

GCMTA NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Lois Simon

SIMON SAYS

Happy New Year!

After our holiday respite, we begin our busiest time of year. The Federated Festival, GCMTA Local Auditions, Jr/Sr Scholarship Auditions and the Ensemble Concert are coming up in the next few months. Check your yearbook for any changes in procedures or rules, and be sure to give your assistance and cooperation to those chairmen who have worked hard in coordinating the events.

Many thanks to the GCMTA Festival Committee – Susan Andrews, Marion Compton and Kathy Dawal - for a successful event.

It is time now to start making definite plans for the MTNA National Conference in Atlanta, March 28 – April 2. Conference and accommodations information is available in the December/January issue of America Music Teacher magazine, as well as the MTNA website. Please let me know if you need to arrange a roommate in the Conference Hotel, the Westin Peachtree Plaza. Many of us will drive each morning to the conference, but due to Atlanta traffic issues, you may want to consider staying in the hotel.

Please mark your calendars:

As usual there will be no GCMTA meeting in April. There WILL, however, be an Executive Board Pre-planning Meeting on Wednesday, April 22nd. The Spring Executive Board meeting last year proved to be so productive, that we have decided to continue this practice. We will be asking old AND new officers and chairmen to attend this meeting. A portion of the meeting will be designated as a “training” session, where outgoing officers/chairs will pass along valuable information and tools to new ones. The meeting will be held, again, at my home.

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GCMTA AUDITIONS

Please send, or deliver, the completed entry form (found in the State Year Book), the affidavit form (found in the Local Year Book) and one check (made payable to GCMTA) for \$20.00 per student to Jean Mann by January 28. Also, Jean will be at our meeting on January 28.

To enter students in GCMTA Auditions you must be in the 2008/09 Year Book (dues paid by June 30) and the teacher must be a Gwinnett County resident or a Gwinnett teacher that lives in a county without a GCMTA local chapter.



GCMTA'S ANNUAL JANUARY BRUNCH AT BONNIE'S "TEA ROOM"

That's right, the site for our January brunch

carries all the attributes of the finest Southern tradition tea rooms. And our gracious Bonnie Bowen is definitely the “hostess with the mostest!” Just join us for January’s meeting if you want to feel special, meet new members, catch up with friends, have a great meal and learn some practical tips!!!

We will meet at Bonnie’s house at 9:30 (see directions at the end of the newsletter), share brunch, have our business meeting, and enjoy our program. Our Sharing Time will center on "Building Your Studio." We will get innovative ideas from those who have been successful in increasing their student numbers and advice from those who are "tuned in" to changing with the times. Bring your ideas and dilemmas for the Q & A session which will follow.

Remember, you must RSVP to Bonnie (770-963-9319) by Tuesday, January 20th for the Wednesday, January 28th meeting - so she will know how many lovely tables she will need to set up, of course! Everyone is asked to bring a casserole or salad to share. Bread and beverages will be provided. Who knows, there might even be a door prize or two! Visitors are welcome.



GCMTA FALL FESTIVAL WINNERS

Thirty-two and 251 students (kindergarten through adult) participated in the GCMTA Fall Festival which was held on November 15, 2008. The following winners received \$30 cash awards at the festival. Congratulations to the winners and honorable mention recipients. Sincere thanks to all the teachers whose hard work made this year's festival a success. *Susan Andrews, Marion Compton, Kathryn Dawal, Michelle Peck*

4th GRADE

Winners

Ella Chong	Lisa Bassett
Sam Morton	Jean Mann
Eric Park	Jean Mann
Boaz Clark	Lois Simon
Julia Rosas	Lois Simon
Mariah Lutz	Linda Walker
Aanya Sharma	Yumi Patterson
Natahlia Robinson	Debra Hughes
Minh Nguyen	Lois Sivert

Honorable Mention

Sarah Cox	Tina Darden
Christina Verenich	Mary Lee Pennington
Stephanie Tian	Mary Parsons
Alex Perrone	Janet Will
Mya Sloan	Janet Will
Olivia Hunsaker	Patti Bennett
Molly Williams	Jean Mann
Zoe Prescod	Lisa Bassett
Lindsey Greenway	Harriet Woodward
Matthew Hanagriff	Harriet Woodward

5th GRADE

Winners

Erik Hung	Jean Mann
Joshua Speed	Lisa Bassett
Grace Xu	Debra Hughes
Aileen Li	Patti Bennett
Chelsea Rushworth	Patti Bennett

Honorable Mention

Lulu Pearce	Tina Darden
Shannonrio Bermudez	Tina Darden
Christine Albright	Patti Bennett
Cody Carpenter	Kathryn Dawal
Ethan Collins	Kathryn Dawal

6th GRADE

Winners

Taylor Withrow	Lisa Bassett
Rebecca Kendall	Bonnie Bowen
Savannah Horne	Lois Simon
Emily Rand	Pam Asberry
Katie Bergs	Linda Walker
Ansley Fetner	Robin Engleman
Emily Nguyen	Patti Bennett
Cindy Nguyen	Debra Hughes
Gabor Siffel	Debra Hughes

