
CAMTA Newsletter

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Capital Area Music Teachers Association

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Dear CAMTA Members,

I hope you've had an enjoyable summer and are ready to return to your teaching routine with energy and excitement for a new year! I would like to encourage each of you to bring a piano teacher who is not a member of CAMTA to our **first meeting on September 9th, 9:30 AM at Plymouth Congregational Church.** We will be giving an introductory presentation on opportunities available through CAMTA. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit different "booths" featuring Student Achievement Testing, State Certification, Scholarship Competition, At-Home Circles, etc. Our own members who chair these events or features will be available to give a summary of the activity and answer questions.

In addition, we have **an important item to discuss and vote on at our September meeting.** The Executive Board will be proposing a new guideline for the Scholarship Competition. The board is suggesting that in order to enter a student in the 2009 Competition, the representative teacher needs to demonstrate active attendance at monthly meetings prior to the competition application deadline. He/she must attend a minimum of two meetings from Sept. 9, 2008 up to and including January 13, 2009. Beginning with the 2010 Competition, teachers entering students must attend a minimum of three meetings from Feb. 10, 2009 up to and including Jan. 12, 2010.

As you will see in the list of officers below, **the Vice President position is still vacant.** Please give some consideration to this office. It's really not a difficult job! The main duty of the Vice President is keeping in contact via email with the guest speakers, obtaining their biography, submitting that information to Kim Huston for the newsletter, and introducing the guest speakers at the meetings. I would be extremely grateful (and relieved!) if someone would step forward for this office.

Just a reminder, the **advance registration deadline for the State Conference is September 20th.** It will be held Oct. 12-14th at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. The registration form and schedule of events are available on our state website: www.michiganmusicteachers.org you will definitely want to make your reservations at the hotel soon – they tend to fill up quickly! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again next week.

Sincerely, Tara Kollar
President

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CAMTA CALENDAR, fall 2008- Spring 2009

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 9, 2008 **CAMTA Meeting: *Opportunities available through CAMTA***
CAMTA panel: SAT test/
Scholarship competition/ Certification/ etc.
9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational
Church

Sept. 20 **Advance registration for MMTA state conference due.**
Contact: Adrienne Wiley: Wiley1ae@cmich.edu
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OCTOBER

Oct. 7 **CAMTA Meeting: *Developing Sensitivity and Style***
Mary Siciliano

9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational
Church

Oct. 12-14th **MMTA state Conference, Southfield, MI.**

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1st **SAT dues deadline date.**
Nov. 11 **CAMTA Meeting: *Masterclass Presenting New Literature***
Sheri Iott

DECEMBER (No CAMTA meeting in December)

JANUARY

Jan. 13th 2009 **CAMTA Meeting:** *Transition Into Intermediate Literature*
Gerardo Ascheri

9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church

FEBRUARY

Feb. 10th **CAMTA Meeting:** *Strategies for Success: Music Lessons for People with Special Needs*

Cindy Edgerton from MSU/CMS

9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church

Feb. 28 **Eileen Keel Sonatina/Sonata Competition**

MSU Community Music School

MARCH

March 10th **CAMTA Meeting:** *Group Class Activities*

Barbara Collins

9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church

March 14th Local SAT (Student Achievement Testing) Piano

MSU Music Building and Practice Building

APRIL

April 14 **CAMTA Meeting:** *Chopin*

Suzanne Ambrose

9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church

MAY

May 12 **CAMTA Meeting:** *CAMTA Scholarship Winners Recital*

9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church

Luncheon following recital (location TBA)

CAMTA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fall: Sept. newsletter,08

Two students of Marie Bruey presented a Young Artist Concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church recently. The Ronald Fracker Endowment Fund made the concert possible. Kaitlyn and Alysa Hoffman presented piano works of classical composers, saxophone solos, hymns, and a vocal duet.

Kaitlyn will be a new member of the MSU Marching Band this fall, and Alysa will be a sophomore at Jackson High School. Both have earned many superiors and trophies in piano solo, hymn playing, concerto, and theory at the National Federation of Music Clubs Festival.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Bruey

Summer Workshop Held

The CAMTA/MSU Summer Workshop was held on July 31st at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos. We have heard many positive comments regarding the workshop and are thankful for the many people who helped to make it a success. We would like to thank our committee for their work: Penny Draper, Elaine Yanz, Delaine Counseller, and Amber Redoutey from CAMTA; and Derek Polischuk, Deborah Moriarty and James Forger from MSU. We want to especially thank Derek Polischuk for his presentation, his performance and for arranging for our wonderful speaker, Dennis Thurmond. We would also like to thank the Presbyterian Church of Okemos for their hospitality and help in making this event a success. Also, we'd like to thank Jim Reeder and David Kollar for their work in delivering and preparing the 9' grand for the workshop. As you can see, it took many people to make this day possible. We are grateful to all those who were involved.

