

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
March 2018 Newsletter
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CALENDAR

- March 10: DEADLINE to register for CSMTA Rising Stars Festival. Registration is done online through the CSMTA website. (PLEASE NOTE: There is also an Ensemble Division.)
- March 13: SSMTA March Meeting
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church
780 E. Arapahoe Road

Our March SSMTA Program will be presented by SSMTA member Eric Jones on the topic "*Teaching Piano Technique to Beginning and Intermediate Students*"

(Performance Award tally sheets are due to Nazila Nekoerad at our March SSMTA meeting)
- March 17: DEADLINE for Excellence in Music Award applications (please see our SSMTA website for more information)
- April 7: SSMTA Student Recital, at Someren Glen Assisted Living, at 1:30 p.m.
- April 10: SSMTA April Meeting
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church
780 E. Arapahoe Road
Presentation by *SSMTA Excellence in Music Award* winners
- April 14: CSMTA Rising Stars Festival

MEASURE FOR MEASURE
from Bonnie Kreutz, President

Another Achievement Day is history. Thanks to Kaye Craig for all her hard work, as well as that of all the participating teachers. It was a fun, rewarding event and my students are excited for next year!

Looking ahead—due this week are the tally sheets for the *Performance Awards*, and the *Excellence in Music* applications.

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!

♥ OUR SYMPATHY ♥

SSMTA extends our deepest sympathy to the family of long-time SSMTA member Gail Holman, who passed away recently. Among her family members, we especially think of her grandson, Bryan Rice, who is currently a member of SSMTA.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Kreutz, President. The Minutes of the January 9, 2018 SSMTA Meeting were accepted as recorded in the SSMTA Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

A new member, Pam Crowell, was introduced.

The sad news was reported that former SSMTA member Gail Holman had passed away suddenly. Flowers will be sent to her funeral on behalf of SSMTA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sheila Hamaker reported a balance of \$8,868 in checking, and \$10,603 in our Money Market Savings account, as of January 31, 2018.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SSMTA Student Recitals - Pam Simpson reported on the February 10 SSMTA Student Recitals held at Skyview Presbyterian Church. The final 2017-18 SSMTA Student Recital will be Someren Glen Assisted Living Center on April 7, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

2018 SSMTA Achievement Day - Details about Achievement Day were discussed.

PROGRAMS

Patty Kershaw introduced today's presenter, Hannah Krening, who presented a lecture on "*Tobias Matthey: Revolutionary Teacher of the Twentieth Century.*"

TEACHING MOMENT

Our February *Teaching Moment* was presented by Linda Vogan, on the topic of having a student evaluation spread sheet, for parents to track their children's progress in piano lessons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

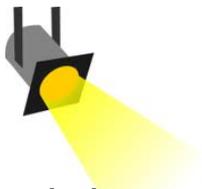
The CSMTA Rising Stars Festival entries are due March 10th. Registration is done online through the CSMTA website. Did you know that there is an Ensemble Division? Please check out the CSMTA websites for more details!!!!

MTNA Conference, will be held on March 17 -21. Eric Jones will be attending, to represent SSMTA.

CSMTA State Conference will be held May 31 – June 2. In Greeley. Early registration deadline is May 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Vogan, Secretary



SSMTA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Pam Crowell

I started taking piano lessons as a child, and have continued to play all of my life. It's always been something I could fall back on for enjoyment, and over the years has made me very happy. As a young adult, I took a few music classes in college, but ended up with a degree in technical writing. I've worked mainly as a medical transcriptionist, and in medical office work -- while playing piano has been relegated to a hobby. Now that I am retired, I have the time to pursue my passions, and that has brought me to piano lessons.

I started giving piano lessons when I retired three years ago. I'm starting out slowly and my "philosophy" is to provide a relaxed, somewhat laid-back atmosphere, in which to learn to play. So far, I'm enjoying teaching adults, with the feedback I get from them as they improve and suddenly "get it". After coming to my first SSMTA meeting last month, I got some really good advice for working with kids, and I hope to put that to good use with younger students (especially my granddaughter, who seems a bit hyper and doesn't really want to listen to Grandma!).

My husband plays the trumpet, and we have a lot of fun playing together; as well, he also plays in a band. We just had our fourth grandchild and we enjoy helping out with the kids. We also enjoy camping during the summer, and always look forward to warmer weather. My other passion is cycling (biking) and last October I completed a trail ride in South Dakota with a small group of women that was SO much fun.

I'm looking forward to getting ideas and learning from our more experienced educators, and I believe your association can provide that. Thank you for the opportunity to become a better piano teacher!

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE

March 13, 2018

9:10 -- 9:30 a.m. Arrival/Social Time/
Browse SPARKS music
9:30 -- 10:20 a.m. SSMTA General Meeting
10:20 -- 10:35 a.m. Break/Browse
10:35 -- 11:45 a.m. SSMTA 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. 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.

REFRESHMENTS: Special thanks to Bryan Rice, Betty Berry, and Smita Rodrigues, who are providing refreshments for our March SSMTA meeting! Ongoing thanks to Barb Galuzzi for taking such good care of hospitality at all of our meetings and student events!

TEACHING MOMENT: Our *Teaching Moment* for our March SSMTA meeting will be presented by Gloria Ross.

OUR PROGRAM: The March 13, 2018 SSMTA Meeting program will be presented by SSMTA member Eric Jones, and is entitled "*Teaching Piano Technique to the Beginning and Intermediate Student.*" Please join us for this wonderful and informative program!