



GCMTA Newsletter

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Mark your calendar!

January

- 6 Federated Festival Application Deadline
- 24 GCMTA Meeting and Brunch at Bonnie Bowen's home
- 24 GCMTA Auditions Application Deadline
- 24 Ensemble music available for teacher pickup

February

- 10 North and West Gwinnett Federated Festivals
- 17 Central Gwinnett Federated Festival

- 17 JR/SR Scholarship Deadline
- 28 GCMTA Meeting

March

- 10 GCMTA Local Auditions
- 17 JR/SR Scholarship Auditions
- 23-27 MTNA National Conference in Toronto, Canada
- 28 GCMTA Meeting

Honorable Mention

Andrew Chambers.....Yumi Patterson
Andrea Evenson.....Janet Will
Chelsea Smith.....Marge Engle
Jodi-Ann Simpson.....Yumi Patterson
Isaac King.....Pam Asberry
Christian Kobres.....Pam Asberry
Jane Jurma.....Louise Storey

10th GRADE (10 competed)

Winners

Sarah McDuffie.....Jean Mann
Calah Smith.....Susan Andrews
Angela Holleman.....Susan Andrews

Honorable Mention

Elias Crist.....Susan Andrews
Kody Dahl.....Pam Asberry
Ally Bogle.....Lois Simon

11th GRADE (9 competed)

Winners

Steven Melin.....Bonnie Bowen
Christina Denton.....Marian Compton
Elizabeth Powell.....Yumi Patterson

Honorable Mention

Sarah Eccles.....Maisy Pritchard
Charlie Greenwald.....Marian Compton

12th GRADE (8 competed)

Winners

Rosaline Tio.....Yumi Patterson
Jared Smth.....Yumi Patterson

Honorable Mention

Kimberly Burkholder.....Marcia Rygh
Shawn Xuereb.....Patti Bennett

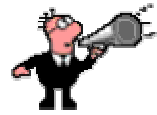
VOCAL COMPETITION (7 competed)

Winners

Daniella Joel.....Debra Hughes
Kirsten Browning.....Debra Hughes

Honorable Mention

Emily Nguyen.....Patti Bennett



Announcements

Ensemble Music CD's Available

All of the duet music for the 2007 GCMTA Ensemble was recorded at the October meeting by Tim Wheeler. CD's will be available for teachers for \$8 (\$5 for the CD + \$3 shipping) by contacting Tim at (770)925-7929.

2006/2007 GCMTA DIRECTORY

Any GCMTA member who paid their 2006-07 GCMTA dues and still needs a 2006-2007 directory, please send \$5.00 to Lisa Gaal, 1535 Shagbark Way, Cumming, GA 30041.

Ensemble Concert – April 28, 2007

BIG NEWS—Mary Hinely, from Georgia Perimeter College, has agreed to be our conductor for the ensemble concert. She will conduct all the pieces for students at the intermediate level and above.

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

E-mail: cbt88@bellsouth.net

GCMTA Fall Festival Winners

Thirty-three teachers and two hundred sixty students (kindergarten age through adult) participated in the GCMTA Fall Festival which was held on November 11, 2006. The following winners received \$30 cash awards at the festival. Congratulations to the winners and honorable mention recipients. Sincere thanks to all of the teachers and judges whose hard work made this year's festival a success. *Patti Bennett and Susan Andrews, Festival Chairs*

4th GRADE (34 competed)

Winners

Laboni Hoque.....Jean Mann
Gabor Siffel.....Debra Hughes
Jason Wu.....Andrea Drath
Amanda Delgado.....Patti Bennett
Katie Lim.....Patti Bennett
Hannah Yi.....Patti Bennett
Alan Huang.....Jean Mann
Justin Lee.....Stephanie Freeman

Honorable Mention

Alex Payne.....Linda Walker
Bethany Sides.....Jean Mann
Taylor Withrow.....Lisa Bassett
Cindy Nguyen.....Debra Hughes
Katie Bergs.....Linda Walker
Anna Westbrook.....Linda Walker

5th GRADE (41 competed)

Winners

Matthew Do.....Stephanie Freeman
Jerry Chambers.....Yumi Patterson
Faith Rankin.....Bonnie Bowen
Alicia Bachtel.....Marian Compton
Cory Bhowmik.....Tiffany White
Evangline Crist.....Susan Andrews
Nathan Geyer.....Pam Asberry
Andi Clements.....Cathy Thacker
Niki Na.....Bonnie Bowen
Arah Kang.....Crystal Kim

Honorable Mention

Abby Lazano.....Nora Martin
Julianne Austin.....Pam Asberry
Lizi Cisneros.....Tiffamy White
Justin Ralston.....Cathy Thacker
Anissa Smith.....Tiffany White
Daniyal Roshan.....Patti Bennett

6th GRADE (16 competed)

Winners

Charis Hanson.....Janet Will
Melissa Goodman.....Maisy Pritchard
Teja Smith.....Susan Andrews
Robby Compton.....Marian Compton
Craig Owenby.....Lisa Bassett

Honorable Mention

Jacob King.....Pam Asberry
Catherine Carter.....Nancy Morris
Jennifer Ashenfelter.....Tiffany White
Petros Eskinder.....Debra Hughes

7th GRADE (21 competed)

