Upcoming Events of Note!

Two OMEA events are on the horizon: the 2012 Charles H. Benner Leadership Academy in July and the annual General Music Workshop next October. These events will be posted on the OMEA website in April, and all members are encouraged to review them for possible participation. They are both very exciting and beneficial!

The OMEA Memorial Scholarship Fund: Actively helping our future teachers!

The OMEA Memorial Scholarship Fund was established long before the creation of the Ohio Foundation for Music Education. The scholarship funds were moved to the OFME where donations were tax-deductible. The bulk of this fund is in investments for growth with a smaller portion separate for annual scholarship awards. Nancy Ditmer, OMEA Scholarship Chair, has administered the selection process each year with these Scholarships awarded at the OMEA State Conference OCMEA Banquet. Five awards were made in 2012. There is a joint sense of ownership between OMEA and its Foundation via this program.

To continue the scholarships, annual donations to that fund are needed as they cover the awards, which were $2,500.00 in 2012. The scholarship amount will increase for 2013 as result of OFME Board action. Any donation can be divided between Foundation Funds, such as the Scholarship Fund and the General Fund. Just check both categories on the Donor Form. Please keep this in mind when donating in 2012. Help keep these scholarships available and the investment fund untouched.

An annual donation to the Foundation is important for all OMEA members. It is not the amount that matters, only the act of donating. A tax credit is issued for a donation. The OFME website, www.ohiofoundationformusiceducation.org provides the donor form to take advantage of the Memorials and Recognitions. A 2012 OFME Note Caddy is provided. Later in 2012, the OFME website will be able to receive donations via credit cards.