

GCMTA NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Lois Simon

Simon Says

I trust you all had a summer of renewal and are ready to start another school year. Thanks to all the teachers who agreed to take over new responsibilities with GCMTA and thank you as well to those teachers who agreed to continue in previous positions. It is you who make all our programs and activities a possibility. Many of these officers and chairmen already have been busily preparing for upcoming GCMTA events.

Please support these people as they prepare, and assist them as you are able. We are still looking for a Website Chairman, since that job has not been filled. If you are a "computer savvy" individual, we need you! Please contact me if you might be able to fill this position.

Be sure to attend our first meeting at Lawrenceville Church of God on September 26 at 9:30 a.m.



Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board and all committee chairs will meet on Wednesday, August 22, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the home of Lois Simon. Be prepared to report your progress and plans for upcoming events.

Directions from Lawrenceville

From S Clayton St SW (north) (0.3 mi)
Turn LEFT onto W Pike St (2.2 mi)
Turn RIGHT onto Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd (3 mi)
Turn LEFT onto Dean Rd (1 mi)
Turn LEFT onto White Birch Way (0.2 mi)
Turn RIGHT onto Birch Hollow Trail (0.3 mi)
Arrive at 2117 Birch Hollow Trail

Directions from I-85 (north or south)

Take exit 109
Turn (east) onto Old Peachtree Rd - the Q-Trip side of the interstate (.9 mi)
Turn RIGHT onto Dean Rd (0.4 mi)
Turn RIGHT onto White Birch Way (0.2 mi)
Turn RIGHT onto Birch Hollow Trail (0.3 mi)
Arrive at 2117 Birch Hollow Trail

Directions from Snellville

From US-78
Turn RIGHT onto SR-124 / Scenic Hwy (4.3 mi)
Turn LEFT onto Sugarloaf Pkwy (7.1 mi)
Turn RIGHT onto N Brown Rd (1.4 mi)
Turn RIGHT onto Old Peachtree Rd (0.3 mi)
Turn RIGHT onto Dean Rd (0.4 mi)
Turn RIGHT onto White Birch Way (0.2 mi)
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GMTA Newsletter Now Online

The GMTA Executive Board voted in April 2007 to go to an online newsletter format. Notification of the Premiere Issue went out to the GMTA membership in mid-June. The online newsletter is posted on the GMTA web site www.ga-mta.org and may be read online and/or downloaded and printed. For those who wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please contact Donna Trivette, GMTA Executive Director, at donnatrivette@bellsouth.net or 770-237-8258. Hard copy versions are printed in black and white and folded in half. GMTA will continue to print hard copy versions by request for the next year.

GCMTA Newsletter Deadlines

The deadline for submitting information for publication in our newsletter is the 1st of each month. Please contact Melissa Gann with the necessary information. Telephone: (770) 963-9085 E-mail: melissagann@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendar

September 26 - Deadline for Federated Festival Junior and Senior Club Dues

February 9 - Festival date for North, Central, and West Federated Festivals

Programs for GCMTA Meetings 2007- 2008

Janet Will, Program Chairman

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday and with the exceptions in October, January and May, at the Lawrenceville Church of God, 329 Clayton Street (Grayson Hwy), Lawrenceville, Ga. 30045. Meetings begin with refreshments at 9:30 a.m., a brief business meeting at 9:45, followed by the program. We conclude around 11:30.

Please note: The October meeting may be held at Piano Works in Duluth, and the January meeting will be at the home of Bonnie Bowen.

