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January District Meeting

Eugene District will welcome the new year with a meeting on Monday, January 11th, at the home of Nancy Harris. Plan to arrive at 9 AM to greet colleagues and enjoy refreshments. Following the business meeting one of our members, David Chase, will present a program about "Strategies for the Overbooked Student."

Nancy Harris' house is on a cul-de-sac across the street from Valley West Health Care Center at 2283 Warren St. Parking is limited on the cul-de-sac so you are encouraged to park on Warren Street.

I-5 from the North

Take Beltline West to the end where it meets West 11th. Turn left and go to Bailey Hill Road. Turn right and go to Warren Street. Turn left. Watch for the yellow fire hydrant on the left. Turn left at the "Dead End" sign into the cul-de-sac. Do not go up the hill.

I-5 from the South

Take 30th Ave. exit west to the bottom of the hill. Cross Hillyard and 30th becomes Amazon Parkway. Follow Amazon to 18th St. Turn left. Follow 18th to Bailey Hill Rd. Turn left from Bailey Hill. Turn left on Warren St. Watch for the yellow fire hydrant on the left. Turn left at the "Dead End" sign into the cul-de-sac. Do not go up the hill.

Delores Tiktin

Vice-President & Program Chair

District Holiday Recitals

The annual OMTA—Eugene District Holiday Recitals took place on Sunday, December 19, at the United Lutheran Church. There were two recitals: the first at 2 PM, the second beginning at 3 PM.

Thirty-four students were entered for this event, representing eight teachers. Music from a variety of styles was beautifully performed by each and every student. I would like to thank both the teachers and their students for making this event such an overwhelming success. Special thanks to Janie Kaminiski and the Westside Baptist Church for the festive floral arrangement.

I look forward to the Spring District Recitals in May of 2011, and another afternoon of music performed at the United Lutheran Church by students of our district OMTA teachers.

Wyatt Burger

OMTA Eugene District Recitals Chair

President's Message...

Our district ended 2010 with a festive dinner at the McHan home on December 13. It was a wonderful time to relax, converse and listen to a program of beautiful musical selections played by Marti Csonka, David Chase and David Cragun.

The occasion was especially meaningful as our State president, Fern, officially presented honorary membership to Pat Chase. Marti, a former student of Pat's, gave her a lovely tribute and then presented her with a plaque on behalf of our district. Pat expressed her appreciation of being a member of the Eugene District for over 50 years and of the wonderful friendships formed during those years. She recalled the first lessons she gave son David and the joy of hearing him play that evening. The artistry and sensitive interruption of the performers indeed made a magical evening for us all.

Now it's time to set aside the Christmas music take down our Christmas trees and forge ahead, with our students, on the exciting District events that lie ahead of us. The first event will be Monday's meeting. Do plan to join us.

My wish is for a happy and healthy New Year for each of you.

Musically yours,

Carolyn McHan

Dear OMTA members and Carolyn and James McHan,

Once again your lovely home wrapped itself around privileged OMTA guests for our annual Christmas party. The atmosphere was one of love, joy and much appreciation for your incredible hospitality and graciousness.

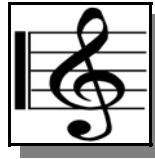
I was honored to be a part of the lovely occasion and thank you deeply for the beautiful evening which is now a very special memory. The air was filled with gentleness and kindness from OMTA members—all dear friends for so long. We are richly blessed with a God who loves us and families we cherish.

Once again, thank you all for a treasured memory.

Affectionately,

Pat Chase

The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the February 2011 issue of *Con Brio* is Saturday, February 5, 2011.



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Wyatt L. Burger, editor

It is noble to teach oneself, but still nobler to teach others—and less trouble.

—Mark Twain

Announcing the second annual Beverly Soule Award Competition

Eugene District OMTA

This competition, to be held in May 2011, is open to high school seniors studying with Eugene District members. Its aim is "to encourage and reward deserving high school students...whether or not the applicant intends to continue his music studies after graduation." (Beverly Soule)

Contestants are to play three memorized pieces, each representing a different style period, for an adjudicator who will provide written comments on their performances. One winner will be named to receive the award of \$250. The winner will be invited to play his/her entire program at the June OMTA meeting. Any honorable mentions named will be invited to play one selection from their program.

The deadline for entries is April 10, 2011. It will be of help in scheduling if you can let me know in advance how many of your students are likely to participate. Date and time will be announced in early May.

Ellen McQuilkin

Competition Chair