

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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CALENDAR

- April 11: **SSMTA Student Recital**, Skyview Presbyterian Church
- April 14: **April SSMTA Meeting, Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, 780 E. Arapahoe Road.**
(Please see meeting schedule herein)
- April 26: **Dr. Stephen Fiess piano recital**, St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 9203 S. University Blvd. Highlands Ranch; 2:00 p.m. Freewill offering.
- June 1: **Deadline to submit Grant/Scholarship form**
- June 3-5: **CSMTA State Conference**, Pueblo

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!*

ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

Linda Cody, 796-0369; Stephen Fiess, 791-6473; Barb Galuzzi, 936-1772; Alicia Johansson, 797-9630; Betsy Johnson, 719-649-2521, 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!

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Linda Vogan, President

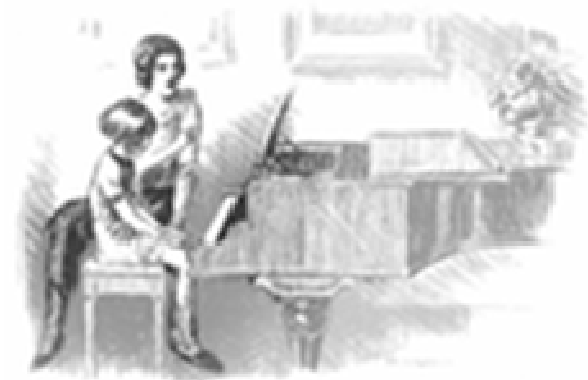
Being a part of something bigger than yourself is vital for everyone. That is how I feel when I am at our local SSMTA meeting, our CSMTA State Conference, or at MTNA's wonderful National Conference. Being in Las Vegas this year with thousands of people who love music and teach music was such an inspiration!

We heard amazing concerts by Sir James and Lady Jeanne Galway, the Canadian Brass, Ann Schein, and many of the fantastic student competition winners. Seminars and workshops were available for encouragement and further education as teachers. Lots of new music was showcased by various publishers, and participants often received complimentary copies of the hottest new products. Coming back from Conference, I feel enthusiastic about teaching, excited about trying new ideas and music with my students, and grateful that we have such a supportive and fine organization to be a part of. We really are part of something bigger than our own little studios – so take advantage of that and head to San Antonio next year for MTNA Conference!!



PIANO FOR SALE

Cable-Nelson console piano. Price negotiable. For more information, please contact Mr. Saravanan, (303) 791-0729.



MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2015 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Vogan at 9:35 A.M. Linda asked those present to encourage others to attend our monthly SSMTA meetings.

The minutes of the March 10 SSMTA meeting were approved as they appeared in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was given by Gloria Ross. The treasurer's report was approved. Nicole Bullock, our treasurer, is doing well after her surgery.

MEMBERSHIP

Barb Galuzzi was spotlighted in our March SSMTA newsletter.

PROGRAMS

Patty Kershaw announced that our March program will be *New Music*, presented by Liane Rockley. The music presented will be for sale.

TEACHING MOMENT

Linda Zhang explained how Chinese music is notated. She also played a Chinese piece for us.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The budget committee will meet and present the 2015-2016 budget at our April 14 meeting.

STUDENT RECITALS

April 11: **Skyview Presbyterian Church.** Deadline for this Recital is March 28. Entry fee is \$6.00 per student, to be sent to Nicole Bullock.



MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2015 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**Achievement Day – Kat Wagner, Chair;
- February 21, 2015**

Kat Wagner reported that the event went well. She will gather information on the Achievement Day budget and present that at a later date. Due to threatening weather conditions the past three years, there was discussion about holding Achievement Day in a different month – possibly in April.

**Masterworks Festival – Ardith Sloan, Pam Simpson, Co-chairs;
-March 7, 2015 (Fee \$25.00)
-Honors Recital – March 8, 2015**

The event was a success. 78 students performed, representing 22 teachers. Thanks to Ardith and her committee for all of their work!!