Program Topics

September 26	<u>Nuts and Bolts to Jump Start Fall Teaching</u> Jeannine Morrison (NCTM) *
October 24	<u>Presentation of Literature for Ensemble Concert 2008</u> Piano Ensemble Committee
November 28	<u>Preparing HS Students for College Music</u> Dr. Dawn McCord (University of West Ga.)
January 23	<u>Annual Brunch – We Do It! Sharing – Recitals</u> At the home of Bonnie Bowen
February 27	<u>Piano Master Class</u> Lois Finlay (NCTM)
March 26	<u>Teacher Certification</u> Robin Engleman (NCTM)
May 28	<u>Spring Luncheon</u> Location to be Announced



*Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM)



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2007-2008 GCMTA Officers and Committee members

President	Lois Simon	GCMTA Festival	Susan Andrews (Coordinator)
President – Elect	Janet Will		Marion Compton
Secretary	Tina Darden		Lisa Bassett
Treasurer	Cathy Thacker		
Advisor	Yumi Patterson	GMTA Auditions	Jean Mann
Certification	Robin Engleman		Stephanie Freeman
Programs	Janet Will	GMTA Theory	Robin Whitworth
Yearbook	Lisa Gaal	Hospitality	Mary Marshall Dekkers
Ensemble Concert	Pam Asberry	Website Committee	
	Nora Martin	Jr/Sr Scholarship	Tim Wheeler
Federated Festivals		Membership	Bonnie Bowen
Central	Mary Ann McTier	MTNA Foundation	Susan Andrews
	Harriet Woodward	GMTA Awards	Susan Andrews
North	Judy Harper	Newsletter	
	Ping Xu	Design/Edit	Melissa Gann
West	Tiffany White	Newsletter Print/Mail	Diana Opolka
	Debra Hughes	Placement	Mary Lee Pennington

NFMC JR/SR DUES

Deadline for payment of Dues: Sept. 26, 2007

No late fees will be accepted!

Federation District (circle one) North Central West
 Teacher's Name _____ Phone _____
 Teacher's Address _____

Jr. Dues \$1.50 per student - Adult & Teacher dues are \$4.00 each

	Piano	Strings	Voice	Flute	Theory	Total
Number of Jr. students x \$1.50 ea.						\$
Number of Adult students x \$4.00 ea.						\$
Teacher Fee						\$ 4.00
<i>Junior Keynotes Magazine</i> subscription (req'd)						\$ 5.00
Check made to GCMTA for total fees:						\$

If you are entering Adult students, please include the following information:

Adult Student's Name	Address	Phone #
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
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Please pay your Jr dues to your area chairman. The following is a list of last year's NFMC membership by district:

Judy Harper, Chairman North District, 770-476-3950, 3014 Seagull Drive, Duluth, GA 30096

Those who should send dues to Judy are: Alicia Chandler, Marge Engle, Robin Engleman, Stephanie Freeman, Lisa Gaal, Rwei Hao, Elva Johnson, Jennifer Lee, Pam Moody, Nancy Morris, Mary Parsons, Baunita Rose, Terri Schroader, Amy Weaver, Dianne Wolfgang, Janice Wong, and Ping Xu
North District Festival: Saturday, February 9 at Duluth First Baptist Church

Mary Ann McTier, Co-Chairman Central District, 770-736-4643, 1955 Shrader Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Harriet Woodward, Co-Chairman, 770-982-0808, 728 Barongate Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Those who should send dues to Mary Ann or Harriet are: Pamela Asberry, Insun Baik, Bonnie Bowen, Deborah Brady, Marion Compton, Melissa Gann, Natalie Hardy, Crystal Kim, Jean Mann, Nora Martin, Jacquelyn Miller, Michelle Peck, Mary Lee Pennington, Maisy Pritchard, Graham Purkerson, David Reesman, Lois Simon, and Tim Wheeler
Central District Festival: Saturday, February 9 at Snellville First Baptist Church

Tiffany White, Co-Chairman West District, 770-856-7714, 1065 Seaboard Avenue, Apt. 16, Atlanta, GA 30307

Debra Hughes, Co-Chairman West District, 770-978-9680, 2937 Moorings Pkwy, Snellville, GA 30039

Those who should send dues to Tiffany or Debra are: Susan Andrews, Kathy Beers, Tina Darden, Mary M. Dekkers, Jill Kook, Jenny McCormick, Darlene Mehring, Carole Mitchell, Yumi Patterson, Marcia Rygh, Lois Sivert, Louise Storey, Betty Jo Sutherland, Catherine Thacker, Robin Whitworth, and Janet Will.
West Gwinnett Festival: Saturday, February 9 at Smoke Rise Baptist Church