

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

March 2014 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- March 11: **March SSMTA Meeting/Program -
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church
780 E. Arapahoe Road (Please see meeting
schedule herein)**
- March 22-26: **MTNA National Conference in Chicago**
- April 2: **Noon-hour piano recital** performed by SSMTA member Dr. Stephen Fiess. **St. Andrew United Methodist Church**, 9203 S. University Blvd., Highlands Ranch. Free admission.
- June 4-6: **CSMTA State Conference, Fort Collins**



ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

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MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Linda Vogan, President

Dear SSMTA Friends,

Do you feel tired? Ready for a break? Having finished up all but one more recital for SSMTA this year, I'm sure many of you are ready to start slowing down. The year always goes so very fast and now all that remains for most of us is our own private studio recitals in the Spring.

I want to thank all the hard workers who have volunteered to make every one of our events so successful this year. I am always amazed at what a "well-oiled machine" SSMTA proves to be each year. Of course, no event is without its glitches, but I am so proud of the excellent professionalism of all of our events. Hats off to all who have helped! I hope everyone can take a little spring break and get some rest.

At the end of the month, I will be attending the MTNA conference in Chicago; and am excited about bringing back a report to you about some of the things I will learn! I hope to see some of you there!

P.S. On a personal note, thanks for the prayers and encouraging words from so many of you after I had to have a "re-do" knee replacement surgery in February (5 weeks after my first one!). I am doing pretty well and will see you on the 11th!

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!*

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Vogan at 9:30 A.M. A warm welcome was extended to visitors.

The minutes of the January 2014 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Gloria Ross, no treasurer's report was received.

VOTE

President Linda Vogan asked that SSMTA vote on whether to increase the amount of money allotted for expenses for an SSMTA representative attending MTNA and CSMTA conferences. Barb Galuzzi made a motion to increase the amount to \$1,500.00. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Madsen. It was noted that the SSMTA President has the first option to attend the conferences, but can select another individual to go in his/her place if the President is unable to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

Vera Alder introduced our new member, Jean Baker. Vera encouraged us to read Jean's bio in the January newsletter.

PROGRAMS

Patty Kershaw announced that our February program will be presented by David Korevaar on the Bach Partitas. Gabriele Dugan will present our March program on teaching techniques for students Ages 4-15.

TEACHING MOMENT

Due to illness, Gloria Ross was unable to attend the meeting and present her *Teaching Moment*.

EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC AWARDS

The Excellence in Music Awards recognition will be at our April 2014 SSMTA meeting this year. The application for the award is due at our March SSMTA meeting.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

PERFORMANCE MEDALS

Performance medal count is due at the March SSMTA meeting.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

2014 SSMTA Student Recital – The final two SSMTA Student Recitals this season will be February 22nd and April 5th

2014 Achievement Day – Kat Wagner gave the Achievement Day Report. She stated that for future events, paperwork needs to be filled out more thoroughly. She also said that the evaluation forms should require more in-depth comments so that the student has better feedback; i.e., just saying "Good job" is not encouraged. She also pointed out that comments should be written down rather than said out loud. She will give a financial report next month. Patty Kershaw asked for feedback on the Performance Class at Achievement Day.

2014 Masterworks Festival – Robin Stewart stated that there are 90 entries and 22 participating teachers in this year's Masterworks Festival.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonnie Kreutz announced that there are scholarships available from the Denver Chapter American Guild of Organists for piano students to study organ during the summer months. Auditions will be in April.

Robin Stewart announced that long-time SSMTA member Roberta Morris is now in an assisted-living care center in Arizona.

Betty Berry from My Music Skool announced that they will be having Teacher Presentations the 3rd Thursday of every month. You can call the store or check online for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Madsen, Secretary

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE
Tuesday, March 11, 2014

9:15 -- 9:30 a.m.	Arrival & looking at SPARKS music
9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:30 -- 10:45 a.m.	Refreshments
10:45	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 SSMTA meeting program is entitled *Teaching Techniques for Students Ages 4-15*, and will be presented by Gabriele Dugan.

Please join us for this excellent and most informative presentation!!

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR MARCH MEETING

Thanks to Marilyn Madsen, Erin Garner, and Kat Wagner who are providing refreshments for our March SSMTA meeting!

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



**SSMTA MEMBER
SPOTLIGHT**

Thanks to 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 one of our newer SSMTA members, Betty Berry.

Betty Berry

Many of you are familiar to me, and so I am pleased to join SSMTA! Thank you all for welcoming me!

Although my music degree is a Bachelor's in vocal performance from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, I have taught piano for many years (that helped me when I was hired to be the piano specialist at D.J.'s Music Box, and then the buyer of print music). I have spent over 15 years in retail and continue to do so, along with teaching music theory, voice and piano as a traveling teacher.

I am now affiliated with the store of *My Music Skool Denver* and invite you to utilize a local business for your music needs. We are able to provide a pick-up service at *My Music Skool Southglenn*, so email us an order (dv@mymusicskool.com) and save on the longer trip to the Denver location. We'd love to see you if you want to browse, too!

Outside of music commitments, my hobbies include travel, photography, *Healing Touch for Animals*, *Freestyle Dance for Canines*, Line Dance, and two lunch clubs (fun and food to balance the serious side of life – that's for me).