



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association November-December 2012

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**HOW TO MAKE A CAREER IN MUSIC
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Chung-Ha Kim, from Millikin University, will speak and do a Power Point presentation on how piano students who are considering a career in music can go about doing so. She encourages students to attend if they can. This will be very helpful information to share with your older students.

**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012
WEAVER RIDGE
10:30 a.m.**

Plan on attending our annual Christmas Brunch get together. We will be ordering from the menu. Please contact Doreve Alde-Cridlebaugh by December 6th at solfeg@mtco.com or 699-1017 to let her know you will be attending.

SONATA/SONATINA FESTIVAL – Just a reminder that all the guidelines and governing rules as well as the enrollment form are all available on the PAMTA website: www.pamta.org. Deadline for registration is December 17, 2012.

AIM was held this past weekend. Pam Eyerly thanks everyone who helped. There were thirteen judges, six helpers, and over one hundred students! Everything went smoothly at both the Bradley and ICC locations. Please have all make-up exams completed by December 15th, and please contact Pam with the scores. Thanks!

Becky Gebbink reports that the **Masquerade Musicale** went very well. Ten teachers had students participating in the recital. She reminds everyone that the playing of Christmas music at the **Bass Pro Shops** will be on Saturday, December 1 between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

MEMBER NEWS

Pam Eyerly, a member of **The Prairie Wind Ensemble**, invites you to attend their Christmas concert on Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. at ICC's Performing Arts Center. The group will be playing lovely arrangements of well-known carols, as well as Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride*, and a Mannheim Steamroller version of *Silent Night*. Lee Wenger will narrate *The Night before Christmas*, and the guest vocalist will sing *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. This concert will be sure to get you in the Christmas spirit! Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors. To order tickets, please call the ICC Box Office at 309-694-5136.

Jared Rixstine, now a freshman at Millikin and a student of Dr. Chung-ha Kim, recently won a concerto competition held at that school. He played the first movement of Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor, which he will perform with their orchestra on February 2, 2013. Jared was formerly a student of **Myrna Bietz**. And a personal note from Myrna: "It's been 10 years since a little boy came to audition for piano lessons and did everything wrong, but I could hear the talent, even if he didn't count, and I took him anyway. And, without a doubt, he has been the best piano player and best all-around musician I have ever taught."

PAMTA MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2012 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PEORIA, ILLINOIS

The program portion of the meeting opened at 10:10 a.m. with Karen Koch doing a presentation about the Music Educator's Marketplace. She spoke about and brought materials which focused on reading.

The business portion of the meeting began at 11:15 a.m. after members and guests had time to purchase materials from Karen. There were 19 members and two guests present. President, Janet Dickerson, presided over the meeting.

The minutes of the September 24th meeting were approved as corrected.

The treasurer's report was as follows: Beginning balance as of 9/1/12 \$5,223.41
September revenue 140.00
September expenditures 0.00
Ending balance as of 9/30/12 \$5,363.41

Revenue consisted of \$140 in membership dues.

Becky Gebbink reported that the Masquerade Musicale recital held at the Apollo yesterday, October 21st was a success. There were 56 students. Becky had the sign up sheet for the Bass Pro Shops Christmas music playing on December 1st. There were just a few time slots left.

Pam Eyerly reminded everyone that the AIM registrations are due today. She asked that anyone who didn't bring their registration sheets today, to please mail them to her soon. In answer to a question, she explained that for the transposition for Levels IV and above, the student may choose which two keys to transpose the piece to, and that they should bring original music, not a photocopy of the piece.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, Janet asked for volunteers to provide snacks for the upcoming State Conference. All members attending the conference should bring food, and some members who are not attending volunteered to contribute snacks which they will drop off at Liz Reed's house.

Janet then asked for volunteers to serve on the Monster Concert music selection committee. Susan Twitty, Karen Thompson and Janet will be on the committee. She then asked for volunteers to chair or co-chair the Monster Committee committee itself. No one volunteered, so Janet asked the members to please be thinking about it.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Reed
Secretary