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President's Corner

Thanks to Jan Music for presenting her rhythm program at the September meeting, and to Carol Crawford for volunteering to donate a gift for our chapter's contribution to the Scholarship Raffle to be held at the District IV Conference.

The District IV Conference will be held on Oct. 14 at the Centralia Church of the Nazarene. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the Conference will start at 10:00. Fliers and registration forms will be available at the October meeting. The guest speaker will be Geisa Dutra so it will be well worth attending this event. I'd like to encourage any one who hasn't attended a district conference before to start taking advantage of the wonderful opportunity this conference provides us every year. It's a lot of fun, and the programs are always outstanding.

ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS: part of your job is to locate your job description notebook, or create a new one if it has somehow vanished. Check that it includes a copy of the Constitution and By Laws, and a job description, which you are responsible for updating. During the year you must add: 1) a copy of your Treasurer's Report; 2) a copy of the report on your event, which you turn in to the chapter President when your event is completed; and 3) a copy of the Recording Secretary's updates on policies, which she extracts from the chapter and Board minutes.

Brooke Beecher

District IV Conference

THEY'RE FINALLY HERE!! I have just received the fliers/registration forms for the District IV Conference on **October 14**. It will be held at the Centralia Church of the Nazarene (1119 West First St., Centralia). Check-in is at 9:30 a.m. and the Conference starts at 10:00 and goes until 3:00. I will bring these fliers to the chapter meeting, but since that leaves only a few days to mail in a registration, I will have the fliers in a manila envelope in the teachers' mailbox at Yenney's by noon tomorrow. You could also contact Cinda Redman directly and she'd be happy to take your registration directly (360-256-8888, email cindapiano@comcast.net or mail to her at 14711 S.E. 29th St., Vancouver WA 98683) The fee is \$35 for WSMTA members and \$10 for lunch.

The program is a morning lecture on Teaching the Chopin Preludes and

an afternoon masterclass on the Preludes with intermediate and advanced students, given by Geisa Dutra. This will be a great opportunity to get very practical help in teaching standard repertoire. Please join us - at the meeting I will have directions to the church, and teachers can arrange carpools. If you've never been to a district conference you'll find it a lot of fun, and very worthwhile.

Notice!!! The Date of the Autumn Harvest Recital has Changed !!!

The date of the Autumn Harvest Recital has been changed to October 24th.

Master Classes

Fall sessions of Jr. and Sr. Master Classes are almost here! Dates are October 27th through 29th. Schedules are done, and should be arriving in participating teachers' mailboxes very soon. OMTA extends thanks to Mary Jane Clarke and Mary Jo Wright for being over-night hostesses to our Master Class teachers, and to teachers who have graciously opened their studios to our teachers and students.

Fees are due by our Chapter meeting on **October 10th** at the meeting, or mailed by the 10th to Cherie Felts. The amounts due will be listed within scheduling information. Checks should be made out to OMTA. Thank you!

Please correct directory calendar as the dates for our second set of Master Classes are incorrect, and are shown in reverse order. Jr. Classes are the last weekend in January, and Sr. Classes are the first weekend in February. If there are any questions, please contact Cherie Felts by e-mail jscffelts@aol.com or by phone 491-5452.

Sign-ups for January and February classes will be available at November and December meetings with fees due at our Chapter meeting on January 9th.

Keyboard Companion

Subscriptions to Keyboard Companion are available for groups of 5 or more for \$20 per person. For groups of 10 or more there is one free issue to the Group Leader. All members of the group must subscribe at the same time. No new members to the group may be added until the yearly renewal date. Our date is **October 15**. Please bring or send your checks made out to Keyboard Companion to the October 10th meeting, or to my home before this date. Payment sent in by individual group members will be returned! Thanks! Peggy Austin

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit items for upcoming newsletters to Jean Johansen-Kuehn

by the 20th of the month. If anyone needs a hard copy of the newsletter sent to them, please contact Jean. The newsletters will be emailed by the 1st. Hard copies will be sent by the 1st to those who don't have an email address.

OMTA Newsletter

When the concept of designing a web site for our chapter was first envisioned, I checked the WSMTA web site and found that only three chapters had their own web site. Now there are thirteen out of thirty-five chapters throughout the state that have their own web site. We are no longer on the "cutting edge" but "in the pack". Once again, I am grateful that we had a member like Ignacio Diaz Jr., who was willing to volunteer both his time and expertise to move us ahead into the 21st century!

Mary Jo Wright, NCTM (Founding Member)

Miscellaneous Notices and Announcements

Donelle Drohman visited OMTA at our September meeting. She is considering joining OMTA and has been studying with Mary Jane Clark.

Denise Daverso announced an upcoming performance by vocalist Marney Nixon on **October 27** at 7:30 at the new Performing Arts Center at SPSCC.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

Sept 30-Oct 1 WSMTA Leadership Conference, Snoqualmie Pass

October 10* Chapter Meeting, Dist. IV Vice President Cinda Redman visits, as well as a panel of experts, discussing questions

and answers on “Teaching the Exceptionally Gifted Student.”

October 17

Board Meeting, 10:00 AM, at the home of Mary Jane Clarke.

October 24

Presbyterian

Autumn Harvest Student Recital, 7:00 PM, Lacey

October 27

Performance by vocalist Marney Nixon, 7:30 PM, SPSCC
Performing Arts Center

October 27-29

Margaret Brink (Sr.)

Junior/Senior Master Classes with Sandy Palmer (Jr.) and

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