

Notes From the President



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May finds me looking back over our past ten months and seeing what a fantastic GCMTA year it has been!! Congratulations to each of you who have served! As an organization we do superb quality work!

Yes, GCMTA is strong and well because of the many good members who volunteer to make our events and committees run smoothly and effectively. We are very student-oriented and also encourage each other well. Some things we did this year are:

--We went green (paperless) with our handbook & registrations for events plus have a password protected website.

--We ran three National Federated Festivals where we awarded \$3200 in scholarship monies to further music education for 12 winning students.

-- We had a Jr/Sr Scholarship which awarded \$2000 to 4 winners

--GCMTA had Music Day in the Fall and awarded approximately another \$1500 to over 40

winners.

--GCMTA met every month for teacher education, master classes and clinics on various teaching topics

-- We encouraged each other in sharing teaching tips at the December and May meetings, as well as, in the monthly newsletter.

--We added a new event this year called Ensemble Extravaganza which encouraged ensemble piano; students once again received small cash prizes.

--We had a Performance Day (students/teachers) at Fry's who allowed us to use their Steinway grand in December for a fundraiser.

-- We nurtured new members by mentoring them and encouraging them to take roles of leadership.

--We participated in GMTA auditions, as well as, had members who took GMTA leadership roles.

--GCMTA started a Teacher of the Year Award to honor a good teacher within our ranks -to be announced and presented at our

May meeting!

--We introduced a procedural manual to ensure that our organization remains well-run

** Lots and lots of good people in GCMTA have worked together in many differing areas to create a wonderfully running GCMTA machine! But the thing I like the best about GCMTA is that members are good to each other. We show respect and work together with the common bond of friendship, not just as fellow music teachers! I am really proud to be a member and ever so grateful for a team of nice people to work with. Thank you to each of you- every single one who has helped, paid, worked, listened, wrote, organized and/or donated! Blessings to all in GCMTA for a good summer! See you in August!

-Deb Hughes

May Luncheon – Surprises, Swaps and Summer ideas!

Join us Wednesday, May 14 at 10:00 at Brightwater Clubhouse, 1420 Water Shine Way, Snellville, GA 30078 for a brief business meeting followed by our Spring Luncheon and the announcement of our first annual **GCMTA Teacher of the Year**. Be a part of this celebration as we honor a very special member! Lunch will be catered by Sweet Tomatoes for \$12 per person and will include 2 Tossed salads, 2 Signature salads, baked potato bar, assorted muffins, chocolate chip cookies and drinks. Checks are due by May 7, and should be mailed to Mary Ann McTier, 1955 Shrader Ct., Lawrenceville, Ga 30044.

Music Swap – Gather those music books and CDs that you haven't used in years and bring them to the May Luncheon. Like

the quote, "One man's trash is another man's treasure", music that may have outlived its life in one studio, could be a gem in someone else's. The primary intent here is a music swap, but, if you have an item you wish to sell, put a sticker on it with your name and the price so someone can pay you for it. This will be a great opportunity to do a little "spring cleaning" of our music shelves as well as gain some new tunes for our studios.

Summer teaching ideas – studio music or composer camps, private or partner lessons, duets with other teachers, personal reading/music study, etc.... Bring ideas to share with your colleagues regarding summer income strategies and professional development opportunities. We can benefit from one another's

experiences as we seek to strengthen our studios and ourselves during this more relaxed season of the year. We look forward to seeing you on May 14 as we celebrate a great 2013-2014 year in GCMTA!



