



CAMTA Newsletter

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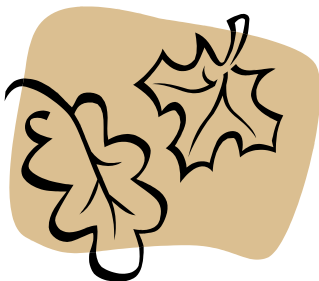
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From the President

My family lived for sixteen wonderful years on a 250 acre parcel in Northeast Michigan. The land was pristine and wild, and I loved being outdoors and enjoying wildlife and beautiful scenery. Unfortunately, employment opportunities were rather limited, and my husband and I decided to move and leave our little piece of Eden. In anticipation of our upcoming move, my daughter, who is an artist, painted me a lovely oil of our home and some of the surrounding acreage. After the move to our new home in Northwest Illinois, I needed to decide where to hang that beautiful reminder of what had been.

Presently, most of us are making a similar decision. Are we hanging the picture of our pre pandemic studio front and center, so we can always be reminded of what we do not have, or are we choosing a different course of action? As I pondered where to hang the painting, I realized that I always wanted to remember the time spent “up north”, but I did not want to have that as the predominant focus of my life. After I made that decision, I was reminded of one of the many brown station wagons from childhood. It was so exciting when those vehicles came with a third seat! We suddenly had a lot of room in the car, but alas, those sitting in the back seat faced backwards-- forever focusing on where we had been. I quickly realized that sitting in the back seat was really not that much fun. I wanted to see where we were--to live in the present.

As I think about the present, I think of many good things. We had our first in person CAMTA meeting in September. I had not been in the same room with many of you since March of 2020, and I loved seeing each of you! Additionally, many of my students are returning to a hybrid of in person and online lessons. (Since I cannot demonstrate *(continued on page 2)*)



From the President – continued

CAMTA Calendar 2021-2022

NOTE: Masks are required for attending in-person meetings.

Friday-Saturday, October 8th-9th: MMTA Conference, Ann Arbor

Tuesday, October 12th: CAMTA Meeting
Zhao Wang, Collaborative Piano, 9:30, Mount Hope United Methodist Church

Saturday, October 23rd: Halloween Hoot
Recital, 1:00, Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos

Tuesday, November 9th: CAMTA Meeting
Jemal Tavadze, 9:30, Mount Hope United Methodist Church

December: No CAMTA meeting

Saturday, February 26th, 2022: Tentative Date for the Keel Competition

Saturday, March 12th: SAT, MSU

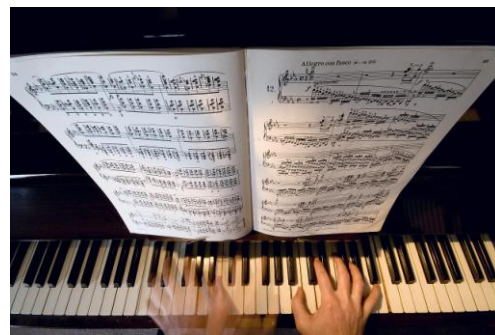
things or teach ear training physically distanced from students, I opted for a hybrid format.) Even sitting across the room from my students has been an amazing experience. I have also realized that they have all grown taller since I last saw them! Teaching in this manner is stretching every creative skill that I possess. It is invigorating and challenging at times, but I love it in spite of the drawbacks.

So, where did I hang the picture? It graced the walls of a hallway in IL, and it hangs on the wall of our bedroom in our present home. I can focus on it every day if I choose, but I find that I only occasionally look at it. To be honest, there are too many other lovely places to fix my gaze, and I have found that the best of them is the beautiful scenery around me right now. I choose to live in the present.

Linda Jones
CAMTA President

Halloween Hoot

Registration for the Halloween Hoot is now open! This year, Halloween Hoot will be held on October 23rd at 1:00 at Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos. Students are encouraged to wear a costume and play Halloween themed music at this fun event. Participants and audience members are required to wear masks in the facility. Teachers, please bring a bag of candy. Go to <https://www.capitalareamta.org/2021-halloween-hoot.html> To register by October 14th. The event has a maximum of 20 participants, so register early!



CAMTA Meeting, September 14, 2021

Venue: Mount Hope Baptist Church, 501 E. Mount Hope Ave. Lansing.

In attendance: President Linda Jones, VP. Natalia Bezuglova, Alix Jenkins Joan Wierzba, Heather Vedder, Penny Draper, Melanie Seal, Mary Jane Miller, Amber Redoutey, Megan Nyquist, and Kathy Richardson

Halloween Hoot for CAMTA Students will be at Faith Lutheran Church on October 23 at 1:00. Please register on-line. There is a limit of 20 students, so register early. Students are encouraged to wear costumes. Student and parents are asked to wear masks in the facility. Teachers, please bring candy or other treats for bags to be given to students at the end of program.

MMTA Conference on October 8-9 in Ann Arbor, the University of Michigan School of Music, Theater and Dance. Jean Hull Grant money is available to teachers to help with the cost for teachers. First time teachers especially, consider applying. Send application to Gail Lira by September 24.

Student Achievement Testing on March 12, 2022: Amber will help Penny co-chair the testing. It will be at MSU School of Music. Amber may become the chair next year's SAT Chair to replace Penny.

Amber is looking for some to take the responsibility of SAT Registration. It is on-line. It involves checking previous students' info and adding new students. Also, checking student repertoire if going to semi-finals.

CAMTA Budget: Amber, Char and Linda worked on the budget this summer and Amber presented the budget to the members. **Expenses:** Amber suggested to increase the amount given to WKAR radio as a day sponsor and also, to MSU Music School for the use of their facility for SAT. Also, an increase to reimbursement for the speaker's mileage from \$0.40/mile to \$0.50/miles was asked. These three increases were approved.

Income: A grant of \$200 from MMTA was applied for and received, and will be used for Halloween Hoot expenses. There were gains in the investments in the General, Scholarship and Barbara Jessup Fund. There was a proposal to use up to half the gains for CAMTA expenses if needed and also to make a donation to MTNA Foundation. The members unanimously approved the recommendation.

Other business: Joan is asking for help to look at the CAMTA History materials that will be given to the Capital Area District Library in Lansing, hopefully to do it in mid-October. It was suggested that we ask the library if it needs to be organized, but Joan feels it would be valuable for some of the members to look at before it was sent.

Penny brought information to the teachers for Performing Art Students, PAS and upcoming Lansing Matinee Musicale programs. She encouraged the teachers to consider joining.

The date of the Keel Competition is February 26, 2022 by Gail Lytle Lira.

Our presenter was Dr. Sookkyung Cho of Grand Valley State University. The title of her talk was "Developing the Habits of Creative Practice." (It was very helpful and informative.)

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wierzba, Recording Secretary.

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CAMTA NEWS Submission Deadline:

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by October 20th, 2021.