



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association January 2014

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**UPCOMING PAMTA MEETING AT THE PIANO GALLERY**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 A.M.**  
**TEACHER'S FAVORITES**

Come play a piece that is one of your favorites. (Please let Brenda Conroy know if you will be playing.) If you want, tell a little about why the piece appeals to you. Also, if there is time left over, we will spend it sharing ideas for a round table discussion on anything you would like to ask or discuss relevant to music and teaching it.

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**AIM**

Pam Eyerly, AIM Chair, reminds you that Performance Exam registrations are due no later than the PAMTA meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>. She would also welcome them even earlier! Please contact her if you have any questions about filling out the paperwork for the Performance Exams. (Please note you must fill out a repertoire sheet for each student – both the music approval sheet and the sheet the judge will be using to make comments on as well as the main registration list of your students who are participating).

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**MTNA CONFERENCE**

National Conference is coming up on March 22 – 26 in Chicago. What an opportunity to be able to attend a national conference with it being right in our own back yard so to speak! Information is available on the MTNA website as well as in *Music Teacher* magazine. If anyone is interested in carpooling (or even riding up on the train together) and also if anyone is interested in sharing a hotel room, please let Liz Reed know.

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## **PAMTA RECITALS**

### **DUET FESTIVAL**

Registration forms should be sent to Brenda Conroy in the mail by January 24<sup>th</sup>. Or if you want to turn them into her personally at the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, that can be done as well. The festival/recital will be held at 3:00 p.m. at The Piano Gallery on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **HONORS RECITAL**

Honors Recital will be held at First Christian Church on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for registration is two weeks before hand – April 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration may be done on the PAMTA website – pamta.org or mailed to Becky Gebbink.

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### **SCHOLARSHIP**

This competition will be held on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at First Christian Church. One senior high scholarship and one junior high scholarship are awarded and are to be used to attend summer music camp. Registration may be done on the website or sent to Polly Sharp by February 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 PAMTA MEETING THE PIANO GALLERY**

The meeting opened at 10:05 a.m. with President, Janet Dickerson, presiding. There were 18 members present.

The minutes of the October 28th, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was as follows:

Beginning balance 10/1/13	\$1950.44
Revenue	120.00
Expenditures	182.36
Ending balance 10/31/13	\$1880.08

Revenue was \$20 in membership dues and \$100 for advertisement fees. Expenditures were for the October program presenter, flowers, printing of AIM certificates and Masquerade Musicale programs.

The Savings account as of 9/30/13 has \$8442.58.

Recitals: Rebecca Gebbink reported that there are slots available at Bass Pro Shops from 2:00 – 2:30, 6:00 – 6:30, and 7:00 – 8:00 on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned that there will be a merry-go-round near where the piano will be.

Brochures: Janet Dickerson reported that PAMTA brochures are being printed and will be available at Bass Pro on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

AIM: Pam Eyerly reported that 117 students participated in the fall AIM Theory exams. She brought the finished exams to hand out to those teachers who had not yet picked them up, and asked that people let her know if there were any errors.

Programs: Brenda Conroy passed around a sign-up sheet for the December luncheon which will be at Biaggi's December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. She also had registration forms available for the Duet Festival which will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>. She then reminded everyone about playing a favorite piece for the program in January. Information about pedaling from Susan Tang's seminar at State Conference was handed out by Brenda also.

There was no Old Business.

New Business: Janet read a letter from the President of ISMTA about sales tax having to be charged now on AIM materials. Pricing is displayed on the ISMTA website.

Announcements: Pam Eyerly announced the Prairie Winds concert to be held at Metamora High School on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Liz Reed announced the Peoria Symphony Orchestra's Fund Raiser concert for the tornado victims coming up tomorrow evening.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m. Dr. Tammie Walker and Professor Courtney Blankenship then presented a program on "Technique, Time, and Technology: Ideas for Every Student (and Teachers as Well).

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Reed  
Secretary