

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
May 2017 Newsletter
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CALENDAR

- May 9: SSMTA May Meeting and Pot-luck Luncheon;
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church
780 E. Arapahoe Road
- June 1: Applications Due for Educational Scholarships
- June 1-3: CSMTA Conference in Greeley

WITH OUR LOVE AND CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kevin and Patty Kershaw and family in the loss of Kevin's mom this Spring. Please know that our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and your family!

MEASURE FOR MEASURE *from Gloria Ross, President*

It's still Recognition Time! On Tuesday, we'll listen to a performance by our third student winner of the Excellence in Music Awards. Let's provide a big audience and show of support for Janice Sharon's student! We'll be presenting this award at 9:30 a.m.; and following that with our meeting.

At the May SSMTA meeting, we'll be voting on the 2017-18 budget and discussing some possible changes to Masterworks Festival. We'll also be thanking our outgoing board, presenting our new slate of officers, and honoring the recipient of the Teacher Service Award. Pam Simpson will share some new teaching ideas she brought back from the MTNA Conference in Baltimore. Then we'll feast! Please bring a dish to share for the pot-luck luncheon.

We received a donation of some new (old and very old [ANTIQUÉ]) music. Take a look at it during our breaks and pay for whatever you choose to take home with you – 20% of the marked price.

See you Tuesday!

ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

Linda Cody, 796-0369; Stephen Fiess, 791-6473; Barb Galuzzi, 906-0430; Betsy Johnson, 719-649-2521; Carol Rankin, 477-2686; Cheryl Saborsky, 771-2532; Elaine Van Dellen, 955-5790. Please contact newsletter editors if you wish to have your name added to this list!

TEACHER REFERRAL

If you have any openings for new students, please contact our SSMTA Referral Chair Linda Vogan: (303) 908-1694; or denlinvog@comcast.net. Also, if you know of any potential students that you cannot accommodate, please give them Linda's contact information!

MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2017
SSMTA MEETING

Our April meeting was called to order at 9:39 a.m. by SSMTA President Gloria Ross.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sheila Hamaker reported that there is a balance of \$6,940.00 in our checking account, and \$10,005.00 in savings as of March 31, 2017. Shelia would like for another SSMTA member to assist her next year.

EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

SSMTA Teacher Educational Grant Applications are due June 1, 2017. Please send applications to Bonnie Kreutz by the June 1st deadline.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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SSMTA MEMBER

This month's SSMTA Member Spotlight features SSMTA member Patty Kershaw.

Patty Kershaw

Patricia Trembley (Kershaw) was born in Washington D.C., to Don and Doris Trembley, a band director and college drum major respectively. This family background "set the musical tone" for Patricia's life.

After a short stint in D.C. due to her father's Korean War call up, Patty and her parents returned to her Minnesota roots. Patty was the oldest of six kids (all of whom played instruments). The arrival of Grandma Trembley's piano during Patty's third grade year launched a lifelong fascination with making music. The piano was first, then came the French horn (Dad needed a horn player and guess who was it!). Shortly after came the Marimba—Mom and Dad brought it home and said: "You are going to take lessons on this too."

After a busy high school career of playing in various instrumental and piano ensembles, Patty went to Mankato State College, where she graduated with honors with a music education degree (primary instrument French Horn, minor instrument mallet percussion, and a concentration area in piano). During college (in addition to her horn playing in band, orchestra and chamber ensembles) she was the piano accompanist for 5 musicals and 4 semesters of music theatre classes. She married Kevin Kershaw in 1980, and they have two daughters, and now two grandchildren.

Following college, Patty continued her piano education with three coaches: Mary Teal Johnson, NCTM; Thelma Johnson, NCTM (both in the Minneapolis MTA); and after moving to Colorado in 1995, Nancy Kaesler, NCTM. Patricia has played principal horn with two separate orchestras, *Kenwood Chamber Orchestra* in Minnesota, and *The Evergreen Chamber Orchestra* in Colorado for a cumulative total



of 40+ years. She has been involved in many chamber music ensembles over the years, and also accompanied the choir at her church in Highlands Ranch Colorado for 15 years. She received her NCTM on both instruments from MTNA.

Patricia has taught both piano and French horn privately since her college graduation. Upon her arrival in Colorado in 1995, she joined SSMTA and DAMTA. She has served on the SSMTA board (Treasurer and President); and the CSMTA board (VP Conference, Treasurer (two terms), VP Membership, VP for Local Associations). Patricia has also done three CSMTA conference presentations.

In addition to teaching, Patty still plays with the *Evergreen Chamber Orchestra*, sings with *Voices West* and performs with the SSMTA piano quartet ensemble.

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE
April 11, 2017

<i>9:10 -- 9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Arrival/Social Time/ Browse SPARKS music</i>
<i>9:30 -- 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Excellence in Music Award and Performance</i>
<i>10:00 -- 10:10 a.m.</i>	<i>Break/Browse</i>
<i>10:10 -- 11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>General Meeting and End of Year Festivities</i>
<i>11:15 -- 11:25 a.m.</i>	<i>Lunch Prep and Browse</i>
<i>11:25</i>	<i>Pot-Luck Luncheon</i>

PLEASE HELP THE MEETING RUN SMOOTHLY

Help is needed from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. to set up the tables with boxes of SPARKS music.

Please arrive early for refreshments if you plan to partake, and take your seat by 9:30 a.m. so we can begin the meeting on time.

Please continue to be respectful of all those in attendance at the meeting by giving your undivided attention to the meeting in progress and refraining from private conversations.

REFRESHMENTS

We will be enjoying a pot-luck luncheon after the meeting. Please bring a dish to share.

Ongoing thanks to Barb Galuzzi for taking such good care of hospitality at all of our meetings and student events!

TEACHING MOMENT

Pam Simpson will share her experience at the MTNA National Conference in Baltimore.