



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association March 2014

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UPCOMING PAMTA MEETING AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MONDAY, MARCH 17TH AT 10:00 A.M.

NOTE!!!! THIS MEETING IS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (not The Piano Gallery). AND IT IS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH (not the fourth one) because of MTNA National Conference.

Bring a piece to play that is a favorite if you wish. (Please let Brenda know if you will be playing.) Then there will be a general round table discussion, but first the Board thought it would be nice if members could share some of their memories of **Crystal Baldwin** and **Jane Harms** as a special way of paying tribute to them, so please think back on what you remember about these special women and tell the other members at the meeting about your special memories of them.

AIM

AIM will be held this coming weekend, March 15th and 16th. Any exams that are not picked up during the weekend may be obtained at the meeting on the 17th.

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 other members know.

HONORS RECITAL

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

SONATA/SONATINA FESTIVAL

Please start thinking about next year's festival. We will need 4 or 5 teachers to set it up and get it going. It will be held one year from now, but the planning will need to start soon. If you are interested in helping with this, please let president, Janet Dickerson, know.

MASTER CLASS

A master class will be held on Saturday, March 29th at 3:00 p.m. at the Piano Gallery. Dr. Rochelle Sennett of the University of Illinois will be the teacher. Students of Rosa Chang, Laura Treichel and Brenda Conroy will play. If you have a student you would like to enter the master class, or you have told Brenda, but she forgot to write it down, let her know the student's name and the name and length of their piece. Please note we are holding this on a Saturday so the student does not have to miss school. Also this is a prime opportunity for other students to come and observe and learn.

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.

On Friday, March 21st, classical pianist, Thomas Pandolfi will be performing “Into the Night with Gershwin” at the ICC Performing Arts Center as part of their subscription series. We are being their Community Partner for this program. **Liz Reed** will be PAMTA’s representative at the concert and will be speaking to the audience prior to the concert to tell them about PAMTA. There will also be a table set up with our brochures and other information out in the lobby. ICC is giving us some comp tickets, so if anyone would like to go to the concert and perhaps help Liz out at the table a little, please let her know. Also if you have any special item that you think would be good for the display table, please let her know that as well.

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.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24TH, 2014 PAMTA MEETING THE PIANO GALLERY

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. with President, Janet Dickerson, presiding. There were 16 members and one guest present.

The minutes of the November 25th, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

Correspondence: Thank you notes from Dave Harms and Northminster Presbyterian church were read.

The Treasurer’s report was as follows:

Beginning balance 1/1/14	\$2331.93
January Revenue	20.00
January Expenditures	50.00
Ending balance 1/31/14	\$2301.93

Revenue was \$20 in membership. Expenditures were \$50 for a memorial for Jane Harms to Northminster Presbyterian Church for the purchase of music.

AIM: Pam Eyerly asked that Performance exam registration forms be turned in today. The judges’ meeting will be held at Pam’s house on Thursday, March 13th.

There was no Old Business.

New Business: Janet announced the slate for the upcoming elections: President – Philippa Williams and Secretary – Barb Huebner. The election will be held at the April meeting. Janet also asked for volunteers to work on the Sonata/Sonatina Festival. Those interested should let Janet know.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The program followed with Rosa Chang performing pieces by Mozart and Granados, and Justin Kothenbeutel playing selections by Prokofiev. This was followed by Tana DiPiazza performing vocal selections that her husband Gabe had picked out for them to do together in the future before he passed away. She was accompanied by Myrna Bietz.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Reed
Secretary