

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

December 2015 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- December 5: SSMTA Student Recital
- December 8: December SSMTA Meeting/Potluck/Holiday Musicale. Arapahoe Road Baptist Church,
780 E. Arapahoe Road
(Please see Meeting Schedule herein)
- December 21: Deadline to enter students in SSMTA Student Achievement Day
- January 12: January SSMTA Meeting
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church,
780 E. Arapahoe Road
- January 23: Deadline to Register for SSMTA Student Recital #3
- February 6: SSMTA Student Recital #3, Skyview Presbyterian Church
- February 27: SSMTA Student Achievement Day
- March 12 - 13: SSMTA Masterworks Festival
- April 2 - 6: MTNA National Conference, San Antonio, TX

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Gloria Ross, President

Dear SSMTA friends,

This truly is the "Most Wonderful Time of the Year!" Busy, bustling, but full of fun, family and friends! Holiday recitals are always so festive, and the students and families get into the spirit! I really enjoy playing through different arrangements of traditional carols and popular holiday songs. Isn't it fun to teach Christmas music to our students? They really enjoy learning music that's not only familiar, but also connected to such a wonderful time of year; and I love it when I find arrangements for my more advanced students that stirs up new excitement!

It's time to sign up your students for Achievement Day! Please check the website for the updated registration form. You may turn it in to Yoko Ashcroft at this month's meeting, or deliver it to **her by December 21st**.

I hope to see many of you at the meeting and the potluck luncheon that follows our Holiday Musicale on December 8th!! If you haven't been to our meeting in a while, please make plans to come celebrate with us on December 8! We miss you!!!

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, 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!

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2015 SSMTA MEETING

The October SSMTA general meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by SSMTA President Gloria Ross.

PROGRAM

Due to the illness of one of our presenters, we did not have our program on Debussy.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sheila Hamaker announced that, as of October 30, 2015, there was a balance of \$5,098.00 in checking, and \$10,086 in savings. We made \$111.00 from last month's SPARKS sale. The Halloween Recital brought in \$630.00.

MEMBERSHIP

New member Sara Macon joined us. Welcome, Sara!!!

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to post an article or announcement in the newsletter, it needs to be submitted to Gloria Ross 10 days before the upcoming meeting. Jean Baker asked members to use our new Google group Gmail account to send messages to the general membership. This will enable us to respond directly to the person writing the email and will be less work for Jean. Our new Gmail address is: ssmtamusicteachers@googlegroups.com

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SSMTA Ensemble Festival

Yoko announced that we had 87 students participating in Ensemble Festival this year. An e-mail will be sent later requesting feedback for the Ensemble Committee.

SSMTA Student Recitals

Future SSMTA Student Recital dates will be December 5, 2015, February 6, 2016, and April 9, 2016. **2016**

SSMTA Achievement Day

Kaye Craig is our Achievement Day Chairperson. We are still looking for an assistant chairperson. It will be held February 27 at the same location as last year. Please encourage your high school students to volunteer for community service points!

The registration deadline is December 21st. Bring your registration to our next meeting or send it to Yoko Ashcroft.

Drop-off for projects is on Friday, February 26th

Michelle Lauritzen will be in charge of projects this year.

2016 SSMTA Masterworks Festival

Masterworks Festival will be held on March 12th, with the Honors Recital on March 13th at Classic Pianos (formerly Onofrio Piano). Cathy Motter is chairing this event. Michelle Lauritzen has volunteered to assist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MTNA has a new policy regarding antitrust laws. One of the ongoing obligations of MTNA under FTC obligations is to provide an antitrust compliance guide to each affiliate to use at its annual meeting: <http://www.mtna.org/media/77169/MTNA%20ANTITRUST%20COMPLIANCE%20GUIDE.pdf>

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Nazila Nekoerad, SSMTA secretary

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE Tuesday, December 8, 2015

9:10 -- 9:30 a.m.	Arrival/Social Time/ Browse SPARKS music
9:30 -- 10:20 a.m.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:20 -- 10:40 a.m.	Break/Browse/Move Upstairs
10:40 -- 11:30 a.m.	December Musicale
11:30	SSMTA Potluck Luncheon



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 DECEMBER SSMTA MEETING

Our December SSMTA meeting program will feature performances by our members for our Holiday Musicale. Please remember to stay and join us after the Musicale for our annual potluck luncheon!

If you have not yet done so, please turn in your Musicale performance title and composer to Cathy Motter

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR DECEMBER MEETING

Because of the December potluck following our program, there will be no refreshments served at the December meeting.

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



Our Condolences

SSMTA wishes to express our heart-felt condolences to two of our SSMTA members, Quetta Augustus-Keenan and Patty Kershaw, who lost their mothers over the past couple of months. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families as they make this difficult life transition.

WISHING YOU

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THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!