Honorable Mention

Elizabeth Smith	Lois Sivert
Alex Payne	Linda Walker
Angela Jiang	Judy Harper
Titus Clark	Lois Simon

7th GRADE

Winners

Shawn Wong	Yumi Patterson
Jerry Chambers	Yumi Patterson
Mallory Duffield	Susan Andrews
Matthew Do	Stephanie Freeman
Kristin Burton	Lois Simon
Minjung Joo	Patti Bennett
Alicia Bachtel	Marion Compton

Honorable Mention

Sara Denton	Marion Compton
Justin Ralston	Yumi Patterson
Evangeline Crist	Susan Andrews
Kimberly Simpson	Debra Brady
Laura Burleson	Stephanie Freeman

8th GRADE

Winners

Morgan Butler	Carol Albert
Robby Compton	Marion Compton
Charis Hanson	Yumi Patterson
Rob Hunter	Patti Bennett
Tatum McLaughlin	Patti Bennett
Sabrina Moin	Mirela Dragan

Honorable Mention

Miranda Austin	Yumi Patterson
Kush Bhatia	Debra Hughes
Petros Eskinder	Debra Hughes
Nia Mitnaul	Debra Hughes
Johnathan McCravy	Bonnie Bowen
Rachel Stack	Bonnie Bowen
Irene Perez	Linda Walker
Craig Owenby	Lisa Bassett
Priscilla Clark	Lois Simon

9th GRADE

Winners

Aaron Patel	Patti Bennett
Malini Laxman	Judy Harper
Kia Quinlan	Lois Simon
Kyle Mancuso	Stephanie Freeman

Honorable Mention

Ellen Johnston	Yumi Patterson
Shushmita Hoque	Jean Mann

10th GRADE

Winners

Emma Crist	Susan Andrews
Holly Eaton	Susan Andrews
Chris Rollins	Susan Andrews
Jay Ralston	Yumi Patterson

Honorable Mention

Tabitha Clark	Lois Simon
Julie Coppedge	Cathy Thacker
James Eccles	Debra Brady
Karl Kuutti	Yumi Patterson
Jessica Stamey	Yumi Patterson
Allie Schureck	Yumi Patterson
Dilru Silva	Mary Lee Pennington

11th GRADE

Winners

Andrew Chambers	Yumi Patterson
My Ngoc To	Lois Sivert
Imani Mitnaul	Debra Hughes
Vanessa Utley	Tina Darden
Derek McCravy	Bonnie Bowen

Honorable Mention

Arielle Byington	Yumi Patterson
Jodi-Ann Simpson	Yumi Patterson
Hayley Lambert	Pam Asberry
Cecilia Trode	Bonnie Bowen
Sandy Jiang	Judy Harper

12th GRADE

Winner

Adam Smith	Lois Sivert
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Honorable Mention

Angela Holleman	Susan Andrews
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VOCAL COMPETITION

Winners

Molly Davis	Patti Bennett
Emily Nguyen	Patti Bennett
Meagan Price	Debra Hughes

Honorable Mention

Jillian Gaymon	Patti Bennett
Jake Cooper	Patti Bennett
Elizabeth King	Debra Hughes

CALENDAR REMINDERS

January

28	GCMTA Meeting and Brunch
28	GMTA Local Auditions Application Deadline

February

14	North Gwinnett Federated Festival
14	West Gwinnett Federated Festival
21	Central Gwinnett Federated Festival
25	GCMTA Meeting
28	JR/SR Auditions Application Deadline

March

7	GMTA Local Auditions at Piano Works
25	GCMTA Meeting
28	JR/SR Scholarship Auditions at Piano Works

DIRECTIONS TO THE JANUARY BRUNCH AT BONNIE BOWEN'S HOUSE



**PLEASE READ THIS EVEN IF
YOU THINK YOU KNOW HOW
TO GET HERE!!**

The Windsor Farms entrance to our
subdivision from Grayson Highway
has been closed!!!

Going south from Lawrenceville on Ga Hwy 124:
from the intersection of Ga 124 and Ga 124:

- Cross Gwinnett Drive in front of Summit Ridge Hospital
- Take the next left onto Poplar Creek Drive. There is a short left turn lane
- At the bottom of the hill the road merges with Forest Valley Road
- Forest Valley dead ends into Pineview.
- Turn right onto Pineview which almost immediately becomes Summit Ridge
- Our house is on the right just after you pass Windsor Farms Drive (273)

Going north from Snellville on Ga Hwy 124:

- After you enter the Lawrenceville city limits watch for a divided entrance and a brick sign with Forest Hills on it. During holiday seasons this is frequently decorated with season appropriate wooden figures. (Pilgrims, Uncle Sam etc.)
- Turn right at the divided entrance onto Maple Wood Drive.
- Turn at the first left onto Forest Valley Road.
- Forest Valley dead ends into Pineview.
- Turn right onto Pineview which almost immediately becomes Summit Ridge.
- Our house is on the right just after you pass Windsor Farms Drive (273).



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