

# 0SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

May 2018 Newsletter

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## CALENDAR

- May 8: **SSMTA May Meeting & Potluck Luncheon**  
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church  
780 E. Arapahoe Road  
Program: MTNA Conference Report - Eric Jones;  
*Presentation of Teacher Service Award*;  
Presentation by *Excellence in Music Award*  
recipient Anna Coney at 10:00 am
- May 31 – June 2: **CSMTA State Conference –**  
University of Northern Colorado  
in Greeley. (It's not too late to register –  
please see [www.COMusicTeachers.com](http://www.COMusicTeachers.com) for  
more information!
- June 1: **Deadline for SSMTA Educational Grant  
Scholarship Applications** (For more  
information, please see  
[www.SSMTAMusicTeacers.org](http://www.SSMTAMusicTeacers.org))



## MEASURE FOR MEASURE

*from Bonnie Kreutz, President*

I teach year-round and always try to choose a fun theme for Summer lessons to keep students interested, so I thought I would share this idea: this Summer, my studio will be focusing on playing from lead sheets. It's a great way to sneak in some theory and work on improv. skills. Students of any level can be successful at this. My plan is for students to learn some popular oldies and perform at a nursing home at the end of the Summer. I'll let you know how it goes.

Don't forget, the deadline for the SSMTA Educational Grant/Scholarship is June 1<sup>st</sup>. It's worth applying, if you or a student are interested in a music summer camp or any other educational opportunities. See [www.ssmtaMusicTeachers.org](http://www.ssmtaMusicTeachers.org) for more details.

### 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](mailto: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 10, 2018 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Kreutz, President. The Minutes of the March 13, 2018 SSMTA Meeting were approved as recorded in the SSMTA Newsletter.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sheila Hamaker reported a balance of \$5,088 in checking and \$10,604 in the Scholarship Fund as of 3/31/2018.

**A motion** was made by Treasurer Sheila Hamaker, and seconded by Patty Kershaw, that SSMTA give \$200.00 from our Scholarship Fund to the MTNA Disaster Relief Fund.

The proposed 2018-2019 Budget is included in the May Newsletter and will be voted on at the May 8, 2018 SSMTA meeting.

Nazila shared with us information that *My Music Skool* was able to sell some of our used SPARKS music, resulting in a profit to the **SPARKS fund** of \$100.00.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Cathy Motter as she recovers from injuries sustained in a recent fall.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

#### SSMTA Student Recitals

Pam Simpson reported that the final 2017-18 SSMTA Student Recital was held at Someren Glen Assisted Living Center on April 7, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. This event was greatly appreciated by the residents. The suggestion was made that this be repeated again next year.

**A motion** was made by Eric Jones to increase the SSMTA student recital fee to \$7.00 for the upcoming (2018-19) year. The motion was seconded by Linda Vogan. The motion passed.

## MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2018 (Cont'd)

### 2018 CSMTA Rising Stars

The CSMTA Rising Stars Festival was held on April 14<sup>th</sup>. A number of SSMTA teachers indicated that they would be involved with this event.

### 2018 SSMTA Performance Awards

*SSMTA Performance Medals* were distributed by Nazila Nekooraad at the April SSMTA meeting.

## PROGRAMS

Eric Jones gave a report from the MTNA Conference which he attended. Linda Vogan presented a short program on Edvard Grieg.

