



# GCMTA Newsletter

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## 2006 Calendar

### JANUARY

- 7 Federated Festival Application Deadline
- 25 GCMTA Meeting and Brunch  
at Bonnie Bowen's home
- 25 GMTA Local Auditions Application Deadline
- 25 Ensemble Music available for teacher pick-up

### FEBRUARY

- 11 North Gwinnett Federated Festival
- 11 West Gwinnett Federated Festival
- 18 Central Gwinnett Federated Festival
- 22 GCMTA Meeting
- 25 Jr/Sr Scholarship Deadline

### MARCH

- 18 GCMTA Local Auditions
- 18 Ensemble Rehearsals start (3/18-4/29)
- 22 GCMTA Meeting
- 25 Jr/Sr Scholarship Auditions
- 25-30 MTNA National Conference in Austin, TX

## GCMTA Website

Don't forget our website is now available! The address is [www.GCMTA.org](http://www.GCMTA.org). User's name and password is: teacher.

On the website, you can learn **About** the GCMTA, **Meetings** and dates, contact information for our **Officers**, who heads up each of our committees, **Treasury Notes**, organizations who are **Affiliates** of the GCMTA, and you can read or download a previous GCMTA **Newsletter**. It is a valuable resource for all of us.

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## Newsletter Deadlines

All news is due the **FIRST** of each month.

Please notify **Debbie Largent** with all information.

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Cumming, GA 30041

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# GCMTA NEWSNOTES

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From the desk of Yumi Patterson

## The Patterson Report

**Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday and is ready for 2006.**

With GCMTA we are about to start a very busy season. We will start with everyone's favorite event, January brunch at Bonnie's home. The Federated Festivals with three districts are in February. March will be a busy month with GCMTA Local Auditions, JR/SR scholarship auditions and MTNA National Conference. Ensemble Festival rehearsals will also start in March and the concert will be in April.

Please check the deadlines and rules carefully for these exciting events in the yearbook and be cooperative to the chairman and his/her committee so that you and your students can have a positive experience. These chairmen have been working very hard for a long time. We all should support them!

### Bravo!

The GCMTA festival in November was great! A big thanks goes to Robin Engleman, Susan Adrews and their committee for such a successful event.



## January 25th Deadline!

## GCMTA Auditions Reminder

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2006  
 Place: Atlanta Institute of Music, Norcross  
 Deadline: Delivered by January 25, 2006  
 Send to: Stephanie Freeman  
 4047 Haverford Court  
 Duluth, GA 30096.  
 Entry fee: \$20.00  
 Application form: GMTA (State) Yearbook, page 54

Please refer to GCMTA Yearbook for all rules.

For more information, contact:

Jean Mann: 770.932.5185,

Stephanie Freeman: 770.623.9622

Bonnie Bowen: 770.963.9319

## Piano and Music Trivia

- Mozart once composed a piano piece that required a player to use two hands and a nose in order to hit all the correct notes.
- No one knows where Mozart is buried.
- When Beethoven was writing his 9th symphony he requested a piano that had a percussion pedal on it.
- With the exception of Gerald Ford and George H. W. Bush, each American president has had a personal piano.
- There are as many constellations in the sky as there are keys on the piano!
- The average medium sized piano has about 230 strings, each string having about 165 pounds of tension, with the combined pull of all strings equaling approximately eighteen tons.
- The oldest piano still in existence was built in 1720.

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# GCMTA Fall Festival Winners

Twenty five teachers and two hundred thirteen students (kindergarten through adult level) participated in the GCMTA Fall Festival which was held on Saturday, November 12, 2005 at First Baptist Snellville. The following winners received \$25 cash awards at the festival. Congratulations to all of the winners and honorable mention recipients. Sincere thanks to all teachers and judges who worked so hard to make this year's festival a success. *Robin Engleman & Susan Andrews, Chairmen*

## 5th GRADE (22 competed)

### Winners

Rachel Han.....	Bennett
Charis Hanson.....	Will
Michael Jung.....	Lee
Rebecca Rentz.....	Andrews
Maia Schoenberg.....	Asberry
Claudia Tan.....	Parsons

