

GCMTA NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Lois Simon

SIMON SAYS



Thank you to everyone who attended the September meeting. We had an excellent turn out. It was wonderful to see you all again, and the program by Jeanine Morrison, "Nuts and Bolts to Jump Start Fall Teaching", was truly inspirational. What a great way to start out the school year!

I'd like to extend a special welcome to our new members. We will help you in any way we can as you become accustomed to our events and procedures. Feel free to contact any of our officers or chairmen if you have questions.

Special Thanks

- Bonnie Bowen for organizing the new member program and to everyone who volunteered to be a New Member Mentor.
- Lisa Gaal for the new Directory.
- Melissa Gann (Burgess) and Diana Opolka for preparing and mailing the newsletters.
- Music and Arts for providing food and for Mary Marshall Dekkers for preparing the refreshments at the meeting.

Those who need the 2007 – 2008 Directory may obtain one by sending \$5.00 to:

Lisa Gaal
1535 Shagbark Way
Cumming, GA 30041

Our very best wishes to Melissa Gann and her new husband on their recent marriage. She is now Melissa Burgess. Her new name is updated in the directory, but her e-mail address remains the same.

Our condolences to Mary Marshall Dekkers on the death of her father, who passed away September 13th.

Join Us at the October Meeting To Hear the Music of the Spring Ensemble Performed

In the sanctuary of the Lawrenceville Church of God, several talented teachers are showcasing each piece that will be performed at the final concert to simplify music selection for your students. Tim Wheeler is making professional quality CD's (cost only \$7.50 each) to help with music selection and for use in your studio before the concert. A sign-up sheet will be available (or email Tim at doublsharpmusic@bellsouth.net); the CD's will be available in only 7 days!

We hope to entice each of you to involve your students in this inspiring event; regardless, please come support your colleagues as they play. See you there!





Children's Concert

Featuring



World Renown Organist

Dr. Joyce Jones

Friday, October 19th, 2007 10:00 AM

Free Admission

(Approximately 45 minutes in length)

Come hear one of the world's most superb concert artists play the recently built Italian - Ruffatti Pipe Organ at:

Johns Creek Baptist Church.
7500 Mc Ginnis Ferry Road
Alpharetta, GA 30005
wwjcbc.org

Call Glenda or Sandra at 770-623-8203 to register your group.

Got Questions? We Can Help!

Do you have questions about certification? Are you a new member with questions? Do you have questions concerning teaching in general? Have you ever had thoughts such as: "I've not taught beginners for a long time and need help?" or "I don't know if I'm charging enough for lessons?" If so, you may be interested in meeting with me your Certification Chair, Bonnie Bowen, your Membership Chairman or other teachers who could mentor you. Some of you just might enjoy getting together to share teaching tips.

If you would like to get together to ask questions or to help others by sharing your teaching experiences, we'd love to hear from you. I can help you with certification questions. Bonnie Bowen and other mentors will help new members with questions. If we can't answer your questions, we'll find someone who can.

Please RSVP to Robin Engleman @ englemanr@bellsouth.net if you would like to meet. Time and place will be discussed once interest has been expressed.

New Federated Festival Bulletins

Festival bulletins are now available! You can order them directly from NFMC Headquarters by calling 317-638-4003 or by e-mailing info@nfmc-music.org. The cost is \$6.00 per bulletin, plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. Payment is due in advance of shipping by credit card or mailed check.

A Concert Band Opportunity for Homeschoolers

Joyful Noise Homeschool Band

The Atlanta area contains a very strong concentration of homeschool students. Many of these students are already in private music lessons, but the opportunity to play as part of a band or orchestral setting does not exist for them. The Joyful Noise Band (www.joyfulnoiseband.com) was begun 12 years ago in Cobb County, by a concerned homeschooling mom, to meet this need. The Cobb County location (in Marietta) has now grown to around 250 students, and contains 4 levels each of Concert Band and Orchestra, 2 levels of Jazz Band, Brass ensemble, String ensemble, Chorus, Worship Team, and this year is adding a Marching Band. Parents in the northeast Atlanta area are now working to establish a satellite branch of the Joyful Noise Band for homeschool students on the east side of metro Atlanta. Please check out the website above or post the attached flyer in your studio if you know any homeschool students who might be interested in orchestra or band opportunities. Contact Nancy Jones at titleclear@bellsouth.net with questions.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Here are the dates of several GCMTA activities. Registration deadlines and further information is available in the yearbook.

- Deadline for GCMTA Fall Festival** October 5th (delivered)
- Preregistration for GMTA**
- Conference in Dahlonega** October 11th (postmarked)
- GCMTA October Meeting** October 24th at Lawrenceville Church of God
- GMTA Conference in Dahlonega** November 1 - 3
- GCMTA Fall Festival** November 10
- GCMTA November Meeting** November 28 at Lawrenceville Church of God
- Federated Festivals:**
- North Feb. 9 at First Baptist Church - Duluth
- Central Feb. 9 at First Baptist Church - Snellville
- West Feb. 9 at Smoke Rise Baptist Church

(Teachers will be provided with a list of Federated Festivals outside the county for students who cannot participate on Feb. 9)

- GCMTA Auditions** March 8 at PianoWorks
- Jr/Sr Scholarship Auditions** March 15 at PianoWorks
- Ensemble Concert:** Rehearsals March 22, 29 and April 19
- Concert April 26



GMTA 2007 CONFERENCE

**THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1-3, 2007
NORTH GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY DAHLONEGA, GA**

The upcoming GMTA Conference will be held in the beautiful mountain town of Dahlonega on Thursday through Saturday, November 1-3, 2007. This promises to be a wonderful conference with inspiring sessions, great clinicians, and many opportunities to visit with old friends and make new ones.

