

Hello All!

This email includes a lot of information, so I hope you're in the mood to read. Enjoy!

- ❖ First, congratulations to the directors and students who participated in the Middle School Mass event last week! I could tell a lot of preparation went into the successful concert. Thank you, Connie Fuller, for doing your usual great job organizing the event.
- ❖ Thanks to all of you who worked at the Freshman/Mid-State Auditions last weekend. The process went well because of your hard work. We all know you could have been doing other things on a Friday night and Saturday, and I appreciate your dedication to the students and to our profession. I want to thank Gerald Patton for his work as Freshman Honors Chair, and special thanks goes out to Lia Holland for all the long hours she spent working as Mid-State Chair *and* Technologist. One more thanks: Jeanette MacCallum for her work as Treasurer.

Details on how to pick up your music packets will be available as soon as possible. FedEx was supposed to deliver the music on Saturday, but did not. Lia and Sandy were going to prepare the packets and have them ready this week. However, Lia's father had to go to the hospital, and Lia will be out until at least Thursday. Anyone who would like to help with the process, please let us know. We plan to have packets ready sometime next week.

- ❖ Bobbie Jean Frost is now at home, but she needs around-the-clock care. Because of your generous donations we were able to give her a gorgeous white orchid in an artist-made ceramic planter with a check for \$166.26 inside the card.
- ❖ You will remember that I announced that TMEA has put out a call for applicants for the position of Associate Manager of our State Music Conference. That person will "shadow" our conference manager in 2010 and will then assume that position. President Wilkes encourages anyone who might be interested in being considered for that position to contact him at garyw509@aol.com.
- ❖ Attached to this email is a brochure that might interest you. It was prepared by TMEA to answer the question, "why be a member of TMEA?" You are welcome to use it to encourage colleagues to join the association. Of course, you should also encourage them to become active members of MTVA!
- ❖ Coming soon:
 - Elementary Honors Auditions – Oct. 24 @ MTCS
 - Board/Membership Meeting – Nov. 10 @ St. Cecilia
 - Freshman/Mid-State Event – Nov. 12 @ Christ Church

See you in November (and some of you at the Elementary Honors Audition)!

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MTVA President