### Honorable Mention

Taylor Allen.....	Will
Jennifer Ashenfelter.....	White
Gabbie Griffith.....	Patterson
Ariana Stringfellow.....	Wheeler

## 6th GRADE (20 competed)

### Winners

Jake Cooper (voice).....	Bennett
Alan Dong.....	Freeman
Keenan Freyberg.....	Pritchard
Lindsay Ruffo.....	Walker
Alex Scheonberg.....	Asberry
Lindsey Stimeling.....	Pritchard

### Honorable Mention

Omar K. Dyette.....	Walker
Sara Futch.....	Bowen
Shushmita Hoque.....	Mann
Timothy Jones.....	Bennett
Hunter Lewis.....	Walker
Summer Peabody.....	Asberry
Kia Quinlan.....	Simon
Emily Warlick.....	Thacker

## 7th GRADE (25 competed)

### Winners

Weston Awtry.....	Hardy
Darren Chan.....	Harper
James Eccles.....	Pritchard
Nicholas Jeon.....	Mann
Ki Hee Kim.....	Kim
Chris Rollins.....	Wheeler
Anna Williams.....	Bennett

### Honorable Mention

Holly Eaton.....	Andrews
Grant Heffley.....	Andrews
Karl Kuutti.....	Patterson
Travis Lambert.....	Asberry
Jay Ralston.....	Wheeler

## 8th GRADE (12 competed)

### Winners

Grace Bui.....	Pritchard
Lillian Otieno.....	Bennett
Chelsea Smith.....	Engle
Lindsay VanPelt.....	Morris

### Honorable Mention

Jenny Dahl.....	Asberry
Andrea Evenson.....	Will

## 9th GRADE (12 competed)

### Winners

Abigail Clark.....	Andrews
Alex Clavijo.....	Freeman
Angela Holleman.....	Andrews
Calah Smith.....	Andrews

### Honorable Mention

Ally Bogle.....	Simon
Jasmine Hayter.....	Bennett

## 10th GRADE (12 competed)

### Winners

Sarah Eccles.....	Pritchard
Rose Kim.....	Lee
Joan Kwak.....	Lee
Elizabeth Powell.....	Patterson

### Honorable Mention

Carrie Ford.....	Wheeler
Ian Frazier.....	Asberry
Jessica Howard.....	Kim
Sakurako Stephens.....	Patterson

## 11th GRADE (13 competed)

### Winners

Kim Burkholder.....	Rygh
Daniel Mitchell.....	Sivert
Miriam Oakes.....	Bennett
Andrew Sears.....	Freeman

### Honorable Mention

Carolyn Doyle.....	Wheeler
Ashley Howard.....	Kim
Rachel Johnston.....	Patterson
Chris McCravy.....	Wheeler
Chris Wade.....	Simon

## 12th GRADE (3 competed)

### Winners

Brooke Burkholder.....	Rygh
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### Honorable Mention

