
CAMTA Newsletter

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Capital Area Music Teachers Association

Dear Colleagues,

It's hard to believe this is my final letter for my term as President! It has been a pleasure to serve our association and I thank all of you who have come to my aid when I needed help. I would particularly like to thank those who have served on the executive board over the course of the past four years: Amber Redoutey, Dianne Klinger, Kim Huston, Kathy Richardson, Penny Draper, Gerardo Ascheri, Deb Pajtas, Stuart Foster and Miho Segal. Their input has been invaluable.

I hope you were able to attend some of the events hosted by the Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit last week. On behalf of the Keel Family and the Scholarship Committee, I would like to thank the MSU Piano Faculty, Jim Forger, the Wharton Center staff and Wilbur Miller for providing our Keel Competition Winners the opportunity to perform at the Wharton Center on Sunday, May 3rd. We greatly appreciate all their effort behind the scenes.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th, 9:30 AM, at Plymouth Congregational Church. During the business meeting we will present the Teacher of the Year Award and Incentive Awards. The program will feature CAMTA members in recital. Immediately following the recital we will go to Champ's Restaurant in the Eastwood Town Center for our end-of-year luncheon. I encourage all of you to invite a guest not only to the meeting but to our luncheon as well. This could be a good opportunity to reach out to fellow teachers that are not currently involved in CAMTA. If you have not contacted me regarding a reservation for lunch, please do so by Friday, May 6th.

I hope to see you at our meeting next week!

Sincerely,
Tara Kollar
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERTS:

The Renaissance Singers
Concert: A Festival of Early Music
Date: Sunday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Place: Unitarian Universalist Church
855 Grove St., East Lansing
No Admission Charge

(The program includes secular choral music, and instrumental music for recorders. The singers perform in replicas of period dress. (Director: Penny Draper)

The Earl Nelson Singers directed by Verna D. Holley will be in concert on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 3800 W. Miller Road at S. Waverly Road. The theme is "Zion Still Sings" and will include hymn singing by the audience and the Ensemble.

Clavier Companion Renewal Time

It's Clavier Companion subscription time! As some of you may know, Clavier and Keyboard Companion merged and has now become Clavier Companion. Many of you have been taking advantage of group subscription rates for this magazine. It is also possible to start a subscription if you have not received this magazine in the past. The cost is **\$20.00 for a year**. Checks should be made out to Katherine Richardson and I will send in one big check. **The deadline for signing up is the next meeting, May 12.** If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to be part of this group subscription, send a check, payable to Katherine Richardson, to: 2166 Butternut Dr., Okemos, MI 48864. If you are new, I also need your address. The magazine will come directly to your house. Questions? Call Kathy Richardson at 347-7368 or e-mail me at kerichardson@comcast.net. If you have been receiving this magazine through the group subscription and do not want to continue, please let me know and I will remove your name from the list.

Summer workshop:

Suzuki Piano Book 1 Teacher Training will be June 16-23, 2009 at Blue Lake Camp near Muskegon. Contact Pat Smith for information. #349-1230

CAMTA Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2009
Plymouth Congregational Church

The meeting was called to order by President Tara Kollar. She introduced guests Melanie Seal and her baby son Brody. Mary Jane Miller brought her grandson Aaron with her to the meeting.

Kathy Richardson made a motion to approve minutes of the March meeting. Delaine Counseller seconded the motion. Minutes approved as printed in the CAMTA newsletter.

Tara reminded teachers to pick up their SAT trophies and check the table by the door for announcements. The May 12 meeting will be the Teacher Recital/Luncheon. Reservations are due to tarakollar@comcast.net by May 5. The meeting will be open to guests as a means of outreach. Invite a friend. Luncheon will be at Champps at the Eastwood Towne Center.

Tara gave the Treasurer's Report in Amber Redoutey's absence. Amber has a new baby girl, Abigail Grace Redoutey - Born April 4, 2009, 4:37 p.m. - 10 lbs, 1 oz. and 21" long. Congratulations!

The account balances are checking \$4,026.94 and savings \$3,277.17. The used music sale at SAT made a profit of \$170.82. Please get all your SAT receipts to Amber as soon as possible. Amber plans to be at the May meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Kim Huston requests information for the May newsletter by May 3.

Wilbur Miller of the Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit announced the special events coming up during Celebrate the Piano Week and asked that teachers make reservations so seating may be arranged. Everyone planning to attend the Monster Piano Concert at Wharton Center on May 3 is reminded to arrive by 2 p.m. to hear the Keel Competition Winners open the program

Marie Black would like to host an at home meeting in the fall on duo-piano literature.

The next board meeting will be May 5, 9:30 a.m. at Okemos Schuler's Cafe.

Tara thanked Beverly Brouwer for her publicity efforts this year.

Tara is planning to e-mail an end-of-the-year survey to teachers to be turned in at the May meeting. The surveys will be helpful for the incoming vice president when making decisions about programs for the coming year.

Penny Draper announced the date of the MMTA Conference - October 11-13, 2009, in Bay City at a hotel on the river. Jane McGrath will be speaking on technic; Peter Takacs of Oberlin will be the featured artist.

Kathy Richardson is taking orders for group subscriptions to *Clavier Companion*. The cost is \$20 per year and the magazine will be delivered to your own address. She will have information included in the May newsletter.

Gerardo Ascheri recently was awarded the MYAF Distinguished Service Award from MMTA.

Suzanne Ambrose from Bay Area Music Teachers Association gave an interesting presentation on "The Life, Music and Teaching Method of Frederic Chopin." The program concluded with Suzanne performing several Chopin pieces.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianne Klinger
Recording Secretary