Winners

Sylvain Coquerel.....Louise Storey
Shusmita Hoque.....Jean Mann
Kyle Mancuso.....Stephanie Freeman
Omar K. Dyette.....Linda Walker
Valentin Jurma.....Louise Storey
Summer Peabody.....Pam Asberry

Honorable Mention

Aaron Patel.....Patti Bennett
Mariah Pyrcce.....Bonnie Bowen
Kia Quinlan.....Lois Simon
Lindsey Stimeling.....Maisy Pritchard
Christine Lozano.....Nora Martin
Abigail Benito.....Marge Engle

8th GRADE (25 competed)

Winners

Grant Heffley.....Susan Andrews
Allie Schureck.....Yumi Patterson
Kyle Cowdrick.....Susan Andrews
Emma Crist.....Susan Andrews
James Eccles.....Maisy Pritchard
Karl Kuuti.....Yumi Patterson

Honorable Mention

Sara Cole.....Louise Storey
Jay Ralston.....Cathy Thacker
Michael Crowther.....Maisy Pritchard
Kenny Chan.....Mary Parsons
Jessica Jackson.....Pam Asberry
Leah Jordan.....Carol Albert

9th GRADE (18 competed)

Winners

Grace Bui.....Maisy Pritchard
Cecilia Trode.....Lois Simon
Derek McCravey.....Bonnie Bowen
Sandy Jiang.....Judy Harper
Sarah Cooke.....Mary Ann McTier

January Program --Brunch at Bonnie Bowen's house



The January 24th meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at Bonnie Bowen's house, 273 Summit Ridge Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Her telephone number is (770)963-9319. There will be a brief regular business meeting, annual New Year's brunch, and Lois Simon will share the survey results with us.

Please **do not** bring beverages or breads. Muffins, biscuits and rolls will be provided. Please do bring a covered dish to share.

Directions from Lawrenceville Church of God

Distance: 2.06 miles

Estimated driving time: 7 minutes

Traveling on Grayson Highway, go south toward Grayson, past the Lawrenceville Church of God. Just a couple of blocks past the church, turn **RIGHT** on Windsor Farms Drive. Go to the end of the street, and take a **LEFT** onto Summit Ridge Drive. Bonnie's house is almost immediately on the right, 273 Summit Ridge Drive.



Local Spring Auditions March 10 at England Piano

DEADLINE: January 24 (entry forms must be delivered by this date.)

SEND applications to Stephanie Freeman, 4047 Haverford Ct., Duluth, GA 30096. Include the following: official application from the State Yearbook; affidavit form from the County Yearbook; a single check (\$20.00 per student); and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

PLEASE NOTE

- The deadline will be strictly enforced.
- Teachers entering one to five students must work ½ day; teachers entering six or more must work all day. Substitutes will not be accepted.
- For those students advancing to the State Auditions, a single check payable to GCMTA covering the teacher's fee (\$16.00) and each student's fee (\$26.00) must be turned in before leaving the local audition site. No cash can be accepted.
- If you have any questions, please call Jean Mann at (770)932-5185 or Stephanie Freeman at (770)623-9622.

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From the desk of Yumi Patterson

The Patterson Report

Happy New Year! Xin nian yu kuai (Chinese), Bonne annee (French), Nav Varsh ki Badhaai (Hindi), Saehae bock wani la deu sei yo (Korean), Feliz Ano Nuevo (Spanish), S novym Godom (Russian), Buon Capo d'Anno (Italian), and Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu (Japanese). These are "Happy New Year" in different languages. I wish I could list all of the languages, but I do hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready for the year 2007.

The New Year gives us an opportunity to re-evaluate what we are doing and to make a resolution for our betterment. I wish 2007 will be a happy year for all of our members. Within GCMTA, committee chairs and members are already working hard on the upcoming events for this busy spring season. To celebrate the New Year, we will have a brunch meeting at Bonnie Bowen's home in January. The Federated Festivals with three districts are in February. March will be a busy month with GCMTA Local Auditions and Jr./Sr. Scholarship Auditions. Ensemble Concert rehearsals will also begin in March, and the concert will be in April. Please check the deadlines and rules carefully for these exciting events in the yearbook, and be cooperative with the chairman and his/her committee.

That will wrap up the 2-year term of the officers and committee chairs of GCMTA, and the new president and officers will be installed at the May luncheon. Please be supportive as Lois Simon, president-elect,

forms the new executive board and committees. It is a great opportunity for you to serve and help this growing organization.

BRAVO! The GCMTA Festival in November was very successful! Kudos to **Patti Bennett, Susan Andrews**, and the committee for such a great event!

GCMTA Survey Results ARE IN!

The analysis of the data is complete, and results of the GCMTA survey are very interesting. Did you know, for example, that 42% of our members use the Piano Adventures Method by Faber and Faber, or that 48% of our members have degrees in Piano Performance?

Because of the size of this newsletter, it is not possible to include the survey results this month. The survey will be distributed at the January 24th meeting, and a brief explanation of the data and correlations will be provided. If you are NOT ABLE to attend the January meeting, the survey results will be included in the February newsletter.

LOIS SIMON

Congratulations!

**to Patti Bennett,
who, in 2006, was included
in the Piano Teachers Hall of
Fame of the National Guild of
Piano Teachers, American
College of Musicians.**