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Hello Michigan Kodaly Educators, Members, and Friends!

Welcome to 2016! At MiKE, we hope your new year has gotten off to a great start as you create positive and thoughtful experiences and instruction for your students. We have a few announcements and things to think about in the upcoming months.

This January 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> is the Michigan Music Conference. This is not a MiKE event, but it is an amazing opportunity to connect and learn with music teachers of various backgrounds from all over Michigan. If you are not planning on attending you should. Go to [www.michiganmusicconference.org](http://www.michiganmusicconference.org) for more information and registration. If you are attending, please make sure to visit the Detroit Children's Choir booth or the Central Michigan University booth where we will keep some MiKE materials as well.

Also, March 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, there is the OAKE National Conference in Long Beach, California. See [oake.org](http://oake.org) for more details. October 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is the MidWestern Regional Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. Visit <http://www.mkmea.com/conferences.html> for more info.

Keep the date April 9<sup>th</sup> open as well. This when Joan Long, retired Music Teacher from Clare, will be presenting a workshop titled, "Folk Dance in the Elementary Music Classroom". This workshop will focus on movement, folk dancing and the value of dancing to the elementary music program. Cost is \$20 for members and \$35 for non-



members. OAKE members: bring a friend to the workshop and receive half-off your workshop fee for both you and your friend!

The workshop will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm at Vowles Elementary in Mt. Pleasant, MI. Visit <http://www.mikodaly.org/workshops.html> for registration information.

Also, on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, from 9-3pm, Roger Sams, Director of Publications and Music Education Consultant at Music is Elementary will be presenting at the School of Music, Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant!

Please take the time, if you haven't already, to join the Organization of American Kodaly Educators (OAKE). When you join, please affiliate with Michigan Kodaly Educators (MiKE) as the chapter. If you are up for renewal, please be aware that that comes once a year unless you buy a lifetime membership. Students may join for free.

***Please all members, log on to OAKE and check your chapter affiliate.*** We have a number of members who have joined but are unaffiliated with us and that may affect our ability to receive funds from OAKE which are based on membership. We would like to continue to grow as a chapter and provide our membership with more and more workshops and services.

Email or visit us on Facebook if you have any questions, concerns, or requests.

***Keep on Singing,***

Zachery VanderGraaff

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