

From the desk of Yumi Patterson

The Patterson Report

Thank You to all those who came to the Executive Board Meeting. The reports were good, and it looks like we are off to another exciting year.

Special Welcome

Welcome to GCMTA! We have over 100 members and are still growing. We offer many events to participate through the year and I would like you to be part of them.

GCMTA Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend the first meeting of the new year. You will receive lots of good information and the GCMTA Directory which contains all the information and forms you need through the year.

Location

Lawrenceville Church of God
 329 S. Clayton Street, Lawrenceville, GA 20246
 For directions, see the map on our new website at <http://www.gcmta.org/meetings.html> OR call the church office at 770.963.4858.

New Member Orientation

At 9:00 am, we will offer an orientation session. You will be informed of all the GCMTA events for the year. Committee Chairpersons will be there to talk about their events. This is a great opportunity to ask questions. Even if you are not new but still have questions, you are also invited.

Meeting Schedule

- New Member Orientation9:00-9:45
- Coffee and doughnuts social9:30-10:00
- Business Meeting.....10:00-10:30
- Program.....10:30-11:30
 Program topic: "Technique for the Average Students"
 by Mary Walker (co-sponsored by Music and Arts).
 Read more about the program in a related article.

GCMTA Directory

You can pick up your directory at the meeting that morning.
If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can get your GCMTA Directory by sending \$4.00 to Lisa Gaal, 1535 Shagbark Way, Cumming GA 30041.

Sept. 28th Meeting Program: "Technique for the Average Child"

At the September 28th GCMTA meeting, Mary Walker will present the topic "Technique for the Average Child." Music and Arts is co-sponsoring this workshop with the GCMTA.

Mary Walker addresses the problems of teaching technique to children who will probably practice three times a week for twenty minutes each time. The Workshop contains many musical examples, from very elementary literature to advancing standard repertoire works, and covers the development of technique from the very first lesson in ways that are simple to do, simple to understand and apply, and do not take large amounts of time to accomplish.

Mary has been a speaker for many associations and for state conventions. You may want to purchase a copy of her book, "The Teacher's Heart."

Be sure to attend this very informative program.

GCMTA Festival Reminder

The GCMTA Festival was organized to encourage study and to provide an opportunity for students to perform and receive evaluation in a non-competitive setting (not to mention CASH AWARDS!) Proceeds from this festival are used to provide funds for scholarships and to support our local budget.

- Date:** Saturday, November 12, 2005
Place: First Baptist Church Snellville
Deadline: Application must be delivered by Friday, October 7, 2005
Send to: Robin Engleman
 5518 Chimney Hollow
 Norcross, GA 30093
Entry fee: \$20.00
Details: Please refer to GCMTA Directory
Contact: Robin Engleman for more information
 phone > 770.717.7677
 email > prengleman@mindspring.com

If you've taken part in the Fall Festival on a regular basis, we thank you so much for your involvement. If you're a new member, or a member who has never participated or has not participated for some time in the Fall Festival, we encourage you to consider entering students in this year's Festival.



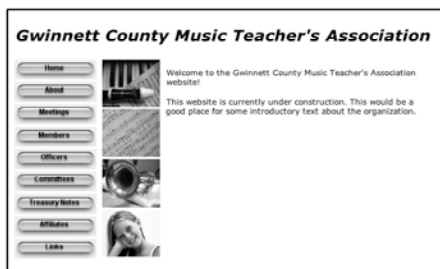
GCMTA Newsletter

Cathy Thacker
2603 Twilight View
Snellville, GA 30078

Federated Festival Corrected Form

DO NOT USE THE FORM FROM THE AUGUST 2005 NEWSLETTER

Teachers who are entering students into Federated Festival, **please use the corrected form enclosed in this newsletter.** A **\$5.00 teacher fee** and a **\$5.00 Junior Keynotes Magazine subscription fee** are new this year. See form for details.



New GCMTA website!

The Internet address to GCMTA's new Website is:
<http://www.GCMTA.org>. You can read the newsletter there.
User Name and Password is: **teacher**

2005 Calendar

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| September 28 | GCMTA meeting |
| September 28 | Deadline for payment of club dues, "Junior Keynotes Subscription", and estimate of student entries for Federated Festival. |
| October 7 | Deadline for registration for GCMTA Festival |
| November 12 | GCMTA Festival |

Ensemble Concert

On April 29, 2006, the GCMTA will sponsor it's 9th Annual Ensemble Concert. Plan to attend the October 2005 meeting at PianoWorks to hear more about this fun and educational event. Check out the 2005-2006 Directory that you will receive at the September meeting for more details.

Newsletter Deadlines

The deadline for submitting information for publication is the **1st of each month.**

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

Email LargentATL@hotmail.com

Snail mail 2225 Chickering Court
Cumming, GA 30041

Phone 770.889.5714

Would you like to receive this newsletter by e.mail?

If so, email Debbie Largent at LargentATL@hotmail.com. You will be emailed the monthly GCMTA newsletter as a PDF file which can be opened on your computer using Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader.

NFMC Dues Form

Deadline for payment of Dues is SEPTEMBER 28, 2005. 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						\$ 5.00
Junior Keynotes Magazine subscription*						\$ 5.00
Check made to GCMTA for TOTAL FEES:						\$

* This is a new fee beginning this year and is required based on a rule passed by the NFMC Board of Directors.

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

Adult Student's Name	Address	Phone #
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This year you must pay your Jr. dues to your area chairman.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF LAST YEAR'S NFMC MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICT:

Ping Xu, Chairman North District, 770.619.5290, 520 Avian Court, Alpharetta, GA 30022-3321

Those who should send dues to Ping are: Carol Albert, Alicia Chandler, Marge Engle, Robin Engleman, Stephanie Freeman, Lisa Gaal, Rwei Hao, Judy Harper, Elva Johnson, Debbie Largent, Jennifer Lee, Nancy Morris, Mary Parsons, Baunita Rose, Dianne Wolfgang, and Janice Wong.

North District Festival: Saturday, February 11, 2006 at Duluth First Baptist Church

Maisy Pritchard, Chairman Central District, 678.376.2276, 450 Fosters Mill Lane, Suwanee, GA 30024

Those who should send dues to Maisy are: Jane Adams, Pamela Asberry, Bonnie Bowen, Deborah Brady, Nancy Eckert, Natalie Hardy, Joan Irwin, Joon Joo Kang, Pandora King, Lynda Kenney, Hee Kyung Lee, Jean Mann, Mary Ann McTier, Jacquelyn Miller, Debra Murphy, David Reeseman, Terry Schroader, Lois Simon, Nannette Stariha, Linda Walker, Betty Warbington, Tim Wheeler, and Harriet Woodward.

Central District Festival: Saturday, February 18, 2006

Tina Huskey Darden, Chairman West District, 770.277.4963, 2235 Cape Courage Way, Suwanee, GA 30024

Those who should send dues to Tina are: Susan Andrews, Kathy Beers, Debbie Bissell, Jenny McCormick, Carole Mitchell, Diana Opolka, Yumi Patterson, Marcia Rygh, Lois Sivert, Catherine Thacker, Mary Lee Pennington, Betty Jo Sutherland, Brenda Wheeler, Robin Whitworth, and Janet Will.

West Gwinnett Festival: Saturday, February 11, 2006 at Smoke Rise Baptist Church