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President's Corner

Just a reminder that there will be no Chapter meeting in March. I hope all of you manage to maintain serenity this month. We are most grateful to all the members working hard on preparing Adjudications, recitals, and the Convention Competition for us. And a huge thank you to Jan Music and Amy Yang for the Baroque Festival!

Congratulations (and thanks) to the new slate of officers elected at the February meeting. They are: President, Jan Music, President-elect, Lynn Lewis, Vice-President, Vivian Su, Recording Secretary, Kira Theine, Corresponding Secretary, Jean Johansen-Kuehn, and Past President, Brooke Beecher. I'd like to remind all incoming officers that they are required to attend two Board meetings before the June luncheon.

Our next Board meeting is at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 20th at the home of Mary Jane Clarke.

For those of you who weren't at the February meeting, the topic for next year's festival is music composed after 1900.

Bonnie Knights gave us a really useful program at the February meeting on her knowledge of keyboards and their care - thank you so much, Bonnie!

Looking forward to spring, Brooke Beecher, President

Honors Recitals/Senior Recital March 11

Email Gordon Miller if you have seniors to enter into the Senior Recital, which will be the last recital of the day.

Gordon will inform teachers regarding the Honors Recitals schedule via e-mail as soon as she can using the addresses in the directory. She will call those who don't have emails.

Adjudications

Those who want to take the Adjudicators to lunch need to call Heidi Ritchey. Adjudicators' lunches are paid for by OMTA.

You will have to go online for Adjudication forms such as the Student Evaluation Form, Schedule Form and Adjudicator Evaluation Form. You can fill out the forms then print them from the site, or save the forms into your documents folder on your computer, then either print out a blank or type in your information. Mary Jo Wright will provide forms for those who do not have access to a computer.

Convention Competition March 4

The 2007 Olympia Chapter Convention Competition is coming up soon - Sunday March 4 from approximately 2:00-6:00 p.m.

We will have two excellent judges listening to our students. Jee Wong, who is one of our Lower Level Adjudicators, is very well qualified as he has a Masters and then some in piano performance. Phyllis Pieffer is the Immediate National Past President of MTNA and teaches in Aberdeen.

If you need additional forms or hear of someone who needs them, they will be available online and at Yenney's

Election of Officers for 2007-2008

Members voted on the nominated Slate of officers: President - Jan Rowen-Music, Vice President - Vivian Su, President-Elect - Lynn Lewis, Treasurer - Amy Yang, Recording Secretary - Kira Theine, Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Editor - Jean Johansen Kuehn, Past President - Brooke Beecher.

Next Year's Festival

At the February Chapter Meeting, members decided that they wanted next year's festival will be a Festival of Music from the 20th Century.

Member Acknowledgement

Brooke presented Mary Jo Wright an artificial rose that plays Fur Elise at our February Chapter Meeting, as an acknowledgement of her added stress caused by this winter's wind storm damage to her house.

Miscellaneous Notices and Announcements

Forty-eight students participated in the Baroque Festival on Saturday, February 10. Students were awarded certificates and a goodie bag.

Chapter Members, Judy Price, Lorraine Musson and possibly Lynn Lewis are going to the National Conference in Toronto.

Judy Price is running for National MTNA Treasurer. She and other candidates can be voted for online or you can send in your vote with the ballot in the MTNA magazine. Last year only 1100 out of 5000 members voted last year, so members are urged to vote.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Asterisk signifies the event is held at Yenney's Music at 10 AM*

- Mar 4 Conventions Honors Recital Competition, United Churches
Mar 5-11 Piano Adjudications – United Churches, Jee Wong, Lower Division, Margaret Brink
and Bill McKay, Upper Division
Mar 11 Honors Recital and Senior Recognition Recital.
Mar 13 No Chapter Meeting.
Mar 20 Board Meeting (current Board members only, and next year's slate of officers), at the
home of Mary Jane Clarke
Mar 23-27 MTNA National Conference, Toronto, Canada
Apr 17* Chapter Meeting at Yenneys

***Please remember to not wear strong scents (perfumes, oils, body lotions, etc.) to our
meetings due to the sensitivities of some of our members. Thank you.***