



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association April 2012

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**Monday, April 23, 2012  
First Christian Church  
6400 N. University, Peoria  
10:00 a.m. Meeting**

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*Evaluation of Methods and Scholarship Winners' Performance*

**Wayne Heinemann** from **Kidder Music** will present a program on the various teaching methods as well as an introduction to newer resources that are now available. There will also be a drawing for a couple of gift cards from Kidder's. Be sure to come for the PAMTA business meeting at 10:00 a.m. (we will have an election of officers) followed by performances by this year's **Scholarship Winners**, Sydney Campen (Sr. High winner and student of Rebecca Gebbink) and Elizabeth Lindqwister (Jr. High winner and student of Brenda Conroy) and then Wayne's presentation at 10:30. Don't miss out on this one!

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**UPCOMING PAMTA EVENTS**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – A slate of officers will be presented for election at the April meeting for the 2012-2013 year. Officers who have another year on their term are: Brenda Conroy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President (Membership Chair) and Karen Thompson – Treasurer. Janet Dickerson will be on the slate for President and Liz Reed for Secretary. There is still a need for someone to accept a position on the slate for First Vice-President (Program Chair). Please let Polly Sharp know if you would be willing to serve in this position. The terms are for two years. Nominations may also be taken from the floor.

**HONORS RECITAL** – This recital will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 22nd at First Christian Church. Even if you do not have students in the recital, please feel free to come and support the recital by your attendance.

**SONATA/SONATINA FESTIVAL** – Yes, it is not too soon to be thinking about this. It will be held early in 2013, probably on February 16th. Four members have agreed to be on the committee: Philippa Williams, Rosa Chang, Grace Trang, and Brenda Conroy. Please submit any suggestions you have for sonata or sonatina repertoire to Brenda by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

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MAY LUNCHEON – Our May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be a luncheon at Weaver Ridge at 11:00 a.m. We will have a room to ourselves and will be ordering off the menu. Think about bringing a guest. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the April meeting. Kay says, “Let’s see how close we can come to 100% attendance!”

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Kay also suggests that if you have questions or topics you would like to learn more about, please submit them at either the April or May meeting, so they can be passed along to the new First Vice-President in charge of Programs for the next two years. Your interests/wishes are very important to those who plan the meetings!

Please contact **Liz Dusenbery** to renew your *Clavier Companion* magazine. Renewals are due now.

Brenda Conroy reminds you that your **membership dues** should be paid as soon as possible. The very latest they may be paid in order for you to participate in PAMTA activities (such as AIM) for the upcoming school year is August 30<sup>th</sup>.

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### SENIOR RECITAL

**Jared Rixstine**, student of *Myrna Bietz*, and a resident of Washington, Illinois, will present his senior recital on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Lecture Recital Hall at ICC. Jared has won both the junior and senior high scholarships from PAMTA and also won the Bradley University competition last November. His program will include music by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Gershwin, and Debussy. Jared plans on being a piano performance major at a college still to be decided.

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Member **Heather Peterson** invites you to learn more about the rock band, *Hello Industry*, that she and her husband perform in. They do a special concert called **Black and White** which also includes traditional classical pieces and is done in an intimate house setting with only 30 guests. For more information about this group, please see the pdf file that was attached to the e-mail that included this newsletter. There is a very nice color picture of the group in the flier.

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### PAMTA MINUTES FOR MARCH 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the president, Polly Stewart-Sharp. There were 12 members and one guest attending. Jackie Griffith from Glasford is the guest.

Pam Eyerly reported that AiM had 196 students participate. Twenty-five teachers (4 new ones) sent students.

The February minutes were approved

The Monster Concert 2012 final report was read and placed on file  
Grace Presbyterian Church is being considered for the next Monster Concert.

Membership: Brenda Conroy reported that we have 57 members.

Newsletter: The newsletter is being received by e-mail.

Programs: Kidder Music will be providing the materials for the evaluation of methods.

Recitals: April 22 is the Honors Recital.

Sonata/Sonatina competition: Chair people are needed.

May meeting: The luncheon is at Weaver Ridge at 11:00. We will be ordering off the menu.

Adjourn: 10:40. Jane moved and Justin seconded

Brenda Conroy provided the program talking about teaching technical skills. She had handouts.

Secretary Pro-tem  
Doreve Alde-Cridlebaugh

Thank you to Doreve for filling in for me as secretary for the last meeting. Hope to see everyone at the April meeting!

Liz Reed, Newsletter Editor