



“Three” to the Bar

The Official Newsletter of District III OMEA



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Here we go again.....

By Dane Newlove, D3 President

Greetings from the “Grand Lake!” It only seems like yesterday that we were preparing for spring programs, graduation, and Memorial Day parades! As of this writing most of us are back in the **swing** of things (*pun intended*) and are hopefully starting off the school year on a positive **note** (*that’s corny, I know!*) And away we go!

The Officers of District III would like to invite you to our annual Fall Meeting. This will be held at the **Lima Bath Middle School Band Room on Monday, September 14.**

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE: as voted on last spring, the board meeting will begin at 6:30 PM with the open meeting scheduled to start at 7:00. This is a change from the traditional start time for the open meeting, as we hope to get everyone home at a decent hour!

Did you know that there are **over 50** teachers with 5 or less years of experience in District III? **We would like to challenge you to bring or invite a new or “gently used” music educator in your school district or area to the meeting.** Henry Ford once said that “*anyone who stops learning is old, we can learn at twenty or eighty.*” Professional development is only a small part of “**what we do.**” There is also camaraderie, meeting new colleagues, and networking with others who may share your problems or concerns (and, who may be able to lend advice or just a sympathetic ear.)

My goal this year is to increase attendance at **OUR** meetings in **OUR** professional organization. Get involved-we are only as good of a district as **OUR** membership allows us to be! **We hope to see YOU on September 14.**

First annual District III College Music Fair scheduled



District III will be hosting its first annual **COLLEGE MUSIC FAIR** at Lima Senior High School on Monday, November 2, from 6-8 PM in the commons area at Lima Senior High School. Kudos to Steve Popa, Choir Director at Lima Senior High School, who

brought this idea to the spring meeting and will serve as the host for this event.

Representatives from the following music departments are confirmed so far: Bluffton, Ohio Northern, Capital University, Heidelberg, Wittenburg,

Xavier, and BGSU. Other music departments from across the region have been contacted.

Please be sure to inform your junior and senior students of this event, and watch the D3 website for further details!



When money talks....people listen!

by Karen Kelly, D3 Secretary-Treasurer



Two years ago the members of D3 voted to raise our high school and junior high festival fees to a point that enabled those events to be self-supporting. Before that vote, those festivals consistently ran in the red, particularly during band commission years, draining our accounts. In hindsight, that vote proved to be one of the best moves D3 has made. It's taken two years to close the gap, but those events now sustain themselves.

The chairs of the multitude of D3 events deserve every kudo passed their way!

They hear, first hand, every complaint and grip from directors, parents, and students. Rarely do those folks say "thanks" the first thing out of their mouth when the chair answers the phone. Frequently the phone call concerns fees—audition, acceptance, entry.

The world would rotate more smoothly if directors would accurately follow rules, deadlines, and assume those rules and fee deadlines don't apply to them! **DO NOT have a parent or student call a chair directly.** You are the pipeline to the chair.

As treasurer, it's frustrating to receive fees the day of the event. Deadlines are **REQUIRED** to pay for supplies, piano rentals, adjudicator housing and fees, meals, mileage, guest conductor fees the day of the event. I know the event chairs pull out their hair when applications arrive with post-its that say "money to follow." OMEA regulations are clear on deadlines and consequences. Your chairs are being nice. **They don't have to be.**

FYI, our two HS solo and ensemble sites generate the funds that support our district's other offerings. The HS large group and JH solo and ensemble adjudicated events support themselves, but not excessively. JH large group generally runs a deficit. All of our events, whether breaking even or not, do as well as possible because of the chairs. They find the most fiscally feasible way to run their events, year in and year out. They constantly find ways to tweak and cut corners and still maintain quality events.

Thanks for reading all the way to the bottom!

At the June 18 Rally for Music Education in Washington, D.C., MENC presented Secretary of Education Arne Duncan with a special cartoon created by Tom Batiuk. The cartoon illustrated the message MENC hoped to convey to Duncan through the rally: that music is a critical part of education.



TO SECRETARY OF EDUCATION ARNE DUNCAN - BEST WISHES! Tom Batiuk

2009-2010 District III OMEA Calendar of Events “At a Glance”

September 2009

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| F | 11 | District Directory Info Due! | | |
| SAT | 12 | Findlay Area Youth Orchestra Auditions <i>(only Allen, Hancock, Hardin, and Putnam County students from D3)</i> | Central Middle School | 9:00 AM— |
| M | 14 | Fall Board/Open Meetings | Bath Middle School | 6:30/7:00 PM |

October 2009

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|------------|-----------|---|-------------------------|----------|
| SAT | 3 | Lima Area Youth Orchestra Auditions | Lima Senior High School | 9:00 AM— |
| F | 16 | OMEA General Music Workshop | Capital University | |
| SAT | 24 | D3 HS Festival Applications Due! | | |