## TEACHING MOMENT

Our April *Teaching Moment* was presented by SSMTA President Bonnie Kreuz.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Vogan, Secretary



**SSMTA PROPOSED 2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	THIS YEAR actual*	NEXT YEAR budget
<b>Inflow</b>		
1 Member Dues	1,111	1,045
2 Student Activity Fees		
Achievement Day	3,870	3,800
Ensemble Festival	2,090	2,020
Saturday Recital Series	942	950
<b>Total Inflow</b>	<b>8,013</b>	<b>7,815</b>
<b>Outflow</b>		
3 Banking and Regulatory	0	50
4 Teacher Enrichment		
Officer Expense, Conference	1,500	1,500
Meeting Rent, Member Care, Service Awards	748	795
Monthly Program Honorariums	625	650
5 Public Relations and MTNA Foundation Fund	300	150
6 Student Activity Expenses		
Achievement Day	2,447	2,450
Ensemble Festival	1,526	1,550
Saturday Recital Series	334	350
Performance Medals	316	320
<b>Total Outflow</b>	<b>7,796</b>	<b>7,815</b>
net gain	217	0

\* includes some expected income/expenses coming before year end June 30, 2018

**SSMTA SCHOLARSHIP FUND ACTIVITY (year-end projection)**

	Beginning Balance June 30, 2017	10,513
<b>Inflow</b>		
Interest		7
Donations		247
End of year budget surplus (\$ over \$4,000 in checking on June 30)		217
<b>Total Inflow</b>		<b>471</b>
<b>Outflow</b>		
Educational Grants		250
Excellence in Music Award		250
Donation to MTNA Disaster Fund		200
Book of checks for scholarship fund		8
<b>Total Outflow</b>		<b>708</b>
Projected Ending Balance June 30, 2018		10,276



## IN REMEMBRANCE



Memorial service for long-time SSMTA member Roberta Morris will be held on **Saturday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. at Olinger Chapel Hill Cemetery, 6601 S Colorado Blvd.** She will be buried with her husband, Clyde.

Roberta taught piano in her studio for over 50 years, until her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Roberta was a very active member of MTNA, CSMTA and SSMTA for many years. She served as President of CSMTA (1979-81), and as Parliamentarian for both CSMTA and SSMTA for numerous years, and as an adjudicator for many events.

Roberta's students excelled in both CSMTA and SSMTA competitions; and even as her health declined, she was adamant about being there for her students.

Truly Roberta will be fondly remembered as a consummate teacher, a consummate Broncos fan, and a great friend and mentor to so many.



## **SSMTA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

*This month's SSMTA Member Spotlight features our 2018 SSMTA Teacher Service Award Recipient, Jean Lee-Baker.*

### **Jean Lee-Baker**

Jean Lee-Baker and her husband moved to the Denver area from Houston, TX. Jean holds a B.A. in Music with a concentration in piano pedagogy from the University of Texas at Austin; and a M.A. in Music Education from Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City. Jean was a certified K-12 Music Specialist and taught elementary music at the Houston Independent School District. She also had a private piano studio with over 30 students. Jean was an active member of the Houston Music Teachers Association, serving as Vice-President of Membership and Chair of the HMTA Music Festival. As a music educator, Jean believes cultivating life-long interest in music is the ultimate goal. Jean enjoys reading a good mystery book and volunteering at the Arapahoe Library District. Jean also enjoys interior design; and is an active licensed Real Estate Broker.

Jean is currently serving SSMTA in her 2<sup>nd</sup> term as V.P. of Membership. She always makes an effort to welcome and get to know new members. She also has been pro-active about helping us get to know existing members better through the *Member Spotlights* in the newsletter. We appreciate Jean's contributions to our group!

**MEETING DAY SCHEDULE**  
**MAY 8, 2018**

- 9:30 am General Membership Meeting (downstairs)
- 10:00 am Excellence in Music Award & Music (sanctuary)  
Teacher of the Year Service Award
- 10:20 am - 11:45 am Member Program/ Pot-Luck (downstairs)

**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**

In lieu of refreshments for our May meeting, please bring a potluck dish and join us for the Potluck Luncheon following our program!

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

**OUR MAY PROGRAM *and* POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

PLEASE join us this coming Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, for our "Season Finale," which will include the presentation of the SSMTA *Teacher Service Award*; the presentation by *Excellence in Music Award* recipient Anna Coney; and will be followed by our annual SSMTA May Potluck Luncheon.

Please join us for these wonderful presentations and lunch!!

