



2017-18 RPTA YEARBOOK DEDICATION

Dottie Phillips Buster, NCTM

Dottie Phillips Buster, NCTM, lives in Raleigh with her husband Dave, and is the mother of two grown daughters, Sarah and Karen. She is a graduate of Meredith College, where she majored in Music with a concentration in Piano Performance. Dottie is a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music and has a busy and successful studio in North Raleigh.

Dottie has been an active member of Raleigh Piano Teachers Association for many years, holding numerous Committee and Board positions, including RPTA President in 2006-2008. She has also served as 1st Vice President (programs), 2nd Vice President (membership), and as Corresponding Secretary. She has been the Yearbook Chair and is currently Chair of both the Email/Telephone Committee and the Independent Music Teachers Forum.

As well as being constantly active in RPTA and NCMTA, Dottie maintains a full teaching schedule and welcomes students of all ages and abilities. Her joy in music was shaped by her own childhood piano lessons and she holds loving memories of her years studying with former RPTA member Janice Wellons of Smithfield.

Dottie Buster brings grace, wit and wisdom to all the positions and tasks she undertakes. She blesses her students, friends, and RPTA with her energy, her humor, her accomplishments and her guidance. Raleigh Piano Teachers Association is grateful for her many contributions to our organization and we gladly dedicate this 2017-2018 Yearbook to one of our finest members.

"We love Dottie! Dottie has nurtured a love of music, and has modeled patience, kindness and optimism for our children. We are thankful for her presence and influence in their lives. She is a blessing." -Ann Marie

"I truly can't thank you enough for all your hard work, from your well-thought-out planning and programs to your professionalism, with such steadfastness. Danielle and Will have been so very blessed to have such a caring, dedicated, upbeat, approachable, and very, very patient teacher as yourself all these years." -Robin

"Dottie is extremely patient, and when I would have difficulty with a piece, she would offer a variety of ways I could practice and learn in order to figure out how I could master it best."
-Emma Grace (graduated student)

"I like how she takes time out of her day to teach us piano." -Joshua, 9

"I like that Dottie has never-ending patience." -Lianna, 9

"Dottie was one of my favorite RPTA presidents; she handled everything with great professionalism as well as good humor."
-Diane Blanchard

"I appreciate that Dottie is flexible and patient." -Nathan, 15