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Plans Shift After an Abrupt Shake-Up Chapter #2731 International School Colegio Nido de Aguilas— Santiago, Chile

By Gwendolyn Anding, Advisor

Our original plan was a fundraising project for Haiti's earthquake victims. However, after Chile was rocked by an earthquake in the early morning hours of February 27, the plan abruptly changed course. Despite aftershocks and classroom evacuations, Tri-M members teamed up with the Student Council and National Honor Society to throw an outrageous fundraising festival. After a week of collecting clothing, tents, sleeping bags, and food, the school com-



Tri-M students sing "We Are the World."

munity gathered for the Quake Concert on March 19, 2010. Tri-M members sang and played their hearts out, ending the show with an all-school rendition of "We Are the World." It was a great ending to the campaign, and a relief to overcome our own fear as we helped those who suffered more from the quake.

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Tri-M Chapter of the Year Winners

Senior Division

- Winner: Villa Maria Academy, Chapter #1227 of Malvern, Pennsylvania, advised by Joyce Prichard
- 1st Runner Up: Great Neck North High School, Chapter #2605 of Great Neck, New York, advised by Joseph Rutkowski
- 2nd Runner Up: Nazareth Academy High School, Chapter #2096 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised by Margaret Lafferty



Tri-M members of Villa Maria.

Junior Division

- Winner: Lakewood Middle School, Chapter #6027 of Salina, Kansas, advised by Lindsay Ladman
- 1st Runner Up: Ranney Middle School, Chapter #4410 of Tinton Falls, New Jersey, advised by Lilliane Torrente
- 2nd Runner Up: Whitley County Middle School, Chapter #3940 of Williamsburg, Kentucky, advised by Glenn Cotterell

Chapter of the Year winners and runners-up receive scholarship funds for summer music study. For more information on Chapter of the Year, visit www.menc.org and search, "Tri-M Chapter of the Year." Want to be the 2011 Chapter of the Year? Submit your chapter's entry by April 23, 2011. See website for new electronic submission process.



Tri-M members of Lakewood Middle School.

2010 Chapter of the Year Scrapbook Highlights

Ranney Middle School—Tinton Falls, NJ

Advisor: Lillianne Torrente

The Ranney Grammy Awards were held during “Music in Our School” week. Members of our chapter nominated songs in 5 categories and distributed ballots to homerooms throughout the middle school. Students were encouraged to vote for their favorite song in each category. Winning songs were played during lunch periods on Friday, March 19th—a great way to end a week of musical activities.

St Mary's Dominican High School—New Orleans, LA

Advisor: Brenda Castillo

We hosted a week of musical activities during two lunch periods. We kicked off the week with the best way to get people active—food. During both lunches, we hosted a bake sale. The proceeds were given to the Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation. On Wednesday, Musical Marathon was a hit. Students participated in musical chairs with music provided by our school’s jazz band. Pin the Wig on Beethoven and Pin the Note on the Staff gave students a chance to learn about composers and music notation. Closing the week was the fan favorite, The Glee-Off. We opened the competition with members singing “Don’t Stop Believin’.” It helped the student body see how music unites us.

Prospect Mountain High—Alton, NH

Advisor: Jamie Bolduc

Our chapter painted faces at an event to raise money for our chapter and to reach out to our community. Along with running the face painting booth all afternoon, Tri-M also created a game activity to raise awareness for and to teach the lyrics of our national anthem.

The Out-Of-Door Academy—Sarasota, FL

Advisor: Lisa Rosser

Every May since 2006 our chapter has hosted Thunderpalooza, a talent show for students and teachers. Proceeds go towards Manasota B.U.D.S. Since the beginning of this event, our chapter has provided enough money to help Manasota B.U.D.S. reestablish their music therapy program.

Cherokee Trail High School—Aurora, CO

Advisor: Neil Guy

Our chapter adopted the street that runs next to Cherokee Trail High School from the city. On one Thursday every month, Tri-M members pick up the trash along the 3/4 of a mile street. This is the first year our chapter has committed to this activity.



Plan now for the 2012 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band!

Nominate your students who are JUNIORS in the 2010-2011 school year for participation in their senior year in January 2012. Deadline

for nominations is January 17, 2011. In the spring of 2011, nominees will receive audition information, which must be submitted in April 2011. Final selections for the 2012 marching band should be announced by late July 2011. Go to www.menc.org and search “All American.”

