



# GCMTA NEWSNOTES

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From the desk of Yumi Patterson

## The Patterson Report

**Thank you to all those who attended the September meeting. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members.**

It was great to see the large number of members and guests who came to the meeting and enjoyed the program, "Technique for the Average Child," presented by Ms. Mary Walker. I hope you all learned about new ideas and teaching skills that will be useful in the future.

### New Member Orientation

Thanks to all the new (brand new, transfers and "sort of" new) members who attended the September meeting. It is our desire to serve you and help you in any way we can. Please feel free to contact any of our officers or committee chairs when you have questions.

### Special Thanks

- Natalie Hardy and Robin Engleman for organizing a new member orientation and to the mentors who volunteered their time and help for the new members.
- Lisa Gaal for the new Directory.
- Debbie Largent and Cathy Thacker for preparing and mailing the newsletters.
- Music & Arts for providing food and Bonnie Bowen for preparing the refreshment table at the meeting.

### 2005-2006 Directory

Those who need the 2005-2006 Directory may obtain yours by sending \$4.00 to Lisa Gaal, 1535 Shagbark Way, Cumming, GA 30041.

## Festival Reminder

- Date:** Saturday, November 12, 2005  
**Place:** First Baptist Church Snellville  
**Deadline:** Delivered by Friday, October 7th to:  
Robin Engleman  
5518 Chimney Hollow  
Norcross, GA 30093
- Entry fee:** \$20.00  
**Details:** Please refer to GCMTA Directory for details or contact Robin Engleman  
home > 770.717.7677  
mobile > 404.819.5450  
email > prengleman@mindspring.com

## Ensemble News

The Ensemble Concert will be April 30, 2006 at Snellville First Baptist Church.

- Registration deadline is November 17, 2005.
- Rehearsal dates are April 9, 16 and 23, 2006 at PianoWorks in Duluth, GA.

Come join the fun!

## Member News

Congratulations to Yumi Patterson and her daughter, Erina, who was crowned Miss Gwinnett 2005 on September 17th at the Gwinnett County Fair pageant. Erina also won the trophy for Evening Wear and was declared the Talent Winner with a moving violin solo.

Erina will represent Gwinnett County in the Miss Georgia pageant in June 2006. She is a freshman at Georgia Tech, and her platform is youth mentoring.



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## 2005-2006 Calendar

### OCTOBER

- 7 GCMTA Festival Application deadline
- 15 GMTA Conference Registration deadline
- 26 GCMTA Meeting

### NOVEMBER

- 3-5 GMTA Conference
- 12 GCMTA Festival
- 16 GCMTA Meeting
- 17 Ensemble Registration Deadline

### DECEMBER

No meeting or newsletter this month.

### JANUARY 2006

- 25 Annual Brunch

### APRIL 2006

- 30 Ensemble Concert

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## Let's Share Ideas

On January 25, 2006 we will have our Annual Brunch at the home of Bonnie Bowen. While we brunch, we will share ideas (or solving problems) from our own studios.

If you have a topic that you would like to cover in our open forum, put your idea into the "Ask It Basket" at the next GCMTA meeting or just email Lois Simon at [LoisSimon@aol.com](mailto:LoisSimon@aol.com) or call her at 770.277.6659.

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## Newsletter Deadlines

**Want a special item in the newsletter?**

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

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

**Email**            [LargentATL@hotmail.com](mailto:LargentATL@hotmail.com)

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# Directory Corrections

Please note the following corrections in your 2005-2006 GCMTA Directory.

**Page 6** • **MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards Chairman:** Please change from Debbie Murphy to Susan Andrews. Susan's phone number is 770.267.8032.

**Page 7** • **Pam Asberry's email address is p\_asberry@bellsouth.net.** (There is an underscore, not a hyphen.)  
• **Kathy Beers' e-mail address is mkbeers1@bellsouth.net.**

**Page 15** • **Pam Asberry's email address is p\_asberry@bellsouth.net.** (There is an underscore, not a hyphen.)

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## Jr/Sr Scholarship Auditions Correction

The GCMTA membership voted last year on some changes regarding the Jr/Sr Scholarship Auditions that were inadvertently omitted for this year's yearbook.

**Following is an addition to Eligibility, rule no. 1.**

*"Teachers of entrants must be a member in good standing, and be able to show proof, with any of the following organizations: MTNA, MENC, GMEA, NATS or any other state or nationally recognized organization of like stature. If a teacher is not a member of any of these organizations, a \$15 fee will be required."*

Please call Tim Wheeler if there are any questions.

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## Oct. 26th Program Topic

At the October 26, 2005 GCMTA meeting, music for the upcoming Ensemble Concert will be presented by the Ensemble committee and several "duet teams" of GCMTA teachers. The Ensemble committee this year is headed by Terri Schroader, Robin Engleman and Pam Asberry.

Several of the repertoire choices this year are from the Federation Festival duet list. Your students can enter the duet portion of the festival using music for the Ensemble Concert. All piano students need to learn how to play with other people, and this is just the educational opportunity for your students!

The October meeting will be held at PianoWorks,



### Traveling I-85 North:

Exit at Pleasant Hill Road. Turn left on Pleasant Hill Rd and follow approximately 2 miles to Hwy 23 (Buford Hwy). Turn right on Buford Hwy and go through 2 stop lights. We will be on the left in Duluth Merchants Square.

For more information call 770.623.0683

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## GMATA Conference

The 2005 GMATA Conference will be held November 3-5 at the University of West Georgia. Information, including the registration form, is in the current GMATA Newsletter. October 15 is the deadline for advance registration. Make plans to attend. It offers great programs and concerts.

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### Updated GMATA Conference parking information:

After parking in the Commuter Student Parking Lot, catch ONLY the TLC Express bus line which picks up at the bus shelter down in the parking lot (NOT up the hill near the Public Safety office). The TLC express line stops automatically across the street from the Townsend Center for the Performing Arts where registration is located. Directly across the street is the tan colored Humanities Building (the sign lists it as part of the Academic Quad).

- The shuttle buses run 7:30am-midnight Mon-Thurs.
- On Friday they run 7:30am-3pm.

On Friday, since there is no bus service after 3:00pm, you must catch the bus by 2:30pm and move your car to the Townsend Center parking lot or the large lot across from the Townsend Center, or be willing later in the day to walk 10 minutes to your car. For the Friday evening events you may park in the Food Services Building Parking Lot (Z6) for the banquet, and then back in the Townsend Center lot for the evening concert.

On Saturday you may park in either the Townsend Center lot or the Humanities building lot.

University of West Georgia maps and directions are located at <http://www.westga.edu/maps/>.

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## GCMTA Website

Our website is now available! The address is [www.gcmta.org](http://www.gcmta.org). User's name and password is teacher.