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News & Views

The APTA newsletter, *News & Views*, is produced quarterly (January, April, July, October) as a way to share information and ideas useful to APTA members. We are continually grateful to all our advertisers, who help defray the cost of publication while highlighting an array of fine products and services.

As Editor, my job is to collect articles and other materials, and assemble them into an attractive format. The newsletter is available on the website to all APTA members. For every issue, we send about 100 printed copies by mail to members who have requested that format.

I would like to acknowledge, with thanks, all who write for the newsletter: whether regularly or occasionally. During my time as Editor, we've published articles on everything from composing to interpretation; tech tips to studio organization; master classes to games; as well as reports and photos from events hosted by APTA and its members.

One of the most important values of our organization is the fact that we all have abilities and knowledge to share with others. We may have taught for 3 years or 30; we may have honed our skills at University, or we may have become accomplished and creative teachers through doing. Wherever we are in our journey as piano teachers, and however we got there, we have worthy ideas and experiences which other APTA members would find useful, interesting, or entertaining.

It is sometimes a challenge to collect enough articles to fill each issue. On the suggestion of the APTA executive, I have begun soliciting specific articles from potential writers. We've had a good response so far from those we've contacted.

So why not share some of what *you* know in *News & Views*? Articles do not need to be extensive, and can cover just about any topic with a connection to playing and teaching piano.

Please get in touch! I'd love to hear from you, and so would your many APTA colleagues.


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