

Austin District Music Teachers Association

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SEPTEMBER 2010

SEPTEMBER Dates

- Sept. 13** **General Meeting**, Strait Music, 9:45 a.m.
Sept. 14 **Deadline:** MTNA/TMTA: All student competitions
Sept. 20 **Deadline:** October Newsletter (items postmarked or e-mailed)
Send to Editor Paula Wong: pwong1@austin.rr.com
Sept. 20 **Deadline:** **Student Affiliate FALL REGISTRATION ENDS**
Sept. 22 **Deadline:** JAZZ, POP & ROCK Festival entries
Sept. 27 **Deadline:** FALL THEORY TEST entries

From the President's Desk...

Dear ADMTA Teachers,

Welcome new and returning ADMTA members! Now that the summer break has ended it's time to get into gear and prepare for the events of the 2010-2011 calendar. Our first general meeting will be held on **September 13**, 9:45 am at the Strait Music/Austin School of Music building located at 2428 Ben White Blvd. At this meeting you can pick up a free copy of levels 1 and 2 of a new piano method by William Workinger and Ed Sueta. Supplies are limited, so don't miss out!

The members of the ADMTA Executive Board for 2010-2011 are:

- President, Robert Centeno
- First Vice President/Programs, Janie Keys
- Second Vice President/Membership, Jeannie Henselman
- Secretary, Nancy Driver
- Treasurer, Ana Ortega
- Student Affiliate Chairman, Tricia Romriell
- Student Affiliate Treasurer, Lan-Thach Kratzke
- Newsletter Editor, Paula Wong
- Historian, Sukyee Woo
- Parliamentarian, Marti Dudgeon
- Immediate Past President, Carol Feist
- Advisor, Angelica Lopez
- Advisor, Flossie Young

The dedication of these officers is very much appreciated. Also, my sincere thanks to those who are returning to their positions in the various committees and those who are taking on new positions. Without such volunteers it would not be possible to provide for our members the large number of events that we offer.

You may already be aware that Janet Russell has passed away this summer due to cancer. This was very sad news to many of us. It was only a matter of a couple of weeks that we first learned of her illness till her passing. Many members who worked with her through the years admired her no-nonsense approach and considerable knowledge of the workings of ADMTA. She will be missed as a dear friend to some and as a pillar of our organization to many others.

And her contributions to ADMTA were considerable indeed. We learned this first hand this summer as we attempted to take up her responsibilities. I wish to thank Ana Ortega for stepping up to fill Janet's position as ADMTA Treasurer on short notice, and Buffy Currens for taking on the task of preparing this year's yearbook. Both have done a great job picking up the pieces in Janet's absence.

As a token of our appreciation for Janet's long service to ADMTA, we have renamed the High School Scholarship Contest in her honor. It will now be referred to as the Janet Russell Memorial Scholarship Contest.

I would be remiss if I didn't extend a note of appreciation to our Student Affiliate chair Tricia Romriell. The task of finding chairs for our events and of scheduling these events with UT is considerable and Tricia has done an exemplary job. There are many other members who have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming year. Unfortunately, I can't mention them all here but they know who they are and to them I say, thank you for your service!

Best regards,
Robert Centeno
ADMTA President

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

The ADMTA Executive Board has voted to recommend that Article VII, Section 11 be stricken from our bylaws. Article VII, Section 11 reads in full:

“No member shall hold the same office more than two consecutive years except under special circumstances and with Executive Board unanimous vote of approval.”

The proposed amendment will be considered and voted upon by the general membership at the September 13th general meeting.

COMMISSIONED COMPOSER

At the October meeting we will choose our Commissioned Composer Nominee. The Commissioned composer Program, sponsored by MTNA and TMTA, is dedicated to encouraging the creation of new works by American composers and annually assists its affiliated state associations in the generation and performance of new music through the national composers commissioning program. The TMTA commissioned work premier performance is at the TMTA annual convention.

