

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

March 2013 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

March 9–13: **2013 MTNA National Conference** at the *Disneyland* Resort in Anaheim

March 12: **SSMTA March Meeting**, Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, 780 E. Arapahoe Road, Centennial, CO 80122 (please see SSMTA Meeting Day Schedule herein)

April 6: **SSMTA Student Recital**; Skyview Presbyterian Church; 251 E. Sterne Blvd. (near Broadway & Arapahoe)

June 5-8: **CSMTA State Conference**, Fort Collins



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

Hello Everyone!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Achievement Day and Masterwork Festival. They were both great successes; all the teachers worked together and supported each other to make it so successful. Thank you so much for your hard work!

I am especially thankful for the leadership of each of the committees for our student activities: Pam Simpson for Student Recitals, Marilyn Madsen for the Ensemble Festival, Patty Kershaw & Kat Wagner for Achievement Day, Ardith Sloan & Robin Stewart for the Masterwork Festival. Your dedication and hard work helped all of our students become better musicians!

The month of March is the time for ordering Performance Medals and for turning in applications for the SSMTA Excellence in Music Awards. Both should be turned in to Linda Vogan, so please review the requirements for each of these on the SSMTA website. The remaining opportunity for students to earn points for the Performance Medals this year is the SSMTA Student Recital on April 6th.

I look forward to seeing you at the March Meeting!

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 FEBRUARY 12, 2013 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Yoko Ashcroft at 9:35 A.M.

The minutes of the January, 2013 meeting were approved as published.

Gloria Ross read the Treasurer's report: checking account balance is \$11,911.04; and the savings account balance is \$10,008.08.

MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome was extended to visitor and DAMTA member Natalie Nekoerad, and to SSMTA member Leila Viss.

TEACHING MOMENT

Ardith Sloan and Quetta Augustus-Keenan shared ideas that have proven to be successful in their studios. (Due to Festival, Ardith was unable to provide a summary at this time. Please look for her *Teaching Moment Summary* in the upcoming April SSMTA newsletter.)

A summary from Quetta Augustus-Keenan:

Dr. Quetta Augustus-Keenan's Music Studio has a total of five pianos and two computers which she uses during performance groups held once per month. There are two students in the studio at one time: One on the piano; the other on the computer – enhancing their theory skills using the following programs: Ace 1 and Ace 1 Alfred, with lessons from 1-18, MI Bac, Music Lab, Auralia, Musition, and Midisaurus, Volumes 1-8, plus Rhythm.

In the Performance Groups (which are grouped according to levels) have groupings of two, three, four and five. After playing their ensemble selections, each person will play a solo on the grand piano; and then the group will proceed to the basement where they will read, answer questions and listen to a selection by a composer. Then the fun begins – they play theory games: Melody Bingo, Lines and Space Bingo, Music Symbol Bingo, Music Style Bingo, Music Memo game, Music Treasure Hunters, forward March, Flash Cards. Winners select a prize, all accompanied with mini pizzas, pig-in-a-blanket, quiche and various types of chips and water. They learn about Classical, Jazz, Improvisation, Blues; as well, adult church musicians learn about the hymns. They are learning and having fun all at the same time.

PROGRAM

Kat Wagner announced that the February, 2013 program, entitled "*Filling Out Adjudication Forms*" would be presented by CSMTA member Sara McDaniel.

SSMTA STUDENT RECITALS

The next SSMTA Student Recital will be **Saturday, April 6th**, 1:30 P.M., 2:30 P.M., and 3:30 P.M. at Skyview Presbyterian Church. Entry forms (available on the SSMTA website) and a \$5.00/student fee must be turned into Pam Simpson **two weeks prior to the recital date.**

2013 SSMTA MASTERWORKS FESTIVAL

Masterworks Festival is Saturday March 2, 2013, at Living Way Fellowship Church. Please inform Robin Stewart if there are any cancellations. Students who receive a "1" rating will perform in the Honors Recital on Sunday, March 3, 2013, at Skyview Presbyterian Church. Before the end of the competition day, Ardith Sloan or Robin Stewart must know students' choices of pieces to be played/sung at the Honors Recital.