Does the Chapter of the Year Ever Relax? Chapter 1227

Villa Maria Academy—Malvern, PA

By Joyce Prichard, Advisor

After a full year of service to the school and community through successful programs, concerts, and recitals, members of our chapter had one more job to do before they could relax. The Madrigal Singers and the String Ensemble traveled to Kutztown University and Kutztown High School in May to perform before panels of judges comprised of composers, arrangers, and educators through the Music in The Parks organization.

When the performances were over, they boarded the bus for Dorney Park—a popular Pennsylvania amusement park. There, they relaxed and enjoyed a sunny day in the park with only the anticipation of the Awards Program remaining. A sweet end to a busy day, the groups were awarded 1st place in each of their respective categories: High School String Orchestra and High School Women's Choir. Success on the stage just after learning of their Tri-M award was a perfect end to a busy year.



Tri-M members hold 1st place awards in May 2010.

Jr. Chapter of the Year Keeps Busy!

Chapter 6027

Lakewood Middle School—Salina, KS

By Lindsay Ladman, Advisor

From guest speakers to conferences to end-of-the-year events, our chapter had a busy year. At our February 19th meeting, Mr. Ken Hakoda (Salina Symphony director) came to our Tri-M meeting to speak about composing music. We got into groups and each had a rhythm instrument or small percussion instrument. Each group composed a song using various improvised and repeated rhythms. When these rhythms and sounds came together, each group had a composition! Mr. Hakoda recorded each group's performance so we could listen and talk about what we heard.

We also attended our state conference (KMEA) this year. We attended all of the Tri-M student sessions, as well as the exhibits and some teacher's sessions, and saw several great performing groups throughout the day.



Tri-M members of Lakewood Middle School.

At the end of the school year, we had a "Last Blast" social event for the year. We went to Jumpin' Joes Family Fun Center, had fun, and enjoyed a lot of laughs as we celebrated a successful first year!

Alaska Tri-M Chapter Involved in Many Things

Chapter 4520

Colony Middle School—Palmer, AK

By Alta Dean, Emma German, and Kevin Hale – Tri-M Members

This past year, our Tri-M group participated in several activities. In December, we rang bells for the Salvation Army "Fill the Kettle" drive at Wasilla's Fred Meyer store. In the spring, we hosted a fundraiser at a track meet to raise money for the American Breast Cancer Association.

Musically, our group helped out with the Valley Festival of the Arts event at our home school. It was a great success with over 700 people from the community attending. We had different groups share their artistic abilities with the community, which included art work from schools and professional artists, local dance groups, a bagpipe ensemble, school and community music groups, and lots more. We also hosted an instrument petting zoo at our "Passport to Music" event at Colony High School. Kids of all ages were able to try different types of homemade instruments from each instrument family. Our final group project was to help put together professional binders for the Alaska Music Education Association State Conference. We are proud of our achievements and plan to do much more in the future.

Thinking of a Career in Music?

The field of music provides countless opportunities for finding a fulfilling and rewarding career. MENC offers information on recommended training, skills, personal qualifications, average salaries, at www.menc.org/careers.

Tri-M Hosts Successful Open-Mic Coffee House

Chapter 2137

Algonquin Regional High School—Northborough, MA

By Amy Johnson, Advisor

On Tuesday May 4th, our chapter raised over \$1,000 for the Dennis Wrenn Scholarship Fund. Mr. Wrenn was our school's beloved music director who passed away last year during a trip to Greece with the Jazz Band. The evening was a steady stream of outstanding student musical performances ranging from Mozart to Lady Gaga.



PHOTO BY: SUE TEPLANSKY

"The kids really did a great job pulling this event together to honor Dennis," said Amy Collins, the new director of the Fine and Performance Arts department at Algonquin and Tri-M Chapter Advisor. "We are already excited to build on the success for next year." A local coffee shop donated items for this event. The Dennis Wrenn Scholarship provides funds to graduating seniors who will continue their education in music or who have shown great leadership, growth, and commitment to the Fine and Performing Arts Department.

Project Blankets for Haiti Chapter 4747 Creighton Middle School—Lakewood, CO

By Michelle Ewer, Advisor

In January 2010, our chapter attended the Colorado Music Educators Conference. The students went to sessions on team building, recruiting, and leadership. After the day was over, a student asked if it would be possible to make blankets for the people in Haiti. The answer was yes, and so it began.