The nominee has to submit quite a lot of information and materials to TMTA. At the present time there is no deadline given the TMTA website. Traditionally the deadline is in late October. I will report the deadline an email announcement and in the October newsletter. For information go to www.tmta.org. To download the application, go to:

<http://www.tmta.org/assets/pdf/Commission%20Application.pdf>

If you have a nominee in mind, please seek their permission before they are nominated. Be sure that they can submit the information by the deadline. The nominee does not need to be a member of ADMTA. We are honored to have had two state winners who were nominated by our organization: Donald Grantham-1992 and Kathryn Mishell-1997.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks will be distributed at the September and October meetings. New members, it's a good idea to explore the yearbook thoroughly. If you cannot pick one up at the meetings you can contact Asmik Fomina to have it mailed to you.

Asmik Fomina
2201 S Lakeline Blvd #15201
Cedar Park, TX 78613
Asmichek@gmail.com

Send Asmik a check for \$3.50 to cover the cost of mailing. Be sure to include your name and mailing address. Yearbooks are available for mailing after the September meeting. They will be mailed only once every two weeks, so it may take as long as 2 weeks to get your copy by mail. Meanwhile, the event dates and forms are up to date and available online at austintxmusicteachers.org.

MEETING ATTENDANCE EXEMPTIONS

ADMTA members who cannot attend meetings due to employment other than private teaching on Monday mornings will be granted an exemption from meeting attendance. You must send your request by October 1 to the ADMTA secretary:

Nancy Driver
8102 Elkhorn Mountain Tr.
Austin, TX 78729
ndriver@austin.rr.com

Teachers receiving an exemption must do an additional 4 hours of service in lieu of attendance in order to enter their students in ADMTA and Student Affiliate events. Service can be monitoring or helping with other tasks needed to run our organization. Contact the Student Affiliate Chairman, Tricia Romriell romriell@yahoo.com to see how you can help.

CONTACTING YOUR OFFICERS

Please contact these busy people by email. If telephoning, do not call between teaching hours, usually from 3:30 to 7:30 pm.

AGENDA

Meeting agenda items may be submitted to Robert Centeno rc3nt3no@gmail.com no later the 5 pm on the Saturday before each monthly meeting. Only items on the agenda will be considered at the monthly meetings.

TEACHER REFERRAL

If you would like more students, let these people know:

North: Kay Rivers kayrivers@me.com
South: Patricia McNicol 331-6880

Contact them again when you no longer want referrals. Please contact Kay Rivers by email, if possible. Patricia McNicol prefers to be contacted by phone. When telephoning, do not call during teaching hours, usually between 3:30 and 7:30 pm. In addition, if you want your name and email address posted for teacher referral on the ADMTA website, email Ana Ortega aortega@austin.rr.com or Buffy Currens pianobuffy@austin.rr.com, our website administrators, and let them know.

Donations for the Janet Russell Memorial Scholarship Contest Fund

As many of you know, the High School Scholarship Contest has been renamed to the Janet Russell Memorial Scholarship Contest. Donations have been coming in from Janet's friends and family members across the country to honor her memory. If you would like to also donate, you can do so by sending a check payable to ADMTA. Please write on the memo line that it is a donation to the Janet Russell Memorial Scholarship Contest. You can send it to me at 1805 Nelson Ranch Loop, Cedar Park, TX 78613.

Thank you,
Ana Ortega
ADMTA Treasurer

STUDENT AFFILIATE NEWS

Student Affiliate Website will launch September 1st!

A few changes have been made over the summer to the registration process. Look for an email sent in early September with detailed instructions on registering students and updating your profile. The fall deadline is September 20th.

For assistance, contact Buffy Currens/346-5835 pianobuffy@austin.rr.com or Ana Ortega/215-2027 aortega@austin.rr.com. We are happy to help. Please make any phone calls before 9:00 pm.