Gail Lytle-Lira and Kathy Richardson, co-chairs

CAMTA BUDGET

	2007-08 Proposed	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Proposed
REVENUE			
Starting Balance	\$4,421.18	\$4,421.18	\$4,146.56
CAMTA Yearbook	775.00	500.00	500.00
Competition	1000.00	1005.00	1,000.00
Dues: '07-08	800.00	780.00	-----
Dues: '08-09	1200.00	840.00	850.00
Dues: '09-10	-----	-----	800.00
MMTA Grant	-----	-----	-----
MTNA Grants	-----	-----	-----
Interest	786.00	859.47	800.00
SAT	3800.00	3446.00	3400.00
Scholarship	250.00	268.87	250.00
Semi-Finals	750.00	820.00	800.00
Summer Workshop	-----	<u>877.32</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$13,782.18	\$13,817.84	\$14,046.56
 EXPENSES			
Arts Council	50.00	50.00	50.00
CAMTA:	945.00	479.44	822.00
Software	150.00	0.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	100.00
Newsletter/stamps	55.00	25.70	30.00
Office supplies	100.00	58.57	100.00
Post Box rental	40.00	42.00	42.00
Procedure manual	-----	-----	-----
Yearbook	500.00	353.17	400.00
Community Outreach	250.00	-----	150.00
Competition	1000.00	1084.15	1000.00
Grant (matching)	-----	-----	-----
Library	100.00	32.10	50.00
MMTA Convention (for president)	250.00	250.00	300.00
MTNA Foundation (Eileen Keel Fellow)	100.00	1000.00	100.00
Programs	1500.00	1281.70	1600.00
SAT	3400.00	3168.02	3200.00
Scholarship awards	1700.00	1957.41	1730.00
Awards		1650.00	
1700.00			
Shelly Keel – Receive Fellow at Convention		268.35	-----
Music Sale		39.06	30.00
Semi-Finals	750.00	820.00	800.00
State of Michigan	20.00	20.00	20.00
Summer Workshop	-----	460.62	1500.00
Balance in Reserve	<u>3717.18</u>	<u>3214.40</u>	<u>2,724.56</u>
TOTAL:	\$13,782.18	\$13,817.84	\$14,046.56

CAMTA MEETING
May 13, 2008
Plymouth Congregational Church

The meeting was called to order by President Tara Kollar who also introduced visitors Susan Froman and Megan Nyquist. They were referred to Kathy Richardson who is the membership chair. **Gerardo Ascheri made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting.** Marie Black seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as printed in the May newsletter.

Vice President Miho Segal said there is room for 20 at today's luncheon, so those who didn't RSVP may join the group at Champ's in Eastwood Towne Center. **Preludes will continue to be played by CAMTA members prior to each regular monthly meeting** in the coming year, so be thinking about signing up to perform.

All updates for the CAMTA yearbook need to be e-mailed to Gerardo by July 1. Any information to be included in the calendar, such as dates/locations for events, should be sent along with all corrections in teacher information.

Treasurer Amber Redoutey gave the savings balance as \$2,593.82 and checking \$3,394.38. **The SAT profit currently is \$400.87.** The amount remaining after all expenses are paid will be added to the Scholarship Fund at the end of June. **Amber brought SAT trophies.** Anyone who didn't get his/her trophies should contact Amber. **She also reminded members that any CAMTA copies might be charged to the CAMTA account at all Kinko's.** They offer a discount and will send the bill to Amber.

Corresponding Secretary Kim Huston will be hosting a potluck lunch at her home on June 10, at 11 a.m. The Executive Board and all chairpersons are invited to join the lunch. Directions to Kim's home will be e-mailed shortly. The purpose of the meeting is to brainstorm for next year's programs.

Kathy distributed brochures for the upcoming Summer Workshop to be held July 31, at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos. Dennis Thurmond and Derek Polischuk are the clinicians. Kathy has extra brochures for distribution and all MMTA teachers will receive workshop brochures.

Tara acknowledged the work Deb Pajtas and Elaine Yanz have done this year. Carla Coonan is moving out of state and Char Williams will be taking over as chair of the Finance Committee. Miho is moving to Massachusetts for one year and the vice president position is still open.

Three incentive awards were presented this year, one to Marie Black's student Abby York. Amber's students, brothers Matthew and Timothy White, each received an award. **Elaine Yanz presented the Teacher of the Year award to Kathy Richardson** in acknowledgment for all her involvement and work for CAMTA. **Tara received flowers as a thank you from CAMTA** for her work and dedication as President.

There followed an enjoyable recital by student winners of the Eileen Keel Competition. **Meeting Adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianne Klinger, Corresponding Secretary