



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association August 2015

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**FIRST PAMTA MEETING OF THE 2015-16 YEAR
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MONDAY AUGUST 24TH AT 10:00 A.M.
POTLUCK**

Please bring a brunch type dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. You will receive your PAMTA directory/yearbook. Officers and committee chairs will report on events for this year. You can look forward to some new meeting ideas, new speakers, and member participation at meetings! Guests are always welcome. – Susan Twitty, First Vice President/Programs Chair

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY SUMMER PIANO CAMP

July 20-24 marks another successful completion of the Bradley Summer Piano Camp. Ages 10-16 year old campers from neighboring areas took this opportunity to learn not only piano repertoires, but also expanded their understanding of music history, body mapping for pianists, aural skills, musicianship classes, and composition. In addition, through a variety of activities, students enjoyed a faculty recital, a visit to the Electrical and Computer Engineering department, indoor sports, and other outdoor activities, which brightened their enjoyment of bonding together.

The camp culminated in a final recital whose performances include duets and solo performances. Each participant received a certificate of completion, and parents raved about the excellent program that boosted their children's motivation in learning the piano and appreciated the University's outreach efforts for providing a valuable program for the community.

Pictures can be found on Bradley Summer Piano Camp's Facebook page linked here.

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bradley-Summer-Piano-Camp/309012195930256?ref=tn_tnmn

Submitted by Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi, PAMTA member.

ISMTA CONFERENCE

State Conference will be held this year at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago on November 6 – 7. You can register now for accommodations at the Best Western River North Hotel at a special rate of \$99.99 for a King bed, or \$115.99 for two double beds. This special rate goes up to September 21. Free parking is available along with this rate. The hotel's number is 312-467-0800. You must let them know you are with ISMTA. Now is the time also to check with other members to see if they are going to attend conference so that perhaps you can line up a roommate or someone to carpool with.

WEST DISTRICT ISMTA AUDITIONS

These auditions will be held at ICC on October 17th in the morning. Registrations must be postmarked not later than September 12th. If you have any questions, contact Grace Trang tomgracetrang@yahoo.com, or 383-2933, or you can go to the ISMTA website at ismta.org and look under competitions.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Polly Sharp reminds us that (1) on SmileAmazon.com you can request that .5% of your purchases go to PAMTA. Go into my accounts and choose the Peoria MTA charity. (2) Caterpillar will match donations made by Caterpillar employees. (This could possibly help with future grand piano rentals for Monster Concert.)

PAMTA General Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2015

The PAMTA General Meeting was called to order by President, Philippa Williams at 10:05 AM. The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurers report was presented. The General bank account was \$4,488.73 as of the end of March.

Philippa reported that she went to the ISMTA meeting in Champaign.

The Fall conference will be held at Moody Bible Institute in downtown Chicago. It will be held the first weekend in Nov.

The election was held for the 1st Vice President (Programs) and Treasurer. Susan Twitty was elected 1st vice president and Kirsten Jones was elected treasurer.

Monster Concert music committee has met, and they are choosing the music for the MC.

Grace Trang reported that the Piano competition for the West District will be held October 17, 2015 at ICC. The elementary auditions will be judged but the winners will not go to State.

The Scholarship winners performed for the group. Andrew Liu played a Chopin Nocturne and he will be going to University of IL. Music camp. Star Commanday also performed and she will go to the University of IL. Music camp.

Andrea Molina, on staff at Bradley University, talked to the group about the texture in accompanying.

The meeting was held at the Piano Network Gallery.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Huebner, Secretary.

PAMTA General Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2015

1st Christian Church

A brief meeting was held at the 1st Christian Church to hear the Monster Concert Music. All the pieces were played. Susan Twitty announced that Liz Reed was chosen as PAMTA Member of the Year for this past year.

We then adjourned and went to lunch at Sazani's.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Huebner, Secretary