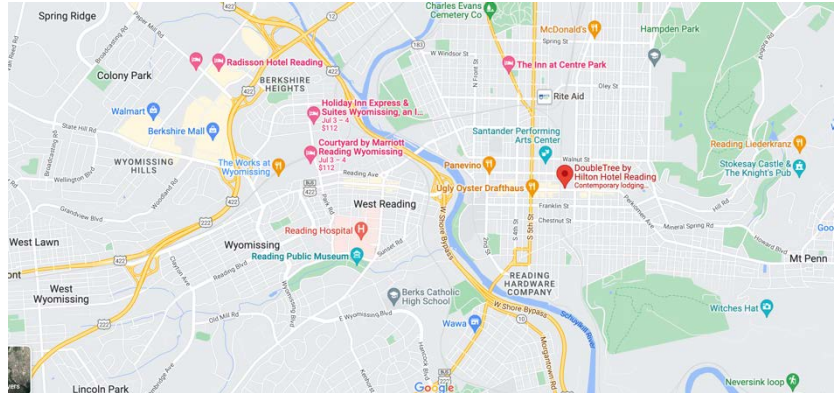
THINGS-TO-DO while in READING, PA Turning the PMEA Conference into a Vacation

<https://uncoveringpa.com/things-to-do-in-reading-pa>



Berks County, a combination of rich farm country, industry, beautiful parks, lots of entertainment, and top-notch educational

institutions, is home to one of Pennsylvania's largest cities, Reading, as well as many small communities that offer a lot of history and natural beauty. For PMEA members going to the Summer Conference, it is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of family-friendly attractions, recreation pursuits, touring of the landscape scenery, and other daytrips.



A Top-18 List of "Where to Go & What to See" Before/After the Summer Conference

1. Reading Pagoda, Mount Penn <https://uncoveringpa.com/reading-pagoda>
2. Nolde Forest, 600-acres and miles of hiking trails <https://uncoveringpa.com/nolde-forest>
3. Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, scenic overlooks, hiking trails, bird-watching <https://www.hawkmountain.org/>
4. Daniel Boone Homestead, birthplace of the frontiersman <https://uncoveringpa.com/daniel-boone-homestead>
5. Google Works, former factory, art galleries (site of the PMEA Service Project) <https://goggleworks.org/>
6. Covered Bridges, at least five of them close to Reading <https://uncoveringpa.com/covered-bridges-berks-county-pa>
7. Reading Railroad Museum, railroad memorabilia <https://uncoveringpa.com/reading-railroad-heritage-museum>
8. Neversink Mountain, miles of hiking trails (including City Overlook and Witches Hat) <https://berksnature.org/trails/>
9. Mid-Atlantic Air Museum, WWII history, artifacts, and tours <https://uncoveringpa.com/mid-atlantic-air-museum-reading>
10. Chatty Monks Brewing, restaurant/craft brewery <https://uncoveringpa.com/chatty-monks-brewing-west-reading>
11. Blue Marsh Lake, swimming, fishing, boating <https://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Blue-Marsh-Lake/>
12. Berks County Heritage Center, museums and trails <http://www.co.berks.pa.us/dept/parks/pages/heritagecenter.aspx>
13. Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles, antique autos <https://uncoveringpa.com/boyertown-museum-of-historic-vehicles>
14. Crystal Cave, first "show cave" located near Kutztown <https://uncoveringpa.com/exploring-crystal-cave>
15. Reading Public Museum, exhibits, paintings, geology, planetarium <https://uncoveringpa.com/reading-public-museum>
16. Hopewell Furnace Historic Site, iron furnace <https://uncoveringpa.com/visiting-hopewell-furnace-national-historic-site>
17. Golden Age Air Museum, WWI planes <http://www.goldenageair.org/>
18. Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center, Kutztown University <https://www.kutztown.edu/about-ku/administrative-offices/pennsylvania-german-cultural-heritage-center.html>

Take Me Out to the Ballgame?