As chapter advisor I researched to find an organization that would accept our blankets. Project Blankets for Haiti stood out amongst the others. Contact was made and the blankets were constructed. Several students donated fleece, and the blankets were created after school at a Tri-M meeting. I have never seen a group of 25 middle school students come together as they did. Boys and girls sat around and made blankets. They were so proud of what they had accomplished. They still talk about it six months later. They know they made a difference in the lives of others. We are looking forward to another great year at our school.



Tri-M students show off a blanket they made.

Hearts for Haiti Chapter 4577 Savannah Arts Academy—Savannah, GA

By Dianne Gardner and Diane Stallings, Advisors

Our chapter raised \$4,150.00 in relief support for Haiti. Chapter President, Mallory Rawson, suggested the chapter raise money for Haiti following the earthquake with “HEARTS FOR HAITI” buttons, asking for a \$2.00 donation per button.

Rawson quickly designed a large red button with a picture of two Haitian boys outlined by a heart and the logo “Hearts for Haiti” around the picture. Orders began while



PHOTO BY: MS. MARGARET SHEEHAN

Tri-M members of Savannah Arts Academy.

buttons were being made and within a week the buttons arrived. We had 2,500 buttons! Yes, we were overwhelmed by the amount of buttons, but students got busy, and quickly the

buttons began to disappear. Students accepted contributions after each concert of the annual Savannah Arts Academy “Thursdays at 7” music concert series in February. Four Savannah businesses allowed students to solicit one Saturday, and over \$1,100 was collected that day! The final event that helped us achieve our goal was an “out-of-uniform” day for all students wearing a “Hearts for Haiti” button. School Principal, Mrs. Odessa Richards, supported our request, which made the last day before spring holidays even better!

Two agencies, The American Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders, each received \$2,075.00 for Haiti Relief.

Tri-M Students Perform for a National Organization Chapter 5542 Richard Montgomery High School— Rockville, MD

By Melissa Yang, Tri-M Co-President

Three students from our chapter had the chance this summer to perform in an international venue! Melissa Yang and Alice Chang, co-presidents, performed at the 2010 International Congress of Behavioral Medicine. Emily Glassford, a member of the chapter, and Emily Yang were also selected.



The Tri-M members that performed for NIH.

The young musicians received this opportunity during Melissa Yang’s internship at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). When it came time for the organizers of the NIH International Congress of Behavioral Medicine to find musical talent to display, these Tri-M members were chosen! Melissa, Emily, Alice, and Emily presented a musical show at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC, on August 6th during the banquet.

These four girls were introduced during the banquet’s opening speech, during which Dr. Peter Kaufmann recognized their musicianship and membership in Tri-M. Their performances were very well received! Some scientists traveling from Europe remarked that it was wonderful that America could show its youth an appreciation for the arts in front of such a diverse audience. Melissa, Alice, and Emily are so happy that they got to show to the world what it means to be in Tri-M. Many thanks to their devoted sponsor, Mr. Ronald Frezzo, for being supportive of this latest endeavor!

Herricks Men's Choir Concert for Charity

Chapter 1975

Herricks High School—New Hyde Park, NY

By Anthony Madonna and Lauren Jacobson, Tri-M Co-Presidents

On June 2nd, 2010, the Herricks' Men's Choir hosted a charity concert, with all ticket proceeds going to cancer research. The entire group performed, as well as small groups from the Men's Choir. In addition, there were solo performances from the members. The Herricks' Women's Choir also made an appearance singing two songs. Another club from Herricks High School, Youth Against Cancer, joined in by providing snacks and refreshments for sale.

This event for charity was a huge success! The Herricks' Men's Choir raised over \$700 for cancer research. The event took place right after school, and the audience turnout was great! The program varied from modern hip-hop songs by B.O.B to songs by Journey. With the great success of the concert, Herricks' Tri-M plans on making the Men's Choir Charity Concert for cancer research a yearly occurrence, not only to showcase the talent of our student body, but also to do our part in aiding the fight against cancer and helping the community!

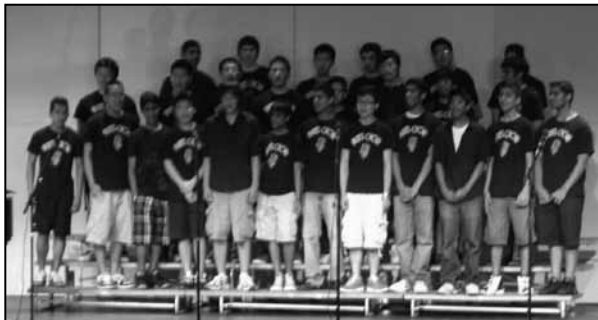


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Herricks' Men's Choir singing for cancer research.

