

## BETTY H. WHITE NAMED A 2013 MTNA FELLOW

BY SUSAN ANDREWS, GMTA MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Betty H. White, NCTM, will be named a Foundation Fellow during the 2013 MTNA Conference in Anaheim, California. The presentation will be made at the MTNA Gala on Monday evening, March 11, 2013, at which time Fellows from other states will receive this prestigious award for distinguished service to the music teaching profession. Fellows receive an attractive MTNA Fellow certificate and pin. New Fellows are prominently recognized on the Foundation Fund website and their names are added to a plaque located at the MTNA National Headquarters.

It was announced at the Georgia Music Teachers Association conference that Betty would receive this award after the members of GMTA joined together to raise the required minimum amount of \$1000.00 needed to designate her for this honor. Within six weeks of the nomination the full amount was raised, and by the banquet the amount had increased to \$1,500.00.

The announcement was made at the GMTA banquet on Friday evening, November 2, as a surprise to Betty.

Betty is well deserving of this honor and has served GMTA and MTNA in many capacities. She was president of Georgia Music Teachers Association, 1996-98. Prior to that time she served as GMTA Secretary, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Auditions, State Piano Chair, and Certification Secretary. Betty is an independent music teacher, but her career has included teaching music in the public schools and serving as a church musician. In her local association of GMTA Betty has held many offices, including serving twice as its president. She also served as president of Metro Atlanta Music Teachers Association and was a member of the MTNA Local Association of the Year Committee. She has served several times as a monitor for the MTNA Southern Division competitions.

In her last year as GMTA president, Betty appointed a committee to study the finances of our state association. That committee eventually became the Finance/Advisory Committee, which has been an invaluable assistance to every President and Executive Board since then. Betty holds a BM in Music Education, with emphasis in piano from the University of Georgia, operates a private piano studio, serves as a church pianist, and adjudicates frequently.



### *My GMTA Friends:*

*On Friday evening, November 2, 2012, at GMTA Conference banquet at beautiful Young Harris College, I learned that I was to be named a 2013 MTNA Foundation Fellow. What a surprise!!!! As I listened to Susan Andrews make the introduction of this person, it became clear that it was "me"! I am extremely honored and overwhelmed to receive this wonderful award from my peers. It is so gratifying to know that donations made in my honor will benefit such a worthwhile cause as the MTNA Foundation. I am very proud to be included with the previous MTNA Fellows from Georgia: Dr. Rexford Whiddon, Dr. Wayne Gibson, Ms. Aurelia Campbell, and Mrs. Susan Andrews. This special award program was begun in 2000, and Georgia can be proud of their five Fellows representing this generous donation toward the MTNA Foundation Fund.*

*My 38 years of membership in MTNA, GMTA, and SMAMTA have brought me many reasons to be grateful for my active participation in this organization. I have met so many lifetime friends who have motivated and inspired me as well as helped me to grow as a teacher, musician and person. Many thanks for this opportunity to be recognized as an MTNA Foundation Fellow. Any contributions I have made through my services and involvement with the Association cannot compare to this meaningful award. This is truly one of the highlights of my life.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Betty H. White*