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# CAMTA Newsletter

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## From the President

Several years ago, our family lived on a beautiful 250 acres in Northeast Michigan. As we searched for land to purchase, I hoped to find a property that had lilac bushes, and although there were no lilacs near our new home site, there was a small bush at the entrance to our driveway. I anxiously waited for it to grow large enough to bloom. One fall, I looked out the window to see the road department engaging in an activity called “ditching.” This essentially involved scraping off all vegetation from the sides of the road, so the road would be less prone to drifting in the winter. Much to my horror, I discovered that my beloved lilac had been dragged down the road. In tears, I gathered it up and replanted it again, but soon discovered that the road department was making a second pass. My beloved little bush was once again dragged unceremoniously down the road. At that point, I planted my bush in the yard where I could better nurture it, and it did indeed later bloom and flourish.

Right now, a lot of us feel a bit like my lilac bush. We endured the isolation, uncertainty and frustration of COVID-19 in 2020, and now, just as we were beginning to hope again, the Delta variant has reared its ugly head. For many of us, masks, social distancing, and teaching online are again a reality. As we come to this place again, I have thought about my little lilac bush. What did I do to make it grow and flourish?

The first step I took was to move my little shrub out of harm’s way. I didn’t leave it out beside the road to be run over once again. Instead, I carried it up my very long driveway and planted it safely in our yard. As teachers, we have a similar responsibility to keep our students out of harm’s way. That may look different for each of us, and can be a  
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## From the President – continued

### **CAMTA Calendar 2021-2022**

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

**Tuesday, September 14th: CAMTA Meeting**  
Dr. Sookkyung Cho, “Developing the Habit of Creative Practice,” 9:30, Mount Hope United Methodist Church, 501 E Mount Hope Avenue, Lansing

**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**

difficult subject to broach with students. The opinions about safety regarding COVID-19 can cause conflict. MTNA has some excellent guidelines that I found helpful. I also appreciated conversations with many of my colleagues; the support of our fellow teachers is vital as we journey down this road.

Second, I nurtured my lilac. I fertilized it, and watered it. In essence, I gave it essential nutrients. CAMTA can play a role in nurturing us as teachers. Speakers, discussions, and general fellowship can help revitalize us in the midst of less than ideal times. We plan to have a mix of online and in person meetings this year, and I hope that you will all take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to re energize.

Last, I waited. For me, waiting can be the hardest thing to do. I want results, and I wanted them yesterday. To be honest, my lilac did not look the best for a while. And like it, our current circumstances do not look the best either, but in time like my little lilac, we will grow, bloom and flourish again. I am trying to be patient and enjoy each day until that happens.

Linda Jones  
CAMTA President

## Performing Arts Students

The Performing Arts Students (PAS) is a junior club of the Lansing Matinee Musicale (LMM) and affiliated with the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs (MFMC). PAS is open to all music students K-12 and meet monthly on a Sunday at 3 PM during the school year. Meetings are held at the Okemos Community Church. Students have the opportunity to learn from professional guest artists, perform and enhance their talents by joining PAS.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 810-923-4924 or by email [rocdnlk@aol.com](mailto:rocdnlk@aol.com).

Rochelle Daneluk, PAS Chair

### **Jean Hull Scholarship Grant**

If you are planning on attending the MMTA conference this October, (especially if it is your first time attending an MMTA conference), please fill out the attached scholarship form and return it to Gail Lytle Lira at [gail@gaillytlelira.com](mailto:gail@gaillytlelira.com).

## Filing Help Needed

If you know some of CAMTA's history, we need your help reorganizing documents before our records are stored at the Capital Area Library. Please contact Joan Wierzba at [wierzbaj@comcast.net](mailto:wierzbaj@comcast.net) to help!



## PAS Scholarship

Performing Arts Students (PAS) of Lansing Matinee Musicale offers an awards program to its members in the following areas: Art Song & Musical Theater (grades 9-12), Dance (grades 7-12), Organ (grades 9-12), Percussion (grades 9-12), Piano, Strings, Woodwinds and Brass (grades 9-12). Auditions for piano and strings also include awards for grades 5-6 and 7-9. Eligibility requirements for auditions include fulfilling a meeting attendance and performance requirement. Awards for grades 5-6 are winner: \$300; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$200. Junior and Senior Awards: Winner \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$300. For more information, contact Penny Draper at [penny@pennydraper.com](mailto:penny@pennydraper.com).

## MMTA Conference

The Michigan Music Teachers Association State Conference will be held October 8th-9th at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Sessions will be available in person or online. Please register by September 24th. Go to <https://michiganmusicteachers.org/conference/> for more information, including the conference schedule and registration.

## 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!

## Update from Marshall Music

We do still hope to host CAMTA meetings in our auditorium in the future. While I don't have an exact timeline for when that space will be available, I expect it will coincide with when we start providing in-person lessons again. I know this will not happen within the next couple months. We are realistically looking at the beginning of 2022.

In the meantime, we have a couple other updates for our local piano teachers. Sheet music is now fully available to browse....Some books have moved around, so we'd be happy to direct everyone to whichever series they're looking for.

Another big change is our new online store. If you visit [shop.marshallmusic.com](http://shop.marshallmusic.com), many of our educational piano books are now available to purchase directly from the website. Any books purchased from the website can be either picked up in store or mailed directly to your home. We will also still honor the teacher discount on our website, but it does require an extra step when creating a log in. You will just need to email our Online Manager, Kyle, at [online@marshallmusic.com](mailto:online@marshallmusic.com) with your name and let him know that you are looking to create a piano-teacher login. He is very quick at making that happen!

We had also discussed making sure your favorite titles are in stock. It's true that we cannot carry the volume of titles we had in the past, but we do still want to carry the most important and popular books. If there's ever a book that you notice we are always out of, please feel free to reach out to me directly. I will make it a point to order it and have it available. I will note, if it sits for over a year without selling, we likely won't order replacements for stock. As a company, our primary focus is providing instruments for beginning band and orchestra students across Michigan. We don't plan to downsize our other departments any further than we already have, but we just aren't able to devote the budget to our sheet music that we used to....I definitely want to keep carrying any titles you know we could sell. I consider you teachers to be the experts on what is being used the most!

Special orders are still an option if you need a copy of something that isn't in store....

On a side note, since many teachers have asked, Paul and Tom are no longer working here. I'm still in close contact with both of them. Our other sheet music expert, Bryan, is still here in the store.

Overall, please feel free to call us at any time to check availability on books or place orders. For any special requests (suggested titles to carry, general comments/concerns), consider me your contact person! I've been managing our retail area since 2018, and our Band and Orchestra department since 2010. Before that, I worked in the sheet music department starting in 2007. I may be a new face to some, but I have worked with most of the teachers over the years!

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## CAMTA NEWS Submission Deadline:

Send information for the October  
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by September 20th, 2021.