

Hello,

Hope you're having a restful, pleasant and refreshing summer. Looking forward to a terrific year of workshops in the upcoming school season! Did you know this is our chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> year? That's something to celebrate!

Our very own Marianne Stone will be on sabbatical for a year so she won't be with us in person this year but will definitely be with us in spirit. A heartfelt thank you, Marianne, for your excellent leadership, organizational skills and your excellent care for our chapter as president!

Also, a big thank you to Marc Meyers for setting up all the wonderful presenters for this coming season of workshops!

So I, Shirley Case, will be serving as your new president. And here's a little info. on me – I've had the privilege of teaching elementary vocal music education for the Dearborn public schools for approximately ten years. I'm certified in Orff Levels one, two and three. I love using Orff in my teaching. This past year I taught at three schools – grades 1-5, Montessori combined grades 1-5 and self-contained classes with students who are cognitively impaired ages 5 through 25. I've been a member of DOSA for about 11 years and love our chapter, the workshops, what I learn and can apply from our workshops. I also love the camaraderie, the enthusiasm and encouragement gained from being with fellow music teachers and "Orffers"! To me it's like getting a shot of encouragement every time I attend a workshop.

It takes a team to keep our chapter running well and we have an excellent team! More info. to follow on various chairpersons in the website letter in the Fall.

Please take a look at the wonderful list of workshops we have this year and you might want to start thinking about carpooling and/or staying at a hotel or Bed and Breakfast when we go to see Doug Goodkin present for a full day presentation Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The Doug Goodkin workshop should be fabulous!

Also, we'd love to have you consider presenting and sharing a favorite lesson or two at our Chapter Share on March 13<sup>th</sup>. (Please notice it's not in February but in March this time.) If you're interested in presenting please let me know. It's a great opportunity to share in a nice, supportive environment followed by a very nice potluck and a celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> year as a chapter!

Looking forward to seeing you on September 26<sup>th</sup> at our first workshop of the year with Randy Delelles! He is excellent!

Peace and blessings,

Shirley