



MTAC Orange Coast Cities Branch

Newsletter Summer Special



Hello, OCC members!

In the last newsletter (June 2009), **Angela's president message** was not properly fit in the space, and got cut off in the middle - by my copy & paste mistake, and I sincerely appropize.

So I made this special summer version to post her message perfectly this time. Please see page 2 for full version of her message.

also added:

- Some reports from MTAC Convention (Santa Clara)
- Reminders of the membership deadline
- Some announcements from State Office
- New room rental forms from our local recital facilities (with new fees)

Enjoy!
Happy summer for all!

Keiko Ikeda

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STATE DEADLINE for your 2009-10 Membership Dues
AUGUST 1st
Have you sent it?
Or, no CM for your students!

Welcome to Orange Coast Cities Branch

The new members who joined recently are:

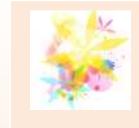


Tanya Schweiger (Piano) 949-202-5571 rsm pianostudio@gmail.com
 Yu-Chen Yeh (Piano) 949-933-0813 ycyehmusic@hotmail.com
 Katrina Querriera (piano) 949-303-9033 kquerriera@gmail.com
 John Barry (piano) 949-364-6359 jdbarry@mac.com
 Dr. Jerzy Kosmala (viola) 949-824-6615 jerzy.kosmala@cox.net

We are looking forward to seeing you in September at the branch meeting! More new members are in the process of approval.

A long time OCC member has decided to retire from teaching. Here's a message from Arlene to you. All the best to Arlene!!

July 27, 2009



Dear Music Teacher Friends,

Thanks for the reminder about renewing my membership dues, but I will not be renewing this year. I've been a member since the 1978-79 school year (30 years) and have been in full support of MTAC, Orange Coast Cities Branch and the state MTAC organization. However, I am not teaching any more and my husband and I travel quite frequently. I've been unable to attend very many meetings in the past few years. It was a privilege to be active in the local branch and to help the local students in their efforts to become musicians. I evaluated Certificate of Merit from spring 1988 until this past spring of 2009 and always considered it a highlight of the school year. Over the years I always encouraged as many of my own students to participate in C.M. as possible, as I felt it was a very worthy effort and goal well worth the time. Of course I will miss seeing the teachers at the meetings, as many have become personal long time friends. I wish all of you well in the future with MTAC.

Arlene Schreder

(Note: her e-mail address is aschr@sbcglobal.net)

Angela's Aria – Presidents' Message

We had a wonderful 35th anniversary celebration meeting and luncheon in May.

The presence of our state president and almost all of the past branch presidents made this end of year meeting very special. Afterwards, I received many letters, emails, and cards from our members that are filled with kind words and best wishes. Thank you, MTAC-Orange Coast Cities.

It is hard to believe this is my last letter to you as the branch president. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve you. And there are just not enough words to express my gratitude to our enthusiastic and dedicated members who have contributed to the success of our branch. Thank you to our tireless board members:

Bobbette Cameron (VP Program) – for arranging two years full of educational, inspirational and entertaining meeting programs.

Esther Park and **Marina Sakach** (VP Membership) – for managing the growth and quality of our memberships.

Anne Prestridge (Treasurer) – for keeping our books in balance and in good financial condition.

Yelena Koffman (Recording Secretary) – for her diligence in writing down meeting minutes that are part of our branch history.

Keiko Ikeda (Corresponding Secretary) – for her award-winning branch Newsletter.

Maxine Casper (Website Coordinator) – for her and Robert Casper's dedication to continuously enhancing our website.

Nilou Sarraf (Past President) – for her wisdom, advice, and support.

Judy Jenkins (Certificate of Merit) – for her incredible energy, dedication, organizational and communicational skills to our fabulous CM program.

Pam Worcester (Festival Administrator) – for her instrumental efforts in securing Saddleback College facilities, and her vast knowledge on keeping our branch activities on track.

Itoe Akimoto, Valerie Radlick, and Susan Wong (Directors at Large) – for their loyal support in every aspect of meetings, festivals, and etc.

My sincere appreciations go to the following chairs:

Lillian Cunningham – Branch Meeting Hospitality, **Katherine Buck** and **Jennifer King** – Community Service Recitals

Itoe Akimoto – Bach Festival, **Susan Wong** and **Ana de Vries** – Baroque Festival,

Bobbette Cameron – Contemporary Festival, **Su-Shing Chiu** – Composers Today

Angela Leu



Thank you, Angela, for all the hard works for past 2 years.