November 2009

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| M | 2 | D3 College Music Fair | Lima Senior High School | 6:00-8:00 PM |
| | TBA | OMEA NW Region Orchestra | TBA | |
| SAT | 21 | D3 HS Festival Auditions | Van Wert High School | 8 AM— |

December 2009

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| SUN | 6 | D3 Jazz Band Rehearsal | Elida High School | 2:00-5:00 PM |
| SAT | 12 | D3 HS Festival Rehearsal | Van Wert High School | 1:00-4:00 PM |
| SAT | 19 | D3 JH Festival Applications Due! | | |

January 2010

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|-------------|----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| SUN | 3 | D3 Jazz Band Rehearsal | Bluffton High School | 2:00-5:00 PM |
| SAT | 9 | D3 HS SE AE Applications Due! | | |
| SAT | 9 | D3 Luncheon Reservations Due! | | |
| SAT | 9 | D3 HS Festival Rehearsal | Van Wert High School | 9:00 AM—3:00 PM |
| SUN | 10 | D3 Jazz Band Rehearsal | Elida High School | 2:00—5:00 PM |
| FRI | 15 | D3 Jazz Band Rehearsal | Lima Civic Center | 4:00—6:00 PM |
| SAT | 16 | D3 HS Festival Rehearsal | Lima Civic Center | 9:00 AM—3:00 PM |
| SAT | 16 | D3 Luncheon/Winter Meeting | Lima Senior High School | 12:00 NOON |
| SUN | 17 | D3 HS Festival Concert | Lima Civic Center | 3:00 PM |
| R 28-SAT 30 | | OMEA Professional Conference | Cincinnati | |

February 2010

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| SAT | 6 | D3 HS Solo and Ensemble AE | Lima Senior/St. Marys | |
| SAT | 13 | D3 HS Large Group AE Applications Due! | | |
| SAT | 20 | D3 JH SE AE Applications Due! | | |
| FRI 26/SAT 27 | | HS Orchestra Large Group AE | TBA | |
| FRI | 26 | D3 JH Festival Rehearsal | Wapakoneta Middle School | 6:00-9:00 PM |
| SAT | 27 | D3 JH Festival Rehearsal | Wapakoneta Middle School | 10:00 AM—1:30 PM |
| SAT | 27 | D3 JH Festival Concert | Wapakoneta Middle School | 3:00 PM |

March 2010

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| FRI 12/SAT 13 | | D3 HS Large Group AE | Shawnee/Celina | |
| SAT | 20 | D3 JH Solo and Ensemble AE | Liberty Benton/Minster | |

April 2010

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| SAT | 3 | NW Region State Large Group AE Applications Due! | | |
| SAT | 10 | D3 JH Large Group AE Applications Due! | | |
| FRI 30/SAT 1 | | NW Region State Large Group AE | TBA | |

May 2010

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| SAT | 1 | OMEA Creative Events Deadline! | | |
| MON | 3 | D3 Spring Board/Open Meetings | TBA | TBA |
| FRI 7/SAT 8 | | D3 JH Large Group AE | Parkway Schools | |

Specific contact information for each event can be found on the D3 website at www.district3omea.org



MENC held its first “Music Education Week” in Washington, D.C. during June. As a part of this event, The Rally for Music Education was held where U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan accepted more than 120,000 signatures (shown at left with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, former pro basketball player and music advocate) on MENC’s Petition for Equal Access to Music Education. **Included in this total were over 600 signatures collected at the District III High School and Junior High Festival Concerts, as well as concerts at Elida and St. Marys.** OMEA President Elect Michael Gallehue commented: “Congratulations and great work, District III. I am sure this kind of grass roots effort in support of music education in our schools is exactly what the National Center for Music Education had in mind when initiating this program.” The next event will be held June 23-29, 2010, in Washington, D.C.

Directory information for each school in District III is due to Karen Kelly no later than September 11. One person in each district should have received this information. If you were that person:

WE KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE—GET IT IN TODAY!

Welcome to.....

Those new to District III:

Jamie McClelland, Lima South Vocal 🎵 Ryan Yahl, New Bremen Instrumental

Chris Redd, Marion Local Instrumental 🎵 Megan Beavers, Ft. Recovery Instrumental 🎵 Meredith Richardson, Crestview Vocal

Michael Parent, Perry Instrumental 🎵 Jonathan Lischak, Ada Instrumental

Those with new positions include:

Kathryn Smith, Celina Vocal 🎵 Dan Basinger, Arlington Vocal

Returning to District III:

Leslie Baltzell, Coldwater Music aide

Congratulations to:

D3 President-Elect James Vaughn (Van Buren) and Beth Holdgreve (Arcadia) tied the knot this summer! And Emily Schaaf (St. Marys) is now Emily Klosterman.

(Did we miss anyone? Let us know so we can announce them at the fall meeting!)

