



# Conroe Music Teachers Association Newsletter

## June 2006

A Letter  
from your  
CMTA  
President,  
Becky  
Landreth

I am very honored to have been chosen to work as president of CMTA for 2006-2007, and promise to do my best to keep CMTA moving in a position direction.

The newly elected Executive Board has already met and worked on a tentative calendar for next year and are in the process of filling all the different chairmanship positions for the coming year, but we need your help in some areas.

### Things that we need for YOU to do:

- ✓ **Respond** a quickly as possible to emails, newsletters or phone calls.
- ✓ **Provide possible event locations** with contact names and numbers for CMTA to check with regarding the use of a facility for contest or test site. Your help is **EXTREMELY important**. You do not have to make the contacts, unless you are willing to do so, just provide possible locations such as private schools, public schools, churches, and other possible facilities.
- ✓ **Provide dates** you know, such as UIL contests for high school band and choir, to facilitate finalizing the calendar for CMTA with few or no conflicts.
- ✓ **Offer ideas** for programs, round table discussions and the pedagogy page.
- ✓ **Plan now to attend meetings** next year. Most meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The location of each meeting will appear in the newsletters. Benefits: Interaction with other teachers and staying informed about CMTA.

### LOOKING AHEAD.....



On the following page, we are offering a **first glimpse** at the **tentative calendar** for CMTA events for next year. We have not set the dates for many events pending acquiring the school band and choir events calendar in order to avoid as many conflicts as possible. Because we know that many of you are already planning next year's teaching schedules, we are working to get the calendar details to you as soon as possible.

We also want you to know now when the **meetings** are scheduled for next year to allow you to schedule time to attend meetings during the coming year (minimum of 4 required per the CMTA bylaws). **Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** beginning in September will be a meeting date. All but the December and May meetings will be at **9 a.m.** The locations may vary, but will be announced in the newsletter each month. The December meeting will be a luncheon meeting, and the May meeting will be a special evening event with dinner.

If your teaching schedule at a school or college precludes your attendance at the 9 a.m. meetings during 2006-2007, you must submit a written request for an exemption. The executive board evaluates requests for exemption on a year-by-year basis, so a new request must be submitted each year. Please address your request to the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and membership chairman, Luanne Johns, and please submit it **by August 25<sup>th</sup>** for consideration by the board.

**DATES**

**For 2006-2007**

**(INCOMPLETE Tentative Schedule)**

**Every Month Sept. - May**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> Friday CMTA GENERAL MEETING**  
**9 a.m.** for Sept. -Nov. & Jan. - April

	Sept.
Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	CMTA Meeting
Sept. 15	SA Registration Due Fall Theory Reg. Due
	Oct.
Scale-a-Rama Fall Theory Test	
	Nov.
CMTA/TMTA Orig. Composition Holiday/Hymn/Fall Festival	
	Dec.
Spring. Theory Registration <b>CMTA Christmas Luncheon &amp; Meeting</b>	
	Jan.
Laurie Keyser Sonata/Sonata Tournament Publication Contest Nominating Committee Appointed	
	Feb.
Spring Theory Test CMTA/TMTA Local Performance Contest	
	March
World of Music Test CMTA Spring Festival CMTA Member-of-the Year Nominations	
	April
All scholarship entries due CMTA Betty Clampitt Piano Contest CMTA Play-a-thon	
	May
<b>CMTA Dinner and Officer Installation/Mtg.</b> Member-of-the-Year Award	

**We're Counting on YOU**

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**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

Congratulations to Don Harris who was selected by vote of CMTA members to be honored as the Member of the Year for 2005-2006. Don has worked very hard as 1<sup>st</sup> VP for CMTA for the past 2 years as well as worn many other hats. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Our hat is off to you!!

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Doris Lum for making the arrangements for a delicious dinner and lovely evening. The program with the performance contest winners was awesome and started the events beautifully. The program Doris presented honoring the 2005-2006 officers and installing the 2006-2007 officers was very meaningful. The evening was truly lovely, and enjoyed by all who attended!!! Thanks again!

The Ogea family, whose children are students of Doris Lum, honored CMTA by serving dinner AND cleaning up after the banquet. It was a very special and generous gift these students and parents gave to CMTA. Thank you!

Marc Layton did a beautiful job of setting up and decorating the tables as well as made the arrangements for the facility. Everything was so lovely. Thank you!

**Scholarship**

Thank you CMTA for the \$200 scholarship presented me at the banquet. I appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness of the organization. What a fine program for students you provide for music education. I will always remain loyal to CMTA. Thank you all again!

Sincerely,  
 Jeremy Ogea