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Greetings, Colleagues!

Hope you're all surviving the summer heat and torrential rains. It's certainly been an extreme summer so far. Perhaps you'll find some relief by joining us for a unique workshop....

**"History and healing of the harp"  
with Wendy Thompson**

Learn about the history of this ancient instrument,  
how it works, and how it is still used for healing  
and important moments today.

Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon  
Cultural Center @The Highlands of Wyomissing,  
2000 Cambridge Ave., Wyomissing PA 19610  
*FREE to RMTA members and Friends, and Highlands residents.  
All others free-will requested donation at the door.*



Our [FALL KICK-OFF MEETING](#) is confirmed for Friday, September 19 at Yocum Institute in Studio 5. A Teacher Forum is entitled "What's in Your Piano Bag?: A piano methods show and tell". Bring your stories! 9:00 am/Executive Committee Meeting; 9:30/Social; 10:00/Brief Business Meeting; 10:15/ Discussion.

**TIME TO RENEW** your MTNA/PMTA/RMTA membership and your Friends of RMTA status. Just click these links -- [Membership renewal at MTNA/PMTA/RMTA](#) OR [Become a Friend of RMTA!](#)

The Local DSPF is cancelled for this year. It just wasn't financially feasible to hold it given the low participation. Instead, we're hold a student recital ["Harvest Harmonies"](#) open to all ages, levels, abilities, musical genres. It will be held Sunday, 3:00 pm, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Immanual UCC. Visit the website for details.

The full **2025-2026 Calendar of Events** is now posted on the RMTA website. Hope you'll join us as we begin our celebration of 100 years of music teaching in Berks County!

**Welcome to new "Friend of RMTA" Lisa Speece.** Lisa teaches flute, clarinet, saxophone, voice and piano at Yocum Institute. Glad to have you!

**YOCUM INSTITUTE** is looking for a voice teacher. If you are interested, or if you know someone who is, please contact Music Director Suzanne Bado at [sbado@yocuminstitute.org](mailto:sbado@yocuminstitute.org).

**WANTED: 'UNWANTED' KEYBOARDS!** If you or anyone you know is looking to donate an electronic keyboard, Yocum Institute is looking for a few good ones for its Recreational Music Making Adult Keyboard Classes (which I am currently teaching). Drop me a line if you know of any.

Stay cool!

Millie Eben, President RMTA

**1926 - 2026**  
**Celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**

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