Join your fellow PMEA colleagues and sign-up for the pre-conference social – with an all-you-can-eat-buffet and tickets to the **Reading Fightin' Phils** vs. New Hampshire Fisher Cats minor league baseball game on Sunday, July 17 at 5:15 p.m. (FirstEnergy Stadium).



OUR PMEA "SENIOR CITIZENS" HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP YOU!

One of the lesser-known benefits of being a dues-paying PMEA member is access to the **R**etiree **R**esource **R**egistry (R³), a roster of informal mentors/consultants who are willing to provide on-the-spot quick-fixes or advice to solve problems. "Been there done, done that," they would say. Have a pedagogical question? Struggling with classroom management, creating that perfect lesson, or needing concert music ideas? Go to the Retired Members' page <https://www.pmea.net/retired-members/> and click on the links to the R³ registry and help index.

All you have to do is ask...



Summer 2022 Conference Sessions by Topics

Updates are coming! The full schedule is available at <https://www.pmea.net/pmea-summer-conference/>

Advocacy/Community Ensembles/Life-Long Music-Making

- MON 2:15pm: Gender Identity and LGBTQIA+ Advocacy in the Modern Classroom – Jon Timmons
- TUE 11am: Beginning a New Horizons Band in Your Community – Cindy Miller-Aungst

Assessment/Curriculum Development

- TUE 9:45am: Model Curriculum Framework Session – Scott Sheehan
- TUE 11am: Global Competence and the Music Classroom – A Sound Way to Connect Our World Through Music – Barbara S. Weikert

Band/Strings/Instrumental

- MON 1pm: Integrating Drum Set Studies into the Classroom – Nicholas Costa
- MON 2:15pm: Home Away from Home – Building Community & Purpose in Your Large Ensemble – Christopher Marra
- MON 3:30pm: Band Sharing Session – Scott Cullen
- MON 3:30pm: Strings Sharing Session – Katrina Kelly
- TUE 8:30am: Reading Session (bring your instrument) – 46 American Chorales for Band – Jeff Hart
- TUE 8:30am: Setting up Beginning Band and Orchestra for Success – Musicianship Rich Activities from Day 1 – Jessica Vaughan Marra
- TUE 9:45am: Proper Hinge Use = Healthy Conductors – Timothy Paul
- TUE 11am: Connect and Engage (Not Recruit and Retain) – Emily Brumbaugh and David Tini
- TUE 11am: Beginning a New Horizons band in Your Community – Cindy Miller-Aungst

Choral

- MON 1pm: Choral Breakout Session – Rollo Dilworth
- MON 3:30pm: Choral Sharing Session – Hannah Knauss
- TUE 8:30am: The Pennsylvania All-State Chorus – Its History and Repertoire Since 1936 – Ryan Kelly
- TUE 9:45am: Proper Hinge Use = Healthy Conductors – Timothy Paul
- TUE 11am: Connect and Engage (Not Recruit and Retain) – Emily Brumbaugh and David Tini

Classroom/General Music

- MON 1pm: Classroom Music Breakout Session – Suzanne Hall
- MON 2:15pm: Creation Integration – Techniques to get Your Kids Creating – Nichole Witman
- MON 2:15pm: Hip-Hop on the Fly – Get Your Classical Wings – Courtney Powers
- MON 3:30pm: General Music Sharing Session – Cassandra Eisenreich
- TUE 9:45am: Drums Alive in the Music Classroom – Rebecca Sensor

Entrepreneurship/Leadership/Mentoring

- MON 1pm: Project 440: High School Musicians "Doing Good" – Hanul Park
- TUE 8am: Mentor Program Training – Lisa Endler and Eric Plum

Health/Wellness

- MON 1pm: Music Teacher Self-Care – Exploring Common Pitfalls/Practical Solutions towards Achieving Work-Life Harmony – Chris Marra
- TUE 8:30am: Yoga for Musicians – The JOY is in the JOURNEY – Barbara S. Weikert
- TUE 9:45am: Proper Hinge Use = Healthy Conductors – Timothy Paul

