

Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association

GCMTA NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Yumi Patterson

The Patterson Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready to start the new school year. This is the beginning of the second year for the officers and committee chairs of GCMTA who are serving 2005-2007 terms. Thanks to them for all of the hard work. Also, thanks to those who graciously stepped in to take over new responsibilities. Cathy Thacker stepped in to take over newsletter designing and editing as Debbie Largent moved to Tennessee during the summer. Diana Opolka took over Cathy's old job of printing and mailing the newsletter. Patti Bennett graciously agreed to take over the position of co-chairperson for the November Festival. Judy Harper stepped in to be co-chair for the North Federated Festival.

GCMTA offers various events to both students and teachers. Almost 2,000 students participated in these events last year! To make these events possible, all of the committee chairs dedicate their time, and we need many volunteers to help them. It is a reward to give back to the group, and many things can be learned by working together. The Ensemble Committee is still in need of committee members and helpers. Please consider volunteering with GCMTA. Without your help, we won't be able to maintain all the events. Please contact any committee chairs or myself if you are interested.

GCMTA Survey

Lois Simon has volunteered to conduct a survey to get information about Gwinnett piano teachers. This anonymous survey will ask questions such as: how much money are our teachers charging for piano lessons, what method books they use, how long are the lessons, what are their policies concerning make-up lessons, etc.

We need **YOUR** information so it can be compiled with everyone else's.

Here's how it will work:

- 1) If there are any particular questions you would like to have included in the questionnaire, in addition to the ones listed above, please contact Lois Simon at loissimon@aol.com or (770)277-6659.
- 2) The Survey (a blank questionnaire) will be included in your October newsletter.
- 3) You will answer the questions and return the form to Lois at the October meeting (or e-mail or mail it to her if you cannot attend the meeting.) The survey will be completely anonymous, and you will be asked **NOT** to put your name on any form.
- 4) The results of the survey will be published in the January newsletter.



PROGRAMS FOR GCMTA MEETINGS 2006-2007

Lois Simon, Program Chairman

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday, with the exceptions in November and May, at the Lawrenceville Church of God, 329 Clayton Street. Meetings begin with refreshments at 9:30 a.m., a brief business meeting at 9:45, followed by the program. We conclude around 11:30 a.m.

Please note: The October meeting will be held at PianoWorks in Duluth, and the January meeting at the home of Bonnie Bowen.

Program Topics

- September 27** **Intermediate Repertoire Choices Made Easy**
Dr. Carol Gingerich
- October 25** **Presentation of Literature for Ensemble Concert 2007**
Piano Ensemble Committee
- November 15** **Preparing Students for Festivals and Auditions**
Jean Mann and Jana Ritchie
- January 24** **Annual Brunch**
At the home of Bonnie Bowen
- February 28** **Piano Master Class**
George Mann
- March 28** **Decoding: Key to Success at the Piano for Every Child**
Mary Walker
- May 16** **Spring Luncheon**
Location to be announced



Newsletter Deadlines

The deadline for submitting information for publication is the **1st of each month**. Please contact **Cathy Thacker** with the necessary information.

Telephone 770-978-3708

Email cbt88@bellsouth.net

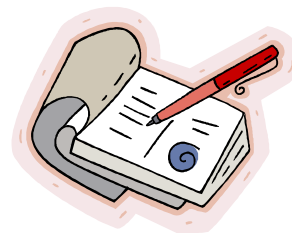
Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association 2005-2007 (Amended)

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Mark your calendar

September	27	GCMTA first meeting
	27	Deadline for payment of club dues and estimate of student entries for Federated Festival
October	6	Registration for GCMTA Festival deadline date, <u>delivered</u>
November	11	GCMTA Fall Festival

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Announcements

2006 Bach Competition

October 21 at Johns Creek Baptist Church, registration deadline September 15

Information: Rwei Hao 678-584-9888 or rhao@bellsouth.net

Teachers and students may visit www.ndmta.com to download repertoire lists and registration forms.

GMTA Conference

November 2-4 at Southern University, details in the Aug./Sep. issue of the GMTA Newsletter

Chopin Society Competition (written and performance)

November 4 and 18, 2006

Information: Ping Xu 770-619-5290 or feliciapingxu@yahoo.com

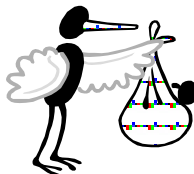
Piano Olympics

Information: Bonnie Davis (Greater Marietta MTA) 770-505-0339

NDMTA Workshop

“Teaching Adult Beginner & Intermediate, Holiday Duet Music, Pattern Studies Technique, Jazz”

November 16 at Steinway Piano Galleries



Natalie Hardy, GCMTA membership chairperson,
had a baby boy, Robert Browning Hardy, on
August 1. He was 8 lb., 12 oz. Congratulations!!

NFMC JR/SR DUES

Deadline for payment of Dues: Sept. 27, 2006

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						\$ 4.00
<i>Junior Keynotes Magazine</i> subscription (req'd)						\$ 5.00
Check made to GCMTA for total fees:						\$

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

Adult Student's Name	Address	Phone #
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
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Please pay your Jr dues to your area chairman. The following is a list of last year's NFMC membership by district:

Judy Harper, Chairman North District, 770-476-3950, 3014 Seagull Drive, Duluth, GA 30096

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

North District Festival: Saturday, February 10 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: Pamela Asberry, Bonnie Bowen, Deborah Brady, Natalie Hardy, Joan Irwin, Crystal Kim, Hee Kyung Lee, Jean Mann, Mary Ann McTier, Jacquelyn Miller, Rachel O'Dell, Mary Lee Pennington, David Reesman, Lois Simon, Tim Wheeler, and Harriet Woodward

Central District Festival: Saturday, February 17 at Buford Presbyterian Church in Sugar Hill

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, Mary M. Dekkers, Virginia James, Jenny McCormick, Darlene Mehring, Carole Mitchell, Diana Opolka, Yumi Patterson, Marcia Rygh, Lois Sivert, Betty Jo Sutherland, Catherine Thacker, Brenda Wheeler, Tiffany White, Robin Whitworth, and Janet Will.

West Gwinnett Festival: Saturday, February 10 at Smoke Rise Baptist Church