LODGING INFORMATION

Please make your hotel reservations early, as rooms get booked early. You must identify yourself with GMTA to receive the listed rates. Additional persons are \$5 each per night where applicable.

DAYS INN (706-864-2338) 833 South Chestatee Street, Dahlonega, GA 30533
Tuesday - Thursday Rate - \$49.50 + tax (1 - 2 people)
Friday Rate - \$75.00 + tax (1 - 2 people)
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2007

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS (706-867-7777)
835 South Chestatee Street
Dahlonega, GA 30533

For other lodging options, check out the Dahlonega Chamber of Commerce website:
http://www.dahlonega.org/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=64

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

The GMTA Conference Registration Form is included with this newsletter. Pre-Registration Postmark Deadline date: October 11, 2007. NOTE THAT BANQUET TICKETS ARE SOLD ONLY THROUGH PRE-REGISTRATION.



GCMTA Newsletter

Diana Opolka
3313 Westbrook Trace
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Welcome New Member

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

Teal Justice
1165 Whitehawk Trail
Lawrenceville, GA 30043
770-513-9682
Piano, Flute

Piano For Sale

Baldwin studio upright piano for sale. Good
condition, 45" high, walnut color. Owned
since new, circa 1978. Tuned and regulated
regularly. \$750!

Call Tim Wheeler 770-906-3296.

Pease Make the Following Corrections to Your Directory:

Susan Andrews' e-mail address:
pianosusan@comcast.net

Terri Schroader's e-mail address:
terrischroader@charter.net (not ".com")



GMTA STATE CONFERENCE

Registration Form

**North Georgia College and State University, Dahlonega, Georgia
November 1-3, 2007**

Pre-Registration Postmark Deadline Date: October 11, 2007

Name _____ Local Association or College Affiliation _____

Street Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Do you hold GMTA/MTNA Certification? Yes _____ No _____ Type _____

Are you a new GMTA member? Yes _____ No _____

Is this your first GMTA conference? Yes _____ No _____

Registration Fee:

\$70.00 GMTA member _____

\$75.00 Non-member fee _____

\$93.00 Husband/Wife (both must be GMTA members) _____

\$97.00 Member/Non-Member Spouse _____

FREE GMTA Student Members _____

\$15.00 Non-member Student fee _____

One-day Rates:

\$35.00 Thursday _____

\$55.00 Friday _____

\$35.00 Saturday _____

Note:

There will be an extra \$5.00 charged for all registrations postmarked after October 16th. The above prices include admission to all conference activities, including Friday night's program. Pre-college students may attend conference events with their teacher, provided that the teacher is a GMTA member and registered conference attendee. Free conference registration is offered to host college (Georgia Southern University) faculty and students. The above prices do NOT include any Meal Functions. All fees (registration and meals) are non-refundable.

Meals:

\$20.00 Friday Evening Banquet _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Banquet tickets will be sold through pre-registration only.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GMTA
MAIL THIS FORM (OR A COPY OF IT) WITH YOUR CHECK TO:**

GMTA

Donna Trivette, Executive Director

956 Green Knoll Drive

Dacula, GA 30019

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Reminder: Postmark Deadline Date is October 11, 2007

Joyful Noise Home School Band

Making music...making musicians



Joyful Noise provides

Beginner and Intermediate Band ~ Recorder Classes



A Concert Band opportunity for Homeschoolers!

Joyful Noise Home School Band Northeast provides band instruction on two levels, beginner and intermediate. We begin with students who don't know how to read music or assemble their instrument and help them progress to playing more and more complex and difficult music. All music types are explored: Swing, Modern, Traditional, Hymns, Praise, Marches, Sacred, and much more.

In addition to the band programs, Joyful Noise also provides a recorder class for our younger children, which teaches them how to read music, follow a director, and play as a group. Students work through various levels of music training and are well equipped to join the band as they get older.



We offer opportunities for students to perform, as well as leadership opportunities for older students who assist the directors. Students also enjoy performing for various family and home school gatherings. Many students perform in their church's worship band as a result of their education at JNHSB.

This provides them the opportunity to learn to play music together and interact with younger and older students. Working together they learn teamwork, self-discipline, develop patience, and the ability to encourage others.

Costs are only \$60 registration per student, plus \$120 tuition for the year (\$50 for recorders). If you have more than 2 students in a class, then the third attends tuition free. Parents who choose to participate in the Bands only pay the registration fee. Please come and join with your students!

We meet on Mondays at First Baptist Church of Lilburn. Please contact Nancy Jones for more information at titleclear@bellsouth.net or Susan Davis at Susan_Davis@joyfulnoiseband.com

We would love to make music with you!

For more information and a registration form please go to:

www.joyfulnoiseband.com