New! Tri-M Facebook Fanpage

- Stay connected with other MENC Tri-M Advisors and members around the world by joining MENC's Tri-M Facebook fanpage.
- **New! Chapter Events Section**—Email Tri-M@menc2.org with your chapter's events, service projects, concerts, and more. Please include Date, Time, Location, and a brief description of the event. MENC will then add it to the events section on the Facebook Tri-M Page where other Tri-M members can get information about the event.

Robinson Gives Back Chapter 3356

Robinson Secondary School—Fairfax, VA

By Michael Horanski, Advisor

Our chapter sponsored the 3rd annual "Robinson Gives Back" concert. Throughout the year students ask members of the community to support their music program, but this was an opportunity for those students to give back to the community by helping those who need it most. The concert was created to help raise funds for The LAMB Center, which provides assistance to homeless individuals throughout Fairfax County. Over the past three years, the money raised at this performance has purchased hypothermia shoes and has helped cover utility expenses

at The LAMB Center. Students from Robinson Secondary School's choral, band, guitar, and orchestra departments participate in this event. Music

has always been associated with bringing people together, and this event is no exception.



The choir at the concert.

Tri-M Participates in Project Gazelle Chapter 3212

William T Dwyer High School—Palm Beach Gardens, FL

By Taylor Golzbein, Tri-M President

Last year our chapter participated in Project Gazelle. We sold handmade bracelets to raise money to sponsor Kenyan orphans. We raised over \$500 by selling jewelry and other handmade merchandise at our Spring Variety Show. We also ran a booth selling bracelets during lunch for 2-3 weeks. Our group was very successful in selling these bracelets, and we were very happy to raise money for the children in Kenya.



Tri-M members promoting Project Gazelle.

Digging into the Community for Remarkable Talent

Chapter 2605

Great Neck North High School—
Great Neck, NY

By Matthew Peterson, Tri-M Executive Officer

An amazing feature of music is its flexibility, due to a vast number of ways to produce music. Ranging from the type of instrument, voice, song, or ensemble, all forms of music help musicians reach a wonderful sense of relaxation and achievement. Fortunately, under the direction of esteemed Maestro Michael Flamhaft, the Summer Rotary Band of Great Neck helped bring weekly concerts to the community of Great Neck, New York, for the tenth consecutive summer. Our chapter was represented by members Jeremy Gilston, Josh Turek-Herman, Mitchell Kirshner and Matthew Peterson.

If a high school Tri-M musician watched this band after only playing in a high school band, he/she would notice two differences. First, everyone practiced and truly cared about the quality of the performance. Second, the band members helped teach each other the smallest details regarding dynamics, articulation, and other aspects of music rather than one music teacher trying to deal with the whole band. All of the Tri-M players benefited immensely from joining the Community Band and hope to pursue further challenges in the field of music.



Tri-M members playing in the band.

Tri-M Recognition of Excellence

Want to recognize your individual Tri-M members at a national level? Nominate them for Recognition of Excellence. Send a completed Recognition of Excellence application and a description of the eligible member's participation and involvement in chapter-related activities to MENC and/or Tri-M.

Deadline is March 15, 2010. Visit www.menc.org/Tri-M and check out the Recognition of Excellence page for more information.

Shanghai, China's Newest Tri-M Chapter

Chapter 6204

Concordia International High School—Shanghai, China

By Meg Ideker, Advisor

Concordia International High School, Shanghai, has formed their charter chapter of Tri-M by inducting 12 members from grades 10–12 on June 8, 2010. Band Director Rob Chapman and Choral Director Meg Ideker are acting advisors. Included were four band members, seven choir members and one orchestra member. They represent the following countries: USA, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Malaysia. Concordia International School is an American curriculum school for students in grades Pre-K–12 with an annual enrollment of 1200. The high school offers college prep and AP classes to students in grades 9–12. Sixty-seven percent of students at Concordia are US passport holders.



Members of Concordia's Tri-M chapter.

A Time of Transition

Chapter 2522

Midview High School—Grafton, OH

By Michael Wransky, Tri-M President

In May, our chapter held its annual induction ceremony. During this event, thirteen high school students performed in ensembles or as soloists to complete their requirements to be inducted into our chapter. In addition to these performances, Midview was fortunate to have Donna Collins, executive director of both the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education and the Ohio Citizens for the Arts, speak at the induction ceremonies. Her fervent words stirred emotion in the crowd as she advocated strongly for continuing funding for arts programs in schools across Ohio. Without doubt, Donna Collins' speech brought a unique perspective to the role of Tri-M Music Honor Societies throughout the United States. The ceremony concluded by congratulating all of the senior members as well as inducting the new officers for the following school year.

