

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

January 2011 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- January 11: **SSMTA January Meeting** at Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, 780 E. Arapahoe Road; 9:30 a.m.
- January 24: **Deadline for Masterworks Festival forms and fees** to be received.
- February 12: **SSMTA Student Achievement Day**, LDS church, Foothills Canyon Parkway, Highlands Ranch (Please note new location)
- March 5: **SSMTA Masterworks Festival**
- March 6: **SSMTA Masterworks Festival Honors recitals**

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.

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. Please contact newsletter editors if you wish to have your name added to this list!

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Linda Vogan, President

After what was hopefully a restful Christmas season for you, I'm sure you are already back to teaching - and probably in high gear! With Achievement Day around the corner, recitals to prepare for, and our SSMTA Masterworks Festival in March, there is a lot going on in our studios. Thanks to all of you who do so much to make things run smoothly, especially the complicated event of Achievement Day. We all need each other in so many ways, don't we? I hope you will attend our meetings and get much needed information, but more importantly, ENCOURAGEMENT, which we all can benefit from. There are so many opportunities through SSMTA to talk to other teachers, ask questions, and share great ideas. Also, we are getting close to thinking about electing new officers for 2011-2013. Be thinking about ways that you can serve our association and be ready to volunteer!"

“PLAY IT FORWARD”

A CSMTA Community Outreach Project

Thanks to your students for their generosity!!! SSMTA contributed 48 bags of food to the Arapahoe Road Baptist Church Food Bank.

President Linda Vogan will report our total to CSMTA.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Each year at Achievement Day, we have a BINGO room where children can come in and play Music Bingo and win prizes while waiting for their listening times, etc...

We need some High School students who could volunteer to help run the BINGO room. We would need volunteers from 9:00 – 12:00, 1:00 – 3:00, and 3:00 – 5:00. Linda will be there for the first half hour of each session to show the students how to run this game. This is a great opportunity for students to earn COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS!!!! Please ask your

high-school students, and e-mail their names to Linda at denlinvog@comcast.net -- Thanks!!!

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2010 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Vogan at 9:30 A.M.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the November 2010 Minutes as published.

Linda Cody read the Treasurer's report, and it was accepted as read.

PROGRAMS

Marilyn Madsen announced that the December SSMTA program would be our annual SSMTA Christmas Musicale, with performances by our own members.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Grace Asquith, CSMTA President, who is visiting SSMTA today. Grace shared with us news about what is happening at the State level; and especially encouraged everyone to attend the CSMTA State Conference June 1-4, 2011.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Pam Simpson reported that we had two very successful SSMTA student recitals in December, including generous food donations to the CSMTA "Play It Forward" food drive.

Yoko Ashcroft gave a final report on the SSMTA 2010 Ensemble Event: 169 entries, 10 recitals, and 21 teachers participating. Judges for this event were Judy Bonnell and Robert Hartley. The total income was \$2,540; total expenses were \$1,909. A special thank you to Ruth and Patty for typing the Ensemble programs, and to Yoko Ashcroft and Marilyn Madsen for chairing this very well-run event!!

Patty Kershaw, Achievement Day Chair, shared information about the upcoming Achievement Day on February 12, 2011: (1) Please check guidelines in the SSMTA Yearbook; (2) Please prepare students who will be in the Performance Class to be prepared to share information about their performance piece and its composer; (3) We are needing High School students to help out in

the BINGO room. Stephen Fiess handed out Achievement Day forms.

Ardith Sloan and Robin Stewart, co-chairs for the Masterworks Festival, shared the following information: This event will be March 5, 2011 at Wells Music. Registrations are due by January 24. The honors recital will be March 6th at Baker's Music.

REFERRALS

Dorothy Lomme mentioned that she has received a good number of calls from teachers with availability in their schedules, but very few calls from students seeking teachers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee will be formed in February. Please think about volunteering to be on this committee. Also, Linda has asked members to be thinking about elections for next year's officers!

"PLAY IT FORWARD" FOOD DRIVE

Linda Vogan mentioned that we had an excellent response to this food drive, and contributed a total of 48 bags of food for the Arapahoe Road Baptist Church food pantry!! Thanks to everyone involved!!!!

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Our SSMTA History Committee (Dorothy Lomme, Roberta Morris, and Ruth Wyeno) cordially requests all anecdotes, pictures, stories, information, and other historical goodies that you can share with them!!! Please help them to compile more history "treasures!"

SPARKS

SPARKS is "low on funds" at this time!! Please help out with any ideas you may have regarding both outreach and fund-raising for this worthy cause!!!!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A thank you note from Maureen Keil was read. She is so grateful to SSMTA for thinking of her at this time of her husband's passing.

CSMTA WEBSITE

We need help getting our SSMTA Website going!!! Any contacts would be greatly appreciated!! Liane Rockley encouraged us to check out their Rockleymusic.com website.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 by Linda Vogan. (*These minutes were compiled by Linda Vogan in the absence of our secretary.*)



PIANOS FOR SALE

Must sell: Yamaha C-3 Grand Piano, 1972 (NOT “gray market”), Ebony Satin Finish. WONDERFUL piano, in excellent condition throughout!! Has always been in Colorado, owned and maintained by professional pianists (tuned and served every year). This is a fantastic find!!!!

Valued at \$15,000, I am willing to part with it for **\$13,800**. Will only be available at this price until the end of December!! Piano is located in Aurora, CO. Please contact me for an appointment!! Nancy Avalon (720) 271-0836 or navalon@att.net

Two **Cable console pianos**. Blond wood finishes. Asking \$500.00/obo for each piano. (Seller has offered to donate a large portion of the proceeds from the sale of each piano to SPARKS.) For more information, please call Stephen Fiess or Neal Wegener, (303) 791-6473

Bradbury console piano made by Aeolian. Dark oak finish. Asking \$700.00/obo. For more information, please call Lynette at (303) 683-8843.

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 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.	January 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 JANUARY SSMTA MEETING

Our January meeting program, on the topic of Argentine music, will be presented by Fernanda Mieto. Please plan to attend this interesting and informative program!

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR JANUARY MEETING

Refreshments for our January meeting will be provided by Kat Wagner, Bonnie Kreutz, and Jackie Garner. Thanks to all who have provided refreshments during this past year!

IN THIS NEW YEAR!!

WISHING YOU

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