Student Affiliate Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance as of 7/30/10: \$23,500.03
Savings Account Balance as of 7/30/10: \$5,584.88

NEED REIMBURSEMENT?

If you expect reimbursement for Student Affiliate business, please contact me for our taxpayer ID number. Lan Kratzke, 512 810-2648; kratzke@gmail.com

Lan Kratzke
SA Treasurer

STUDENT AFFILIATE REGISTRATION

TO LOG IN:

1. Go to www.austintxmusicteachers.org
2. Under Student Affiliate, click on "Registration - ADMTA Teachers Only"
3. Use the same Login ID and password as last year.
4. If you can't remember the information, email Buffy Currens pianobuffy@austin.rr.com (before 9:00 pm).
5. New members should email Buffy Currens pianobuffy@austin.rr.com to create a profile (before 9:00 pm).
6. Once you are logged in, please read over the announcements that may affect your enrollment.
7. Click on "My Profile." You will need your MTNA member number in order for your enrollment to be complete.
8. Click "Update User" to save all changes made to your profile.

TO ADD NEW STUDENTS TO YOUR LIST:

1. Click on the "Students" tab on top of the page.
 - a) Click on the "New Student" sub-tab.
2. Gather and enter the following information:
 - a) First Name, Last Name – *be careful: the computer will try to automatically fill in the name of your student once you start typing in a few letters (like spell check). Double check that the names are spelled correctly and retype if you need to.*
 - b) Current school grade.
 - c) Home Schooled – check the box if it applies.
 - d) Birth date – enter in the following form: MM/DD/YYYY for example 01/12/1995. The computer will calculate the student's age for each event. *Adults do not have to enter their actual birthday if they prefer not to. Enter any birth date in the same format.*
 - e) Length of Study – this information can be manually updated throughout the year.
 - f) Transfer Student – check the box if this applies. **If the student has transferred from another ADMTA or TMTA teacher, enter the previous teacher's name in the space provided.**
 - g) Information – provide anything you feel is helpful (i.e. special needs, etc.)
3. Click on the green "Add Student" button.
4. Double check that the green box at the top of the page says "New student created successfully!"
5. Keep adding NEW students until you are finished.
6. If you need a break, you can always log out and come back later.

7. Made a mistake? Go to the “**Students**” tab, click on the “**Register/Manage Students**” sub-tab to change any information you may have entered incorrectly.

TO ENROLL EXISTING STUDENTS:

1. Click on the “**Students**” tab at the top of the page.
 - a) Click on the “**Register/Manage Students**” sub-tab.
2. Your student list from last year as well as your newly added students will appear:
 - a) UPDATE the grade and length of study for each student (you may also edit the student’s birthday date, home school and information boxes if necessary).

è DO NOT update the grade and length of study for students who are not registering again this year!

3. To register a student for **FALL**, simply check the “Fall” box in the “**Enrollment**” column.
 - a) Click the “**Update**” button at the bottom of the screen.
4. To register a student for **SPRING**, simply check the “Spring” box in the “**Enrollment**” column.
 - a) Click the “**Update**” button at the bottom of the screen.

è YOU MUST CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX or the student will NOT be registered for the current school year!!

è DO NOT click both “Fall” and “Spring” boxes in the registration column!!! Your SA Registration form will have either a (F) or (S) next to each student’s name. This is an indication of the semester you enrolled that student. You do not need to re-register fall students in the spring semester: membership is for the entire year.

5. Click on the “**Events**” tab.
 - a) Click on the “**Download Forms**” tab to view and print your SA Registration Form.

FINAL STEP

Ä Print **3 COPIES** of your SA Registration Form and:

1. Retain 1 copy for your records
2. Mail 1 copy to **Rebecca Lew/500 Sacramento Dr/Austin, TX 78704** (you can also email the PDF attachment to beccacolew@gmail.com)
3. Mail 1 copy AND your check to **Lan Kratzke/3809 South Congress #124/Austin, TX 78704**