

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

October 2011 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- October 5: **SSMTA/DAMTA Performance Group.** Home of Blanche Greenberg, 8101 E. Dartmouth Ave., #39.; 9:00-11:30 a.m. RSVP (303) 755-7898.
- October 11: **SSMTA October Meeting** at Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, 780 E. Arapahoe Road; 9:30 a.m.
- October 17: **Deadline to register for Ensemble Event. Completed forms and fees must be received by this date,** by Yoko Ashcroft or Marilyn Madsen.
- October 12, 26: **Denver MTA Fall Course** continues, Music Technology for the Studio, taught by Shana Kirk. Schmitt Music, 10:00 a.m. To inquire about fees, please contact Nancy Harris (303) 393-7333.
- October 15: **Deadline to register for SSMTA October 29th student recital.** Please send information and fees to be received by Pam Simpson by this date.
- October 29: **SSMTA Student Recital,** Whole Foods, Noon - 3:00 p.m. For more information, please see article herein.
- November 11-12: **SSMTA Ensemble Event,** Baker Music Center

TEACHER REFERRAL

If you have any openings for new students, our SSMTA Referral Chair Dorothy Lomme has requested that you call her as soon as possible. Her phone number is (303) 798-5579. *Thanks, Dorothy!*

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Yoko Ashcroft, President

Do you have a Teaching Philosophy? What is your Teaching Philosophy? A philosophy is the first required element in the MTNA Professional Certification Program. Even if you are not working on the certification, it might be a good thing to develop your Philosophy and give this to your students and their parents along with your studio policy letter. "Our teaching philosophies identify our approaches, goals, and motivation for doing what we do. We are all in a business of nurturing. Teaching music is very personal, individual, and complex. But it is often more difficult to define than its counterpart—Learning." (from Deborah Wallace, NCTM North Division Commissioner) I put these things in my Teaching Philosophy: (1) my goal as a music teacher, (2) how music touches my life, (3) what I want to share with my students and what I want my students to learn; and (4) what I do to make myself a better music teacher.

You can put your own thoughts and ideas into your Teaching Philosophy. Sometimes I read my own teaching philosophy when I'm discouraged about teaching, then I get more enthusiastic about teaching, for it reminds me to focus on my goals.



ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

Linda Cody, 796-0369; Stephen Fiess, 791-6473; Barb Galuzzi, 936-1772; Alicia Johansson, 797-9630; Nancy Kettering, 204-6430; 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!

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Linda Vogan at 9:35 A.M.
A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 2011 Minutes as published.

Linda Cody read the Treasurer's report. We have \$11, 663.15 in savings and \$4,366.12 in the checking account. The budget was approved and seconded. SSMTA accounts are tentatively scheduled to be audited in October.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Congratulations to our new SSMTA board members:

President: Yoko Ashcroft
President-Elect: Linda Vogan
1st Vice-President (Programs): Kat Wagner
2nd Vice-President (Membership): Bonnie Kreutz
3rd Vice-President (Student Activities):
 shared by Sheila Conolly-McKin and Ruth Wyeno
Secretary: Jackie Garner
Treasurer: Gloria Ross

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS/ATTENDEES

New (and returning) members introduced themselves and were welcomed to the meeting:

Mary Jo Krump
Mandy Ricks
Chuck Florian (returning)
Kathy van Arsdale (returning)
Rosemary Miller (returning)

TEACHING MOMENT

Yoko and Linda each shared teaching ideas as a source of help to our membership. The new "Teaching Moment" will be a part of each future meeting agenda. All teachers are asked to volunteer to be a part of this fun and beneficial activity! Two teachers will share ideas at each meeting – a great opportunity to gain ideas from the perspectives of our colleagues!

PROGRAM

Kat announced the September 2011 program: Cheryl Saborsky presenting: *"Accompanying: First One Thing and then Another, a Little of This and That, and That's About the Whole Kit and Caboodle"*

MEMBERSHIP

Bonnie asked everyone to check the membership list and make corrections/additions as necessary. Be sure to sign the refreshment volunteer list!

TEACHER SERVICE AWARDS

The SSMTA Teacher award was presented to Sheila Hamaker and Kathy Michaud. Thank you, Sheila and Kathy for all of your hours of service! Congratulations!

ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

SSMTA Ensemble Festival will be held on November 11 and 12 at Baker Piano Center. Entry forms are available at the meeting or on the SSMTA website (guidelines for all events can be found on the website). Please bring completed forms to the October meeting or return them to **Yoko Ashcroft or Marilyn Madsen by October 17th**. (Yoko and Marilyn highlighted some of the "do's and don'ts" of the entry forms and the Ensemble Event itself. A question/answer and discussion period followed).

STUDENT RECITALS

Pam Simpson announced that the Hallowe'en recital will be held on October 29 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at Whole Foods (Streets of Southgenn mall). Students may dress in costumes. Names of students performing, teacher, and **\$5.00 fee per performer must be sent to Pam two weeks prior to the recital**. Profit from the recital fees will go to Sparks and/or the Excellence in Music award. The recital will be a source of marketing for the SSMTA website.



Bradbury console piano made by Aeolian. Dark oak finish. Asking \$600.00/obo. For more information, please call Lynette at (303) 683-8843.



SSMTA WEBSITE

Sheila Hamaker, chair of the website committee, presented a report on the status of the SSMTA website. It is up and running, in the developmental stages. Be sure and take a look—lots of information is already on the site! Sheila needs feedback concerning privacy issues—should phone numbers, e-mails, addresses, be on the website? It was suggested that the SSMTA business cards could be used to promote the website. Thank you, Sheila, for all your help and leadership!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty Kershaw announced that Achievement Day will be **Saturday, February 11, 2012.**

Please remember to bring used music to Sparks. This music is sold for 20 cents on the dollar, and funds are used for community needs. A \$90.00 donation was given to SPARKS by two former students of SSMTA member Marj Seaman, who passed away in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Garner

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to SSMTA member Kathy van Arsdale, whose article on the **Robert Pace method of teaching** has been published in the current issue of *Clavier Companion*. Kathy's article, entitled "**A Revolutionary Change**" may be found on Pages 44-46 of *Clavier Companion's* September-October 2011 issue. Way to go, Kathy!

PIANO FOR SALE

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

9:00 -- 9:15 a.m.	Board Meeting
9:15 -- 9:30 a.m.	Arrival and Refreshments
9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:30 -- 11:30 a.m.	October Program

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. This should also be the time that materials are put on the sign-in table.

Please arrive on time for refreshments if you plan to partake, and be seated at the tables by 9:30 so we can begin the meeting on time.

Please plan to stay for the program.

AT OUR OCTOBER SSMTA MEETING

Our October meeting program will feature a presentation by SSMTA member Dr. Stephen Fiess, entitled *Happy 200th Birthday, Franz Liszt*". Please plan to attend this very special program!

OCTOBER "TEACHING MOMENT"

The 'teaching moment' for our October meeting will be presented by Diane Krotter and Kat Wagner.

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR OCTOBER MEETING

Refreshments for our October meeting will be provided by Pam Simpson, Yoshiko Solberg, and Kat Wagner.

Thanks, too, to all who have provided refreshments during this past year!