Modern Band

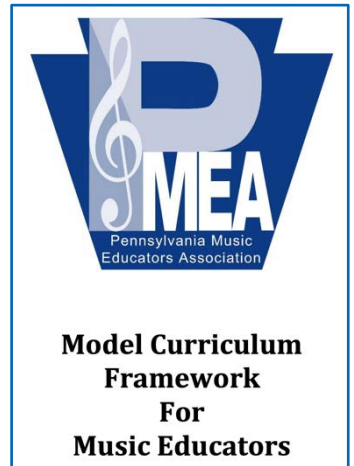
- MON 1pm: Implementing Drum Set Studies into the Classroom – Nicholas Costa

Music Technology

- TUE 9:45am: Add-Ons & Extensions – Little Applications Making Big Impacts (Part 1) – Susan Basalik
- TUE 11:00am: Add-Ons & Extensions – Little Applications Making Big Impacts (Part 2) – Susan Basalik

PCMEA/Collegiate

- MON 2:15pm Social Emotion Learning, Vulnerability, and Student Teaching: A Powerful Trio – Kathleen Melago and Jonathan Helmick



BOOKSHELF – Recommended “Summer Reads”

Reviews will resume in future 2022-23 issues. Have you seen these “inspirations-in-print?”

Read a book! Do your own professional development!

Burnout/Health & Wellness/Self-Care

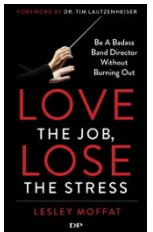
The Burnout Cure – Learning to Love Teaching Again by Chase Mielke

Demoralized – Why Teachers Leave the Profession They Love and How They Can Stay

Exhausted – Why Teachers Are So Tired and What They Can Do About It by Paul Murphy

I Love My Job, But It’s Killing Me by Lesley Moffat

Love the Job, Lose the Stress by Lesley Moffat



Education

Enhancing the Professional Practice of Music Teachers – 101 Tips that Principals Want Music Teachers to Know and Do by Paul G. Young

The Happy Teacher Habits – 11 Habits of the Happiest, Most Effective Teachers on Earth by Michael Linsin

The New Arts and Science of Teaching Art & Music by Mark Onuscheck, Robert Marzano, & Jonathan Grice

A Place in the Staff – Finding Your Way as a Music Teacher by Jen Rafferty



Ethics

Code of Professional Practice and Conduct by the PA Professional Standards and Practices Commission

The Way of Integrity – Finding the Path to Your True Self by Martha Beck

Retirement Preparation

How to Retire Happy, Wild, and Free by Ernie Zelinski

The Quest for Retirement Utopia by Dave Hughes

Rules for Aging – A Wry and Witty Guide to Life by Roger Rosenblatt

The Ultimate Retirement Bucket List by Sarah Billington

PMEA Retirement Book Reviews – Index:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bGkx4rqDE2m3JunmMaiLp2pThkSTWS1xWoiKIk3qWA/edit?usp=sharing>



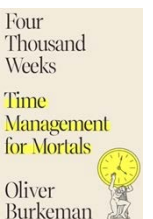
Time Management

Fewer Things Better by Angela Watson

Four Thousand Weeks – Time Management for Mortals by Oliver Burkeman

My Morning Routine – How Successful People Start Every Day Inspired by Benjamin Spall & Michael Xander

The Weekend Effect by Katrina Onstad



PMEA WEB RESOURCES

Membership Has Its Privileges – You Are Free to Use These Tools at www.pmea.net



<https://advocacy.pmea.net/>



<https://www.pmea.net/resources/pennsylvania-dept-of-education-information/>



<https://www.pmea.net/council-for-ttrr/>



<https://www.pmea.net/focus-areas/higher-educationsmte/>



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