

LAPTF NEWSLETTER

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New Season kicks off with SAT 2017 and monthly educational programs!



Letter from the Pres!

Dear LAPTF members I look forward to see you at the meet and greet meeting and brunch at [Steinway](#) on September 6th, at 9:30 am. We will have coffee as well as fruits, and coffee cakes, so come enjoy catching up with colleagues and gathering information. I will let Sharon fill you in on our breakfast meeting later in this newsletter. If anyone would like to help organize this brunch I would be grateful, just give me a call or send me an email: livoniapft@gmail.com

As a new President coming in on the heels of Alicia Operti, myself and V.P. Sharon Gomulka are looking forward to a year to encouraging new teachers, bringing fresh pedagogical ideas to those teachers who have satisfying studios and need a few fresh ideas or reminders. Our programs will be great thanks to Sharon!

I am excited to tell you about some of the projects we have percolating at the board and updates to our organization. So read on!

Janice Derian
LAPTF President

WEBSITE-new and improved!

We are having our website rebuilt and phase one will be completed by the end of the summer. When you visit the website LAPTF.org a map will show the geographical area of our membership. The website will contain a master schedule with all the important dates from September-May. Our entire program with locations, times and descriptions. Our website will have our directory and by-laws which will be accessed by a common password shared by all. We will only print a few yearbooks this year to accommodate those members with limited internet access. Some google forms will be online as well: SAT, APPE, Honors Recital, and the Sharon Rea Scholarship program. These forms will become available as needed. Other Google forms will follow as we continue to build our on line system. We don't have google forms for the Sandcastle fundraiser on December Saturday December 2nd, the Outreach recitals two of which are scheduled and on the master calendar and SAT semi-finals. The goal with the website is to give you all as much information upfront so you have it at your fingertips. Open the [master calendar](#) and it will give you all the events and dates. We have most events scheduled, except for a couple outreach recitals and various special events. The board would appreciate any feedback as we continue to make improvements to our website next summer. We want to know what kinds of information you would like on your website?

YOUR BOARD and Committee Chairs

Take a sneak peek at our [board and committee](#) chairs for 2017-2018. There are still positions available to for any member interested in helping our organization.

PAID YOUR DUES: Please do so at [MTNA](#) It is imperative that dues are paid so you are listed in the online directory.

STATE CONFERENCE 2017

Don't forget to register and attend the [State Conference](#) October 8th-10th in Holland Michigan. This is a great opportunity to stay current in Pedagogical materials, listen to excellent speakers and artist. Of course it is always wonderful to connect with our colleagues and make new connections with fellow musicians.

STATE CONFERENCE 2018-Hosted by LAPTF-more to come as we work on final details.

Below is a brief note from your V.P. with program details and here is a link to our [program schedule](#) for the year.

Dear LPTF members,

I am looking forward to this season as your vice-president. The LPTF website has the entire year's program listed. It is hoped that this year's programs will inspire, challenge, and affirm who we are, what we do and why. With so much social and cultural change going on these days, how we communicate the many benefits of studying piano to current and new studio families is important and up to each of us.

This year we will spend time working through the new SAT, refreshing our memory about the considerations when purchasing a piano, learning about career opportunities our students might not be aware, how to create a bass accompaniment, and how to select appropriate classical repertoire, just to name a few.

Schoolcraft College has graciously given us use of the wonderful VistaTech Center for our April program featuring Dr. Helen Marlais, author of *Succeeding at the Piano* and *In Recital* series. This free event will be open to all piano teachers, music educators, and piano pedagogy students. We expect a great turnout. You can help by spreading the word. More details will follow, but save the date, April 11, 2018.

Every meeting will have a "Topic of Conversation". We will share our thoughts and ideas about the topic with one another before and after the meeting. You won't want to miss the coffee and conversation. Meetings will start promptly at 9:30 am.

September 6, 2017 "Meet and Greet"...(STEINWAY) starts our season with opportunities to meet new members, reconnect with old friends, to learn what been planned for this year , and how you can get in involved. Start the new year prepared with LPTF news, resources, and educational opportunities for its members. Don't forget to invite someone new to our meetings. **You** are our best promoter.
Topic of Conversation: "What are you looking for in LPTF?"

October 4, 2017 "The NEW SAT Review"...(EVOLA Canton)

In preparation for this meeting, members are asked to READ the new 2017 SAT Handbook, and BRING it and your questions to this interactive meeting. Members will rotate to "stations" where topic specifics will be discussed by members prepared to answer your questions. Take home charts of the 1998 vs. 2017 differences in the four categories and all 12 levels will also be provided thanks to Diana Munch.

Topic of Conversation: "What are you doing differently at your recital this year?"

Enjoy the rest of summer. Looking forward to seeing you at September's meeting!

Sharon Gomulka
Vice-President, LPTF