



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association April 2014

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UPCOMING PAMTA MEETING AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MONDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 10:00 A.M.

There has been a change in the program from what is listed in the yearbook. Dr. Jeffrey Brown will not be able to do the program. Instead, our very own **Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi** will talk about and do a short program of pieces that she has recently performed. After that, some members will perform and discuss the sonata/sonatina music. We thank Dr. Choi for being willing to step in at the last minute.

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY SUMMER PIANO CAMP

This will be held for middle school and high school students, ages 11-18, who are interested in enhancing their ongoing piano experience. It will run from Monday, July 21st through Friday, July 25th. Daily drop off will be between 7:45 and 8:00 a.m. and pick up will be at 5:30 p.m. A variety of courses in keyboard musicianship, music history, jazz improvisation and music composition will be offered. There will be social activities as well. A final concert will be held at Dingeldine Music Center at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25th and will feature solo and ensemble performances by all the students. This is a commuter camp only with the cost being \$295 which includes meals and a camp t-shirt. Registration is due June 1st online at: <http://bradley.edu/academic/departments/music/piano/>. For questions, please contact **Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi** at cchoi@fsmail.bradley.edu or 309-677-2599. Dr. Choi is a member of PAMTA.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR ELECTION IN APRIL

The slate of officers for our upcoming election in April is: **Philippa Williams** for President and **Barb Huebner** for Secretary. Nominations may also be taken from the floor that day.

MAY LUNCHEON

The May luncheon will be held on Monday, May 19th at Basta Mangiare in East Peoria at 11:30 a.m. Feel free to bring guests. Let Brenda Conroy know if you are attending.

MEMBER NEWS

Pam Eyerly, who plays clarinet in the Prairie Wind Ensemble, invites you to attend its final concert of the season on Friday, May 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the ICC Performing Arts Center. Selections on the program include highlights from *West Side Story* by Leonard Bernstein, Frank Ticheli's moving band arrangement of *Amazing Grace*, and a rousing Sousa march. The concert will also feature the winner of the Earl Barnes Student Soloist Competition. This year's winner is flutist, Mallika Patel, a junior at Metamora High School, who will play an Irish Piece with the band entitled *The River Shannon*. Mallika studies flute with Angela Loring and also studies piano with Pam. Tickets are \$8.00 or \$6.00 for seniors and may be purchased at the ICC box office either by phone (309-694-5136) or in person during box office hours or the evening of the performance.

Gus Jenetten, student of **Liz Dusenbery**, received a Superior rating for his entry in the International Composition Contest of the National Guild of Piano Teachers. Inspired by J.S. Bach's *Toccata in d minor* and reading about mean-tempered tuning, Gus composed at the keyboard and the computer. Rules of this contest allow computer-generated manuscripts. Gus is a 15 year old student at Richwoods High School.

PAMTA MINUTES – MEETING – MARCH 17, 2014

The PAMTA general meeting was called to order at 10:09 by president, Janet Dickerson. The secretary's report was not read as it had been published in the March Newsletter. The treasurer's report was read by Janet Dickerson and the balance in the checking account is \$2301. 93.

Two guests were introduced: Barbara Hart and Nancy Hausam.

Committee reports:

Recitals – Honor's recital is April 27 and registration deadline is April 13 (two weeks before).

AIM – Pam Eyerly reports there were 107 students registered for the performance exam and of those there are 30 make-ups. Pam urged teachers to get these exams made up as soon as possible.

There are several summer camps available: Bradley, Ill. Wesleyan. Goshen, University of Ill., to name a few.

The Sonata/Sonatina committee was announced. Phillipa Williams, Janet Dickerson and Susan Twitty. The event will be held January 31, 2015 at ICC. There will be 12 levels.

A master Class with Dr. Rochelle Sennet will be held, March 29, 2014 at the Piano Gallery.

Five students will play.

A card and check was sent to Arden Baldwin in memory of Crystal Baldwin. The check will go into the memorial for Crystal at Willow Hills Methodist Church.

The meeting adjourned at 10:19.

Kind words were given in memory of our dear members, Crystal Baldwin and Jane Harms.

Crystal passed away Dec. 15, 2013 and Jane passed away Jan. 15, 2014. They will be missed. Several members, Justin Kothenbeutel, Brenda Conroy, and Phillipa Williams shared in playing some interesting teaching pieces.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Huebner, sitting in for Liz Reed