

December 5, 2008

Hi Folks!

I hope your seasonal concerts are going well, and you're not too worn out!

Our next MTVA meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, 2009. Remember that Dr. Randy Haldeman of the University of North Carolina will be presenting a professional development session entitled "Getting Ready to Get Ready: Time and Rehearsal". Check out the flier on the mtva.org homepage. Let's have a big crowd!

Let's have another big crowd at our meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, when our own Dr. Jamila McWhirter who teaches at MTSU will be presenting a professional development session entitled "Royale Ideas for a Royale Feast". A flier will be on the website soon.

Dian Eddleman, State Choral Chair, has asked the presidents of the three regions to gather responses from our membership concerning the following:

- What information does she need to address in her State Choral Report in the *Tennessee Musician*? She wants it to be more relevant to your interests.
- There is a problem with low attendance at the sessions meant for choral directors at the TMEA Convention. Some of the presenters are declining to come. She would like your feedback as to why these sessions are poorly attended.

Dian would also like us to remind the membership that directors need to inform their regional All-State Chair if any of their All-State singers will be unable to attend the event. You should call Lia Holland, and she will inform the proper All-State Ensemble Chair so alternates may be placed. Remember that alternates must participate in the 2nd Tier Audition in order to be eligible for All-State,

Have a safe, happy, and restful holiday season!

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