

## SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

March 2016 Newsletter

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### CALENDAR

- March 8: **March SSMTA Meeting;**  
**Arapahoe Road Baptist Church,**  
**780 E. Arapahoe Road**
- March 12: **SSMTA Masterworks Festival; Christ Lutheran Church, 8897 S. Broadway, Highlands Ranch, 80129 (Please note new location)**
- March 13: **SSMTA Masterworks Festival Honors Recitals;**  
**Skyview Presbyterian Church**
- March 15: **Applications due for *Excellence in Music Awards***  
**Forms due for *SSMTA Performance Medals***
- March 26: **Deadline to Register for *SSMTA Student Recital #4***
- April 2 - 6: **MTNA National Conference, San Antonio, TX**
- April 9: **SSMTA Student Recital #4**
- 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!*

### MEASURE FOR MEASURE

*from Gloria Ross, President*

Many thanks to Kaye Craig and to all the Achievement Day chairs for putting on a wonderful event for our students. Thank you also to every teacher who entered students and did such a fine job of evaluating and covering all of the other areas. Special thanks to Barb Galuzzi for the wonderful lunch she prepared for us. We'll spend a little time at the meeting hearing comments, so if you have any personal observations or comments to pass on from students or parents, please share them with us.

At the meeting, we'll also be discussing implementing a fee for non-members to participate in our events. To maintain our 501(c) (3) status, we are required to be open to the community; however, since our members pay substantial dues, we are within our rights to charge a non-member fee to compensate. Ardith gave us background information at the February meeting, so we'll use that to begin the conversation. Based on another local group's policy, she proposed the following: Non-member teachers (non MTNA/CSMTA [or non-SSMTA]) will pay \$25 per events per event to enter students in SSMTA student activities. Their students will pay one and one-half times the SSMTA student entry fee. They must contact the event chair for instructions and guidelines and will be required to work during the event.

**REMINDER: Bring your requests for Performance Medals and Applications for Excellence in Music Awards to the meeting or mail them to Bonnie Kreutz, so she receives them by March 15.**

## 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 FEBRUARY 9, 2016 SSMTA MEETING

The February SSMTA general meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by SSMTA President Gloria Ross.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Sheila announced a balance of \$8,996.00 in checking (\$3,880 of which is from Achievement Day), and \$10,091.00 in our CD.

### MEMBERSHIP

We had no new members this month. Those who had previously reported that they were not receiving the newsletter and others emails indicated that they **are** now receiving them.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

#### 2016 SSMTA Achievement Day:

Please drop off your projects on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Clean-up will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

#### Non-Member Participation in SSMTA Events:

Ardith Sloan gave us updated information and rules about CSMTA Student Activities. We will consider voting about how much we will ask non-members to pay next year in order to participate in our SSMTA events

#### SSMTA Student Recitals:

April 9, 2016 will be the last SSMTA student recital for the 2015-2016 season. **The deadline to submit entries for our last recital is March 26.** Please send forms and checks to Nicole Bullock. Please check the SSMTA website for forms and deadlines.

#### 2016 SSMTA Masterworks Festival:

Auditions will be held Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at Christ Lutheran Church in Highlands Ranch. The Honors Recital will be held March 13<sup>th</sup> at Skyview Presbyterian Church in Centennial.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Nazila Nekoerad. Secretary

**SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

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
10:40 -- 11:40 a.m.	Educational 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**

*Bonnie Kreutz will present the **Teaching Moment** at this month's meeting! THANKS, Bonnie!!!*

*Our March SSMTA program will be presented by Patricia Chen and is entitled "**Schumann: Album for the Young as an Introduction to playing Scenes from Childhood.**"*

*Please plan to join us for this excellent and informative program!*

**REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR MARCH MEETING**

*Refreshments for our March meeting are being provided by Bryan Rice, Michelle Lauritzen, and Patty Kershaw.*

*Ongoing thanks to Barb Galuzzi for taking charge of hospitality at all our meetings and student events!*