Joe Chambers.....	Patterson
Danielle Howard.....	Kim

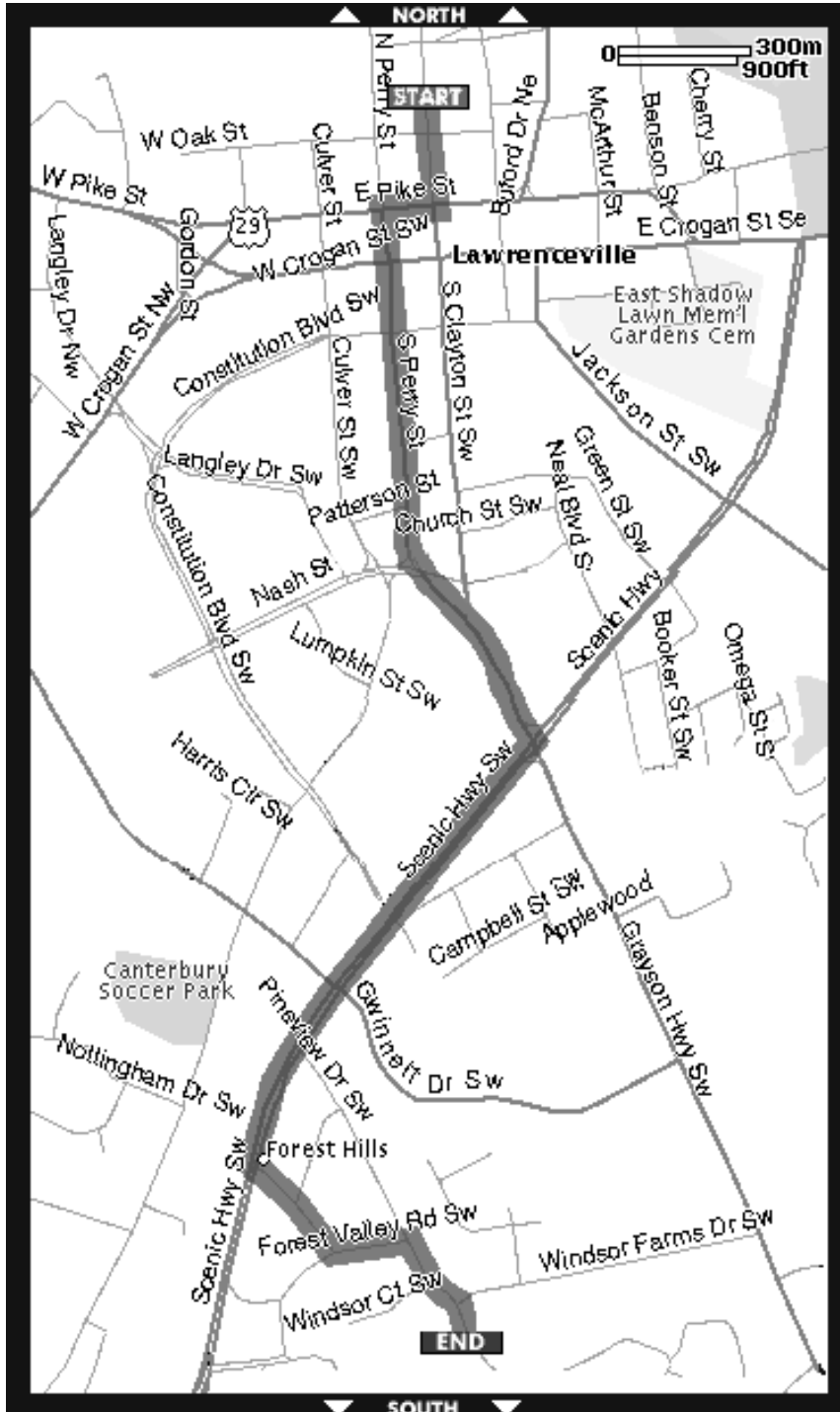
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## Let's talk & eat & talk!

# GCMTA Meeting and Brunch: 9:30 am, January 25<sup>th</sup>

Have you wondered what method books other teachers are using, or how long the lessons they teach? How about "what do I do about that problem student?" We will enjoy the delicious brunch and usual fine hospitality at the home of Bonnie Bowen. Afterward, we will have a round table discussion concerning issues we all share.

If you have ideas you'd like to discuss, email them to Lois Simon at [LoisSimon@aol.com](mailto:LoisSimon@aol.com) or call her at 770.277.6659.



We will have our monthly meeting/  
New Year Brunch at Bonnie Bowen's  
house at 9:30am on January 25, 2006.

There will be a brief regular business  
meeting, annual New Year's brunch,  
and a round table discussion concerning  
issues we all share.

Please bring a covered dish to share.  
The beverages and breads (muffins, bis-  
cuits and rolls) will be provided.

Bonnie Bowen's address is  
273 Summit Ridge Drive,  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

If you have questions, Bonnie's phone  
number is 770.963.9319.

### **Directions from Lawrenceville Church of God**

*Distance: 2.06 miles*

*Estimated Driving Time: 7 minutes*

Traveling on Grayson Highway,  
go South toward Grayson, past the  
Lawrenceville Church of God.

Just a couple of blocks past the church  
turn **RIGHT** on Windsor Farms Drive.

Go to the end of the street and take a  
left onto Summit Ridge Drive.

Bonnie's house is almost immediately  
on the right, 273 Summit Ridge Drive.