

GCMTA NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Lois Simon

Simon Says

Thank you to Pam Asberry, Nora Martin and the Ensemble Committee, for organizing the October meeting program. The duets were well played by our "teacher teams". We can look forward to another exciting Ensemble Concert this year.

Thank you also to Kathy Dawal, our new member who volunteered as Website Chairman. She has many ideas for improving the site. Be sure to check it out at www.georgiamta.org.

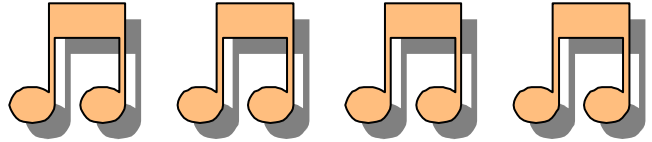
Those who need the 2007 – 2008 Directory may obtain one by sending \$5.00 to Lisa Gaal, 1535 Shagbark Way. Cumming, GA 30041

GMTA Teacher's Life and Livelihood at Stake

Nancy Stokes and her husband, Lane, have requested our help for Julia Distelhurst, yet another GMTA in-home piano teacher made illegal by her local government. Julia may be forced to "cease and desist" teaching on November 15, 2007. The situation is especially serious in Julia's case, as she is battling triple negative breast cancer and has no insurance.

Nancy and others were successful in convincing the Dekalb County Commissioner to change the law to protect in-home music teachers in 2001. Nancy and Lane have organized a show of force directed at local government in Gwinnett to encourage them to protect in-home teachers and tutors, not just Julia Distelhurst, but any of us who teach from home.

If you would like to participate by sending a short e-mail or making a brief phone call to local officials, please contact Lois Simon by November 15th.



November 28th Program Features Dr. Dawn McCord (University of West Georgia)

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the GMTA Conference in Dahlonega this past weekend were thrilled and inspired to see and hear outstanding performances by young Georgia musicians – one of whom was Kevin Do, a student of our own Stephanie Freeman! As we were privileged to rub shoulders with college educators from around the state, we were reminded of the wealth of expertise at our fingertips and the genuine love and concern for students and piano teachers that is evident in their involvement in this fine organization. We all want our students to do their best and to be prepared for college and beyond, music-related careers, should they so decide. Dr. Dawn McCord from the staff of West Georgia University is a fine example of an encourager to students and teachers alike. She has spoken to our GCMTA before - always with a timely and well-received message. Her presentation is entitled Preparing HS Students For College Music. She works with college freshmen regularly and has her finger on the pulse of that age group. Please join us Wednesday, November 28 to learn how we can channel our students in the right direction, not only our rising juniors and seniors but those who will follow. Come with your questions and bring a friend.

Newsletter

If you would like to submit an article to the newsletter, please e-mail Melissa Burgess at melissagann@gmail.com, or mail her at: 3270 Bagley Drive Chamblee, GA 30341.

The deadline for submitting articles is the first of the month.

Please note there is no newsletter in December.

Federated Festival

The application deadline for the Federated Festival is January 5, 2008. By that date you must deliver the following to your district's festival chairman:

- Entry fee (\$18.50 per student; \$10 each additional event) in one SINGLE CHECK payable to GCMTA.
- One NFMC rating sheet (JR 3-9) per student with the event, class, repertoire and composer filled out.
- One copy of the 2008 NFMC Applicant List. All required information must be filled in. Both the rating sheet and applicant list are found in the current GCMTA Directory.
- A self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The following is a list of the teachers who have paid festival fees, the district to which they belong, and the chairman to whom applications must be sent:

NORTH:

JUDY HARPER,

3014 Seagull Dr., Duluth, GA 30096

Chandler, Engle, Engleman, Freeman, Gaal, Hao, Johnson, Moody, Morris, Parsons, Purkerson, Rose, Schroader, Weaver, Wise, Wolfgang, Xu.

CENTRAL:

MARY ANN McTIER,

1955 Shrader Ct., Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Or HARRIET WOODWARD

728 Barongate Dr., Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Asberry, Baik, Bowen, Brady, Burgess, Compton, Dawal, Mann, Martin, McKeown, Miller, Park, Peck, Pennington, Reesman, Simon, Walker, Wheeler T.

WEST:

TIFFANY WHITE,

4327 Miners Creek Rd., Lithonia, GA 30038

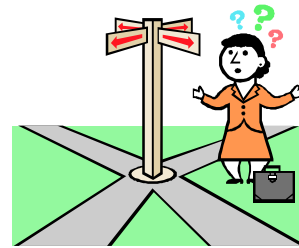
Or DEBRA HUGES,

2937 Moorings Pkwy., Snellville, GA 30039

Andrews, Beers, Bonam, Darden, Dekkers, Kook, Mehring, McCormick, Mitchell, Opolka, Patterson, Rygh, Sivert, Storey, Sutherland, Thacker, Whitworth, Will.

All teachers who enter students must work the day of the festival. Refer to the GCMTA directory for work requirements. Teachers are responsible for following the rules in the 2007 NFMC Festival Bulletin.

**Federated
Festival**



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).

When you leave, Lawrenceville bound folks follow Summit Ridge/Pineview directly to Ga 124 and turn right. Since left turns are not possible here all Snellville bound folks will need to retrace the Snellville entrance directions to 124. At this entrance you may turn right or left.

Our phone number is 770-963-9319just in case.



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Lawrenceville, GA 30044



Calendar

2007

November	1 - 3	GMTA State Conference
	10	GCMTA Festival – Harmony Grove United Methodist in Lilburn
	28	Ensemble Concert
	28	Registration Deadline GCMTA Meeting at Lawrenceville Church of God

December No meeting or
 newsletter in December

2008

January	5	Federated Festival Application Deadline
	23	GCMTA Local Auditions Application Deadline
	23	GCMTA Meeting and Brunch

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to our new GCMTA member!
Please add the following info to your GCMTA
Directory:

Rebecca Ann Bonam
2188 Cannon Hill Rd SW
Lilburn, GA 30047
770-375-8460

bbonam@berean-baptist.org

Piano

Pease Make the Following Corrections to Your Directory:

As of Nov 1. Lisa Gaal's e-mail address is:
musicbylisa@bellsouth.net

Due to an error, returning member Michelle Peck was
omitted from the directory. Please add her information:

Michelle Peck
2669 Snowshoe Bend
Bethlehem, GA 30620
Phone number: 404-735-0092
Email: michellenews@hotmail.com