2013 SSMTA ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Achievement Day details were presented and discussed:

Patty Kershaw provided a handout and information about the Performance Classes.

Sheila Hamaker reminded teachers to complete and sign certificates.

Vera Alder provided invitations to be given to students who wish to attend the Achievement Day Masterclass.

Additional reminders:

- 1) SSMTA 2013 Achievement Day is Saturday, February 23rd at Foothills Canyon LDS Church.
- 2) Students need to bring evaluation forms to Achievement Day. Achievement Day information and forms are available on the SSMTA website.
- 3) Projects can be delivered on Friday, February 22nd, 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., and/or 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- 4) On Saturday, February 23rd, doors will open at 7:30 A.M.

ELECTION OF SSMTA OFFICERS

Bonnie Kreutz, Gloria Ross, and Vera Alder, who volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee, will present a new slate of officers at the March SSMTA meeting.

Election of new SSMTA officers for the 2013-2014 year will be held at the April SSMTA meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tally sheets for SSMTA Performance Medals must be turned in to Linda Vogan at the March 12th meeting. Applications for the Excellence in Music Award are due at the April 9th meeting. Both forms are available on the SSMTA website.

The 2013 MTNA National Conference is March 9-13 at Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California. SSMTA member Leila Viss will be a presenter in the Jazz & Popular Piano Track on March 9th!! Congratulations, Leila!!!!

A 2013 Summer Event, 88 Creative Keys Camp, Clinics and Workshop, led by Bradley Sowash and Leila Viss, will be held at South Suburban Christian Church, 7275 S. Broadway, July 28th – August 3rd. For more information, please contact Leila Viss, (303) 290-9362.

The Summer Event dates are as follows:

Church Musician Clinic: July 28
Camp: July 29 – August 1
Beyond the Page Clinic: August 2 and 3
Teaching Creativity Workshop: August 2 and 3

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Garner



SSMTA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Thanks to SSMTA Public Relations Chair Vera Alder for this excellent idea, our SSMTA newsletter will now feature a monthly "SSMTA Member Spotlight." This month's SSMTA Member Spotlight features one of our former SSMTA Presidents, Ruth Wyeno

Ruth Wyeno

Ruth Wyeno grew up in small towns in Missouri and Kansas, where her father was a minister. Music was always part of home life, with an older brother listening to either Country Western or the Metropolitan Opera, three older sisters harmonizing all of the current popular songs, and her twin brother and she taking piano lessons. Although the plan had been to train her as a pianist, the love for singing insisted that she earn a degree in Music Education, minoring in Vocal Performance.

While in college she met Hank, who opened for her a new world view. There were Japanese foods to savor, and a family with stories of immigration and the experiences of racial profiling during WWII in the USA. After two dates, Ruth was caused to sit and hear the entire story, so that both she and Hank would view the future with open eyes.

After teaching in public school for a few years, Ruth earned an MME degree from Wichita State. After teaching music in school, directing church choirs and music in Community Theater, she believes the best job ever has been teaching music in her home studio. At the close of this school year Ruth will retire from SSMTA, but will continue to teach adult students and participate in community music. Also, there may be art lessons on the horizon.

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

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| 9:00 -- 9:20 a.m. | Board Meeting |
| 9:30 -- 10:30 a.m. | SSMTA General Meeting |
| 10:30 -- 11:30 a.m. | February 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 a.m. so we can begin the meeting on time.

Please plan to stay for the program.

AT OUR MARCH SSMTA MEETING

Our March meeting program will feature a delightful program by well known guest presenter Elaine Van Dellen, NCTM, entitled "*Who Am I?*" Please plan to join us for this wonderful and informative program!!

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR MARCH MEETING

Thank you to Yoko Ashcroft, Barb Galuzzi, and Jill Henton, who are providing our refreshments for our March SSMTA meeting!!

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