She has been handling so many changes and improvements of our branch so smoothly, and we all have been amazed by her smart judgments on any decision making. Another talent of her is her knowledge on computers and financial aspects. It was a great asset for the branch. It led us to change web hosting company for the better service for all branch members, and moving some financial assets to the secure financial accounts.

Another great talent she has is the sense of TIMING -Timing to throw a discussion and proposal. **Thank you, Angela, for doing it all with your great smiles for past two years.**

Members, GREAT NEWS! She will serve as past president in the board for another term, and also kindly offered us to be Community Service Recital & Showcase Recital Chair person!

Keiko Ikeda

NEWS:

❖ NEW MTAC SHOPPING WEBSITE:

Check out www.mtac.org, and go to **Shopping** section. Now FINALLY, we can order syllabus, CM related materials, past theory exams, technic requirement, a sample studio policy, etc. **online** with your **credit cards** or **paypal account**. No more calling the 800 number and leaving a voice mail message. New **Composers Today Syllabus 2009** is also available at this online shopping site.

❖ NEW MTAC RECORDING SECTION:

Also see **Recording** section. <http://www.mtac.org/recordings/> Wonderful performances from **2008 MTAC Convention** are now linked to youtube. You can watch **Young Artists Guild Contest, Piano Concerto Competition, Solo Competition, VOCE Winners recital**, all from 2008 Convention. Performances from 2009 Convention will take a bit more time to get uploaded. They are very inspiring performances for your students, too.

❖ NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE:

It will be announced officially soon with details. However, **now new membership application should be sent directly to State Office** for approval, not to branch membership secretaries. This will speed up the process tremendously!



MTAC ANNUAL CONVENTION 2009 Report

***Congratulations to OCC members** for their students' successful convention performances, and hard works to preside convention recitals, or attending productive business meetings.*

*Due to the location and the dates set (during July 4th weekend!), not many members could go this time. Here's a brief summary of Town Hall Meeting from **Bobbette Cameron's** note. Thank you **Bobbette!***

Town Hall Meeting: Keep Your Rhythm in Today's Economy

E. L. Lancaster

*Target group that has been overlooked is 12-14 year olds with less practice time
Reach out to the average student and make music relate to their life*

Melody Bober

*Academy of music, pair up with other teachers to increase visibility
Location, newspapers, advertising*

Michael Schneider

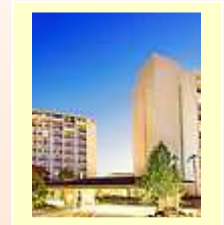
*Carve out your place
Can never have enough creativity or new ideas
Passion and dedication make you more qualified than degrees
Be willing to work whole life, not make a penny and have no regrets
Be adaptable*

Clarke MacIntosh

*Business aspect
Studio is context for problem solving
Product, place, position, promotion, price
Strengths and weaknesses
Opportunities and threats
Find way as community to communicate advantages of music in one's life*

Gary Ingle

*Philosophical – deal the with paradox of thrift
Keep studio visible
Value proposition – what is valuable that you give to your students
Become entrepreneurial and pragmatic*



Did you send Branch Renewal Form?

We need this form to **know if it is OK for us to put your personal information (e-mail address, phone number) on our branch website**, which will be viewed publicly.

If not, please download the form from here, http://www.mtacocc.org/Newsletter/May_2009_Branch_Newsletter_Final.pdf Page 6 & 7, and send it to the address on the envelop page ASAP!

*More discussions from Delegates' Business Meetings, and CM meetings, etc. will be announced at **September Branch Meeting** by OCC board members of each area. **There are some big changes to be noticed, so please be there!***

*NEXT 2010 Convention is the **100th Convention** at LAX Marriott.*

Due to the current budget cuts of California, our neighbor recital facilities have new rates.

Here's the rental form **Mission Viejo Civic Center/Library's Saddleback Room** kindly offered to OCC members with special rates. Please contact **Vickie Hicks** (Library Services Coordinator) at **Mission Viejo Library** (949) 830-7100 ext. 5128, and mention that you are a MTAC OCC Branch member.



SADDLEBACK ROOM RENTAL APPLICATION

Piano Recitals

* NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED *

HOURS OF AVAILABILITY: Mondays – Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Fridays and Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sundays: 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SIZE OF ROOM & OCCUPANCY: Saddleback Room I: 1,695 square feet/seating capacity 60 auditorium style
Saddleback Room II: 1,255 square feet/seating capacity 60 auditorium style
Saddleback Rooms I & II: 2,950 square feet/seating capacity 125 auditorium style

FEES: Payment due no later than seven (7) days prior to the use of the facility. There is a two (2) hour minimum use charge. Make checks payable to the "Mission Viejo Library".