Tri-M Colorado's Inaugural Leadership Conference Colorado Springs, CO

By Kevin Beaber, Colorado Tri-M State Chair

Something new was happening this year at the Colorado Music Educators Association Annual Clinic Conference. The CMEA Board of Directors and State Chair Kevin Beaber put together a Leadership Conference for the state's Tri-M Honor Society students. One hundred twenty-four high school and middle school students from eleven of Colorado's twenty-five chapters came to Colorado Springs to learn about being a student leader in their music program, school, and community. Students arrived mid-morning to share and learn until the conference ended in late



Tri-M students listen intently.

afternoon. The attendance was well above and beyond the expectations for the pilot event. What's even more exciting is that many of them were able to spend a day or more at the regular conference. Students who registered for the leadership conference were also registered and encouraged to stay for the remainder of the conference for the state's music educators. What an opportunity to build future music educators and music education advocates.

The excitement and energy that these student leaders and their teachers brought with them was stirring. There was no doubt that by the end of the day everyone present was already looking forward to Colorado Tri-M Leadership Conference 2011.

Tri-M Sponsors "Senior Café" Chapter 5644 Farmington High School—Farmington, CT

By Leslie Imse, Advisor

Senior Café is a dinner performance for senior citizens in Farmington that has become a popular event. Our chapter sponsors a free dinner with a two-hour performance by our members. This event was inspired by music students who wanted to give something back to the community during last year's depressed economy. The food is donated by Tri-M chapter members. The director of the senior citizen center said, "This is the biggest event in town for our senior citizens, more than 70 attend." The students enjoy this intergenerational event each

Start collecting items now for Chapter of the Year! Go to www.menc.org/tri-m for the new guidelines for submission.

NY Assemblywoman Visits Tri-M Chapter Chapter 2605 Great Neck North High School— Great Neck, NY

By Joseph Rutkowski, Advisor

New York State Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel is well-known for advocating education, and her children attended the Great Neck public schools. After listening to our Concert Orchestra students play through our daily warm-up, I introduced our honored guest. Schimel has a dynamic presence. She was full of energy as she praised the teenagers for their persistence to play their "violins, saxophones, cellos, etc." She continued, "I WISH I played the violin! When I am on the floor in Albany presenting my views and battling my enemies, I picture myself holding a violin and playing it with the passion of a virtuoso."

She went on to say how much she enjoyed hearing students play, and proceeded to tell them how much their instruments and their love of music will help them when they get into the real world. I could not have asked for a better advertisement for raising the level of importance for music study.



Assemblywoman Schimel speaks to Tri-M chapter.

She spoke about her own children and their passion for art. Both of her sons attended the John L. Miller-Great Neck North High School and, although not musicians, they were so motivated by the art teachers and department that both of them were fine arts majors in college.

The energy and enthusiasm Schimel displayed was an incredible inspiration to my students. As we are indeed fortunate to have this woman in our state government, it's even more amazing that she takes the time to visit our students. I was very proud of how our young musicians rose to the occasion and performed their best on the final day of classes!

New Tri-M Items

Blank Certificate of Membership—

These 8 ½" x 11" membership certificates act as recognition of a student's Tri-M membership. These certificates provide space for the member's name, chapter name, date, and advisor signature. Sold in packs of 20.

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By making use of the information and forms in this book as part of your chapter's project planning routine, student leaders will begin to develop their own expertise at project planning.

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Performing and Visual Arts College Fairs

Brought to you by the National Association for College Admission Counseling, the fairs are free events for college and high school students interested in pursuing undergraduate and graduate programs in music, visual arts, theater, dance, graphic design, and other related disciplines. Visit www.nacacnet.org to learn more and find a fair near you.

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Global Youth Service Day

Each April, millions of young people participate in and lead service projects, working with their families, schools, community organizations, faith-based communities, and businesses, to improve their communities by addressing critical issues such as global climate change, education and illiteracy, poverty, health, hunger, and homelessness. In 2011, events will be held April 15-17 across the globe. Visit GYSD.org to follow the latest updates and event postings!



16th Notes

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- Does your chapter have a website? If so, email Tri-M@menc2.org to have it added to the Tri-M website list.
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