



GCMTA Newsletter

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GCMTA Calendar for 2006

MAY

17 Spring Luncheon

JUNE

30 MTNA dues deadline for 2006-2007

AUGUST

23 Executive Board meeting

SEPTEMBER

1 Directory information deadline

MTNA Dues are Due June 30

You should have received your dues renewal statement from MTNA by now. Be sure to pay your dues **before June 30, 2006** to ensure your name is in the Directory and to be eligible to participate in GCMTA events. You can pay online, by fax, or by mail. If you have NOT received your statement, contact MTNA at 1.888.512.5278 or visit their website at www.MTNA.org.

Fall Festival Announcement

The Fall Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11 at First Baptist Church Snellville. Chairmen for this year's festival are Patti Bennett and Susan Andrews. If you would like to serve on the fall festival committee, please contact Patti via email at musicbypatti@charter.net.

Newsletter Deadlines

Want a special item in the newsletter?

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

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From the desk of Yumi Patterson

The Patterson Report

The year is winding down so quickly! The 2005-2006 year was filled with many excellent events, meetings, and programs. They were all enjoyed by our students and teachers. Many thanks to those of you who did outstanding work as chairmen, committee members, helpers, and members behind the scenes. Without your help, GCMTA could not have had such a great year. Gwinnett County is fortunate to have music teachers who are dedicated, supportive, talented, team oriented, and fun to work with!

Bravo to the Ensemble Concert coordinators and committee: **Terri Shroader, Pam Asberry, Robin Engleman, Marge Engle, Bonnie Bowen** and **Lois Simon**. The event was truly spectacular. It has become a great tradition for GCMTA as this was our 9th consecutive year. It takes a lot of work to organize and put on such a big event.

The GCMTA Appreciation Award was presented to **Don Bennett**, owner of PianoWorks, during the Ensemble Concert. The award was in recognition of his support, help, and donations to GCMTA over the last year. We are especially grateful for the rehearsal space and the five pianos he provided free of charge for the Ensemble Concert. Thank you PianoWorks!

Also, special thanks to **Rick Simon** who played the drums and the teachers who worked so hard to present the concert. The performances were very good as evidenced by all the smiles and applause.

It is not too late to sign up to be a committee member for next year. We always have areas that need additional help. Just let me know.

Have a GREAT summer!

Spring Luncheon

The last GCMTA meeting of the 2005-2006 year and Spring Luncheon is scheduled May 17, 2006. Meet at 11am at the Blue Rooster Café, 107 Main Street NW, Lilburn, GA.

Ensemble Concert

On behalf of the Ensemble Committee, we wish to thank all who participated in this year's 9th annual Ensemble Concert on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at Lawrenceville Church of God. Approximately 180 students participated in this year's concert and were conducted by **Marge Engle** (always a hit!), **Robin Engleman, Terri Schroader** and **Lois Simon**. **Don and Cindy Bennett** of PianoWorks provided five pianos (four grands and one upright) onstage with the church's grand. Once again, the students were accompanied by percussionist, **Rick Simon**. Rick, we apologize for leaving you out of the program, a purely unintentional oversight.

The following is a portion of a letter from Julia Butler and David Lawrence, the parents of one of our participants in this year's concert:

"Our son, Liam, played The Dirty Dish Rag in your Ensemble Concert this year. This was his first year. We've already told his teacher, Miss Pam, what a wonderful experience this was - for him and us. But we know this was a group effort, so we wanted to let all of you know how much we appreciate your time and dedication to help your students excel by giving them this opportunity to perform.

The church you chose was a perfect venue, the beautiful grand pianos sounded great and looked awesome, and the drum accompaniment to the pianos was a great idea...the energy was so high. We really enjoyed the pieces you selected to be performed, the conductors were super, and the teachers' piece was amazing too..."

Junior-Senior Scholarship Competition Results

This year's Jr/Sr Scholarship Audition was a success. It ran very smoothly, and all the students did a terrific job. I would like to thank all the students and teachers for participating, along with Dr. George Lucktenberg, who, of course, was a wonderful judge. Congratulations to all!

1st Place (\$700 prize)

Alice Song Student of Stephanie Freeman

2nd Place (\$500 prize)

Andrew Sears Student of Stephanie Freeman

3rd Place (\$300 prize)

Austin Gaal Student of Lisa Gaal

Honorable Mention

Lana Card Student of Susan Andrews

Joshua Smith Student of Carol Mitchell

Do your students know these musical definitions?

- **Accidentals:** Wrong notes.
- **Arpeggio:** "Ain't he that storybook kid with the big nose that grows?"
- **Beat:** What music students do each other with their musical instruments. The down beat is performed on the top of the head, while the up beat is struck under the chin.
- **Clef:** What you try never to fall off of.
- **Bass Clef:** Where you wind up if you do fall off.
- **Cut Time:** Parole
- **Discord:** Not to be confused with Daccord
- **Harmonic Minor:** A good music student.
- **Minor Third:** Your approximate age and grade at the completion of formal schooling
- **Major Triad:** The name of the head of the Music Department.
- **Minor Triad:** the name of the wife of the head of the Music Department.
- **Relative Major:** An uncle in the Marine Corps.
- **Sonata:** What you get from a bad cold or hay fever.

2006 GMTA Winners

Our students did a great job at the GMTA In-State Auditions at UGA in Athens. Congratulations to the students and teachers.

	<i>Student</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
4th Grade		
<i>Outstanding Performer</i>	Lana Wang	Janice Wong
<i>Award of Excellence</i>	Angela Park	Jean Mann
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Ariane Wang	Janice Wong
5th Grade		
<i>Outstanding Performer</i>	Jonathan Li Michael Wang	Stephanie Freeman Janice Wong
<i>Award of Excellence</i>	Philip Lan	Stephanie Freeman
6th Grade		
<i>Outstanding Performer</i>	Kyle Yu Adam Oren	Janice Wong Janice Wong
<i>Award of Excellence</i>	Alan Dong	Stephanie Freeman
7th Grade		
<i>Outstanding Performer</i>	Eric James	Lisa Gaal
<i>Award of Excellence</i>	Charlie Ding Nicholas Jeon Christopher Rollins	Janice Wong Jean Mann Brenda Wheeler
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Evelyn Chang	Tina Darden
8th Grade		
<i>Outstanding Performer</i>	Alice Chen	Janice Wong
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Kelvin Wey	Stephanie Freeman
9th Grade		
<i>Award of Excellence</i>	Angela Anzai	Aza Boguslavskiy
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Hanna Lin	Jean Mann
10th Grade		
<i>Outstanding Performer</i>	Joan Kwak	Hee Kyung Lee
<i>Award of Excellence</i>	Seda Hocaoglu	Jean Mann
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Maylene Xie	Jean Mann
11th Grade		
<i>Outstanding Performer</i>	Jordan Ou Alice Song, ALT	Janice Wong Stephanie Freeman
12th Grade		
<i>Outstanding Performer</i>	Elizabeth Wang	Janice Wong
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Austin Gaal	Lisa Gaal
<i>Concerto Winner</i>	Jordan Ou	Janice Wong