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Greetings, Colleagues!

The RMTA email account has been hacked. If you receive any emails supposedly from me requesting credit cards, gift cards, donations, etc., don't respond – yet another scam. These people need to get a life....

Once again, a year has swiftly passed and here we are at our final meeting of the season. How time flies when you're not looking! Our **MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is Friday, May 16, 2025 9:30 am at Yocum Institute for Arts Education, 3000 Penn Ave, West Lawn in Studio 5. Our guest speaker will be **music therapist Amanda Cardinal** speaking on "**Considerations and Adaptations for Special Learners in Music Lessons**"

Teaching music to students with diverse needs requires flexibility, creativity, and an understanding of how to support different learning styles. This presentation, led by a board-certified music therapist, will explore key considerations such as sensory processing differences, cognitive and motor challenges, communication styles, and behavioral supports. It will also introduce a variety of adaptations, including visual aids, modifications to instruments, and multi-sensory teaching techniques. The hope is to enhance current teaching practices and help teachers create an inclusive and supportive learning environment for diverse learners.

The schedule for the morning is this: 9:00/Executive Committee Meeting; 9:30/Social and refreshments; 10:00/brief business meeting; 10:15/Presentation. All are welcome – there is no fee for attending. **I do ask for some help in providing some finger foods for the group.** Bring your own beverage, please. Hope you'll join us!

The end of a season also means it's time to renew our MTNA/PMTA/RMTA membership or your "**Friends**" status. I hope you will all consider staying with us! MTNA members will receive their dues notices in the mail. "Friends" – [CLICK HERE](#) for the renewal form.

We will be saying farewell to member Carmen Carpenter as she and family moves to Ohio come June. Wishing her safe travels and new adventures!

The [PARTNERS IN MUSIC](#) recital saw 40(!) students and 9 adults performing! And it was so much fun!! Thank you to Immanuel UCC for allowing us the use of their facilities and, of course, two wonderful pianos to enjoy. It is quite the experience for our students, especially, to play on a 9-foot concert Steinway.



[ROAD TRIP](#) TO HEAR PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA, SATURDAY MAY 24: 12 seats remain available as of today. Get your reservation and payment in soon. **HELP US FILL THE BUS!!**
[PMTA CONFERENCE 2025](#) will be June 6-8 at Lycoming College in Williamsport. It's only about a 2-hour drive if anyone is interested in going with me. RMTA member Ginny Thorpe will be one of the presenters again this year.

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- May 16: Spring General Membership Meeting @Yocum Institute.
- May 24: Road trip to Kimmel Center to hear Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.
- June 6-8: [PMTA State Conference @Lycoming College](#)

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As we close out this year of activities, please take note that RMTA celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2026. We're already working on a few special activities for the 2025-2026 season. For now, I'll leave you with the very first entry in the RMTA Minutes Book from September 1926, words to which we all continue to aspire:

"On Friday evening, September 13, 1926, twenty-five music teachers of Reading met at the home of George D. Haage for the purpose of forming an organization to be known as the Music Teachers Association of Reading. The purpose of such an organization would be to raise the position of the music teaching profession to a higher degree of public recognition and to afford protection of the proper rights and interest of those engaged in the music teaching profession."

Stay inspired!

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