Guidelines and more info for all Student Activities can be found on the SSMTA website.

OTHER BUSINESS

Performance Medals will be handed out at the April SSMTA meeting.

The Excellence in Music Awards will be given at our April meeting. **Recipients of those awards will be featured at our April meeting.** Applications are due by March 20. Please see the SSMTA website for forms and details. Forms should be submitted to Gloria Ross. Two more individuals are needed to join Gloria in reviewing the applications and determining award recipients.

Teacher Grant/Student Scholarships – Forms are due to Gloria Ross by June 1st.

MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2015 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

Nominating Committee: Our thanks to the following people who have agreed to be nominated (this slate of officers will be voted on at the April SSMTA meeting):

President: **Gloria Ross** (following her year of service as President-Elect)

President-Elect: **Bonnie Kreutz**

Secretary: **Nazila Nekoerad**

Treasurer: **Sheila Hamaker**

1st VP (Programs): **Cathy Motter**

2nd VP (Membership): **Jean Lee-Baker**

3rd VP (Student Activities): **Pam Simpson**

Thanks to our Nominating Committee for all their hard work!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jackie Garner is recuperating from hip replacement surgery. She is doing well.

Sheila Hamaker reported that our website is not up now. We will be moving to a new site. Linda Vogan thanked Sheila for her work on the website.

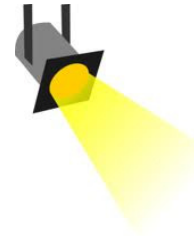
We are looking at options for the location of the **two-piano event**. Please encourage students to attend! We will vote at the next meeting to support the event in the budget for expense in piano moving, etc.

Please check your local newspapers for features on the SSMTA Masterworks Festival.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Moeller, Secretary



SSMTA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Thanks to former SSMTA Public Relations Chair Vera Alder for this excellent idea; our SSMTA newsletter now features a monthly "SSMTA Member Spotlight." This month's SSMTA Member Spotlight features SSMTA member Neal Wegener.

Neal Wegener

Neal writes: I started piano lessons here in Denver with Lorene Sims (who was a member of my parent's young adult Sunday School class at Emmanuel Methodist Church). Little did I know that her daughter, Lori, who I would babysit after my lesson, would become one of the nation's foremost pianists and pedagogues!! I also studied organ with the pastor's son, Ted Loveland. When the Sims family was transferred out of state, I studied with Kay Lund for the remainder of my high school years. My first organist position was at a small Lutheran Church in Lakewood. I was also a charter employee at the "new" Wilson's Restaurant (now White Fence Farm). I began college at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey; and completed my Bachelor of Sacred Music/Theology degree at Phillips University in Oklahoma. I also did additional studies toward a Masters in Sacred Music and M.Div. at TCU in Fort Worth.

Through college, and since, I have served as Director of Music in churches in New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Texas; and currently serve as Director of Music at Christ Church United Methodist in Denver.

I have also served as Vice-President of Membership, and SPA Chair for CSMTA; Vice-President of the Colorado/Wyoming chapter of National Association of Teachers of Singing; and as Convocation Chair for the Denver Chapter of American Guild of Organists.

I currently teach piano in Parker, Colorado, where I keep busy taking care of my 11 pets birds when I'm not teaching!

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE
Tuesday, April 14, 2015

9:00 -- 9:20 a.m.	Board Meeting
9:00 -- 9:30 a.m.	Social Time
9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:30 -- 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 -- 11:45 a.m.	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 APRIL SSMTA MEETING

Our April SSMTA meeting program will feature the recipients of the ***Excellence in Music*** awards. Please join us to hear these wonderful students and to congratulate them on their outstanding accomplishments!

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR APRIL MEETING

Refreshments for our April meeting will be provided by Patty Kershaw, Bonnie Kreutz, and Linda Zhang.

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