RATES PER HOUR: \$20.00 per hour for Residents and Non-Profit Organizations
\$30.00 per hour for Non-Residents and Non-Profit Fund Raising Events
\$50.00 per hour for Commercial or Business Events

ROOM SET UP FEES: There is a \$100.00 fee for set up of Saddleback Rooms I & II.

PROOF OF INSURANCE: Required for celebrations, parties and youth-oriented activities.

RESERVATIONS: Reservations may be made up to six (6) months in advance of the activity. Reservations will not be accepted for use of the room on a permanent on-going basis.

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS: Parking for the Saddleback Room is available at the far-left lot or asphalt lot. Please direct your attendees to park in this lot!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, AND MAIL, FAX, OR RETURN FORM TO THE LIBRARY AT ADDRESS BELOW:

Date of Rental: _____ Hours of Use: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Describe purpose of rental: _____

Is this a private party? _____ Numbers of Attendees: _____

Equipment Requested (other than tables and chairs): _____

Are You A Resident of Mission Viejo? _____ Is Your Organization Non-Profit? _____

Please submit proof of non-profit status (i.e. State Certification of Non-Profit Status)

Is this a Fund Raising Event? _____ Is this event open to the public? _____

Note: City-sponsored activities may preempt any group at any time. City staff shall make every effort possible to prevent the preemption of any group.

100 Civic Center, Mission Viejo, California 92691
Fax (949) 586-8447/web site address: www.cmyl.org
Questions? Call (949) 830-7100, extension 5128

The undersigned has read and on behalf of the Licensee agrees to be bound by this Permit/License and the Terms and Conditions contained herein and attached hereto, and hereby warrants and represents that he/she executes this Permit/License on behalf of the Licensee and has sufficient power, authority and capacity to bind the Licensee with his/her signature. NOTE: Applicant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Mission Viejo and any of the officers, agents, or employees from any liability, claim or action for damages resulting or in any way arising out of such liability or other insurance for the protection of the public and the City as the City may require.

Signature

Laguna Hills Community Center also has new rate, and **the form should be obtained by visiting there** (it is a special multiple carbonated form).

Here's the list of fees. Contact: **Daryl Walezak**, dwalezak@ci.laguna-hills.ca.us, for scheduling and more information.

Laguna Hills Community Center & Sports Complex
 25555 Alicia Parkway
 Laguna Hills, CA 92653 Phone: (949) 707-2680 Fax: (949) 707-2688

**City Council Policy
 No. 309
 Community Center Facility Reservation Policy**

IV. Fees

Facility	A RESIDENT NON-PROFIT	B RESIDENT PRIVATE	C NON-RESIDENT NON-PROFIT	D NON-RESIDENT PRIVATE	E COMMERCIAL
Heritage Room					
Weekday	\$90.00/hr	\$120.00/hr	\$140.00/hr	\$180.00/hr	\$220.00/hr
Weekend	\$100.00/hr	\$145.00/hr	\$165.00/hr	\$205.00/hr	\$230.00/hr
Overnight (flat fee per night)	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$350.00
Heritage Room A/B/C					
Weekday	\$50.00/hr	\$55.00/hr	\$80.00/hr	\$95.00/hr	\$105.00/hr
Weekend	\$55.00/hr	\$80.00/hr	\$85.00/hr	\$105.00/hr	\$120.00/hr
Overnight (flat fee per night)	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
Kitchen Use Fee (Large)					
Full Use w/Rental of Room (Per Hour)	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$60.00
Partial Use w/Rental of Room (Flat Fee) Includes use of Refrigerator, Ice Machine, Coffee Urn	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$75.00
Kitchen Rental Only (Per Hour)	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$70.00
Large Classroom	\$45.00/hr	\$50.00/hr	\$60.00/hr	\$70.00/hr	\$80.00/hr
Individual Classroom	\$30.00/hr	\$40.00/hr	\$45.00/hr	\$50.00/hr	\$65.00/hr
Kitchen Use Fee (Small)					
Partial Use (Flat Fee) Includes use of Refrigerator, and Oven only	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Kitchen Rental Only	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Art Room	\$30.00/hr	\$40.00/hr	\$45.00/hr	\$50.00/hr	\$65.00/hr
Physical Activity Room	\$40.00/hr	\$45.00/hr	\$50.00/hr	\$60.00/hr	\$70.00/hr
Tower Room	\$35.00/hr	\$40.00/hr	\$45.00/hr	\$50.00/hr	\$50.00/hr
Alcohol Permit Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00