GMTA Auditions

Gwinnett County was well represented at Region I Auditions. Winners in Pre-College Piano Auditions (Grades 4-11) advancing to State were:



Catherine Gemmell, 4th grade, student of Jean Mann
 Daniel Kim, 4th grade, student of Jean Mann
 Grace Peng, 4th grade, student of Elena Cholakova
 Hannah Huang, 5th grade, student of Elena Cholakova
 Dmitry Kozhanov, 5th grade, student of Lusia Glagoleva
 Kelly Luo, 5th grade, student of Aza Boguslavskiy
 Jason Guo, 6th grade, student of Elena Cholakova
 Jinsun Kim, 6th grade, student of Jean Mann
 Ken Wong, 7th grade, student of Yumi Patterson
 Matthew Kim, 8th grade, student of Mijung Kim
 Felicia Guo, 9th grade, student of Elena Cholakova
 Eric Park, 9th grade, student of Jean Mann
 Sherry Luo, 10th grade, student of Aza Boguslavskiy
 David Zhao, 10th grade, student of Elena Cholakova
 Laboni Hoque, 11th grade, student of Jean Mann

Submitted by Cathy Thacker, GMTA Region I Coordinator

GMTA Piano State Auditions Results, GCMTA Students

April 26, 2014 at UGA

Congratulations, Students and Teachers!

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
4 th grade	2 nd Alternate AE	Grace Peng Catherine Gemmell	Elena Cholakova Jean Mann
5 th grade	AE	Hanna Huang	Elena Cholakova
7 th grade	HM	Ken Wong	Yumi Patterson
8 th grade	AE	Mathew Kim	Mijung Kim
9 th grade	Master Class #2 1 st Alternate	Eric Park Felicia Guo	Jean Mann Elena Cholakova
10 th grade	HM	David Zhao	Elena Cholakova
11 th grade	HM	Laboni Hoque	Jean Mann
12 th grade	AE AE AE AE	Angela Park Cindy Gu Michael Wang Shawn Wong	Jean Mann Elena Cholakova Elena Cholakova Yumi Patterson

(AE: Award of Excellence, HM: Honorable Mention)



Junior-Senior Scholarship

The Junior-Senior Scholarship Competition took place at PianoWorks on Saturday, March 15, 2014. Many thanks to PianoWorks, the Jr./Sr. Scholarship Committee, and, of course, the participating students and their teachers for making this year's open auditions a success! We had twelve entrants, and the winners are:

- \$800—1st Place—Jerry Chambers, piano
Student of Yumi Patterson
- \$600—2nd place—Shawn Wong, piano
Student of Yumi Patterson
- \$400—3rd place—Kiumberly Simpson, piano
Student of Debbie Brady
- \$200—4th place—McKenna Brandenburg, voice
Student of Debbie Murphy
- Honorable Mention—Samantha Rodriguez, voice
tudent of Debra Hughes
- Honorable Mention—Alyssa Ivon, voice
Student of Debbie Murphy



Ensemble Extravaganza



Fifty students participated in GCMTA's first Ensemble Extravaganza Concert on May 3, 2014 at Johns Creek Baptist Church with mostly duets, some trios and a quartet too! First place winners received cash awards while every student in attendance received a Certificate of participation and some kind of free Chick-fil-a item! Thanks to Ruth Mantooth for chairing this event. The theme was fun! There was a lot of good music shared by the students along with some surprise activities for the audience. Six teachers entered students: Pam Asberry, Mary M. Dekkers, Debra Hughes, Ruth Mantooth, Nora Martin and Linda Walker, We will look forward to holding this event again next year. We will need input from the teachers about how to make it even better and more appealing for more teachers to be involved.

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Newsletter

The next newsletter will be coming out in August. If you would like information to go in the newsletter please send it to gcmtamail@gmail.com by August 1. Please send information in Word Document format.

Thank you,

- *Natalie Hardy*

Odds & Ends

Please make sure to renew your MTNA/GMTA/GCMTA membership by June 30, 2014. You can do so online at mtna.org or through regular mail. Renewing by the June 30 deadline ensures that you will not have to pay the additional \$25 teacher fee for GCMTA events throughout the year.

Senior Certificates are available. Deb Hughes will have them at the May meeting. If you need them sooner please contact her so arrangements can be made for you to get them.

There is a correction to the March newsletter: Two of the names listed under Festival vocal winners are incorrect. The correct information is:

McKenna Brandenburg
Olivia Greenburg

Music Day 2014 has been scheduled for November 15, 2014

