

# Austin District Music Teachers Association

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February 2009

## February Dates

- Feb. 2 9:45 a.m. General Meeting  
Program: Nancy Garrett, Professor of Piano, University of Texas at Austin
- Feb. 8 **Performance Contests** – UT Recital Studio 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Sunday)
- Feb. 9 **Deadline: Baroque/Classical Festival Entries**
- Feb. 14 **Spring Theory Test** – UT 12:30 pm. to 6:00 p.m. (Saturday)
- Feb. 17 **Deadline:** February Newsletter items e-mailed by this date. Send to editor: pwong1@austin.rr.com
- Feb. 17 **Deadline:** State Ensemble Registration
- Feb. 28 **Baroque/Classical Festival** – UT 8:30 am to 5:00 p.m.

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### *From the President's Desk...*

#### *Dear ADMTA Teachers,*

The February meeting promises to be a busy one. Our guest speaker is Nancy Garrett, Professor of Piano at the University of Texas. The topic of her program is: Study and Performance of the Beethoven Piano Sonatas. You don't want to miss this program!

During the business part of the meeting we will be selecting teachers for the prestigious TMTA Teacher Awards, so please come prepared to nominate your worthy candidate. Nominations will be taken from the floor and voting will be by secret ballot. A member may receive only one TMTA Teacher Recognition Award in their lifetime so previous statewide winners may not be submitted again. A list of ADMTA teachers who have been honored with state awards is on page 9 of the yearbook.

**Teacher of the Year** is a service award given to a teacher who has contributed much to our organization during the past year.

**Pre-collegiate Teacher of the Year** is given to a teacher who has shown exemplary teaching through preparation of students for contests and festivals, and whose students consistently do well in events beyond our local events.

**Collegiate Teacher of the Year** has the same criteria as the pre-collegiate teacher but on the college level.

Our local winners' names will be submitted to TMTA by March 1 for consideration to receive the state award. State winners receive an engraved plaque at the annual state convention along with a stipend of \$600 for professional enrichment.

#### **IMPORTANT! Your attendance is requested!**

We did not achieve a quorum at the January meeting, so we were unable to take a vote on the proposed changes to Article VI of the Bylaws. Sixty or more members are needed before a vote can be taken. The Executive Board would like to try again in February to get a quorum present and vote on Article VI. Proposed changes are included in this newsletter. If the amendment to Article VI passes, a motion to raise local dues will follow. The Executive Board recently concluded that local dues should be raised for 2009-10 and has recommended a \$5.00 per year increase bringing local dues to \$30.00. This is our last chance to raise dues for 2009-10. February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline to submit the local dues amount to TMTA and MTNA.

Musically yours,

Carol Feist  
President

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**Meeting Attendance Reminder**

To remain a member in good standing, all members are required to attend 4 general meetings per year. Any teacher who has not attended two meetings by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and has not requested an exemption from attending meetings is not eligible to enter students in spring events. A list of teachers who are meeting deficient is being compiled and will be given to festival chairs this spring. Teachers who are deficient may be reinstated by substituting two service hours or two hours of monitoring for each meeting missed. Please review all attendance requirements on page 20 of your yearbook to make sure your students are eligible to participate this spring.

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**MONTHLY REMINDERS**

**YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS**

If your contact information is not correct in the yearbook please send a correction notice to newsletter editor, Paula Wong [pwong1@austin.rr.com](mailto:pwong1@austin.rr.com). She will announce the change in the newsletter. Also, copy Catherine Davis <catherine@capmusic.com>, Flossie Young <flossiesin2n@austin.rr.com> and Karen White <kwhite@mail.utexas.edu>. It takes all these people to keep our information correct.

**TEACHER REFERRAL COMMITTEE**

Do you need to fill an opening in your studio? The Teacher referral Committee can help! Email these ladies if you would like your name and contact information to be placed on the referral list. If you live in Westlake or north Austin contact Kay Rivers [kay@kayandfriends.com](mailto:kay@kayandfriends.com) If you live in south Austin contact Lindy Peterson [lindy@peterson5.com](mailto:lindy@peterson5.com)

**WEB LISTING**

Are you looking for some free advertising? The ADMTA website can help. All members are invited to have their name, email address or website address listed by zip code. Check it out, go to [austintxmusicteachers.org](http://austintxmusicteachers.org) and click on "Looking for a Teacher". Contact Janet Russell, [jrr@suddenlink.net](mailto:jrr@suddenlink.net) to have you name added.

**CONTACTING YOUR OFFICERS**

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

**MEETING AGENDA**

Meeting agenda items may be submitted to Carol Feist: [carol@musicroom.net](mailto:carol@musicroom.net), no later than 5 pm on the Saturday before each monthly meeting. Only items on the agenda will be considered at the monthly meetings.

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**ADMTA TREASURER'S REPORT – 1/20/09**

Checking Account                                   \$9573.26  
Wachovia Securities Scholarship Acct:   \$27,472.95

Janet Russell  
ADMTA Treasurer

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**IMTF Thank you**

A big thank you to Carol Giorda for sharing her thoughts/ideas/reflections on "Adult Student Retention" at our Independent Music Teachers' Forum presentation at the January meeting -- it was helpful to all. I anticipate that the pool of adult students will only grow as more baby boomers get closer to retirement age and bring to the fore the discussion of aging healthily, happily and with deeper fulfillment. Thank you all for your participation and interest at the meeting.

Karen White  
Chair, IMTF

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**NEW E-mail address for ADMTA Member:**

Please make a note in your yearbook of the change in address for Paula Grabowski-Ellis: Her new e-mail is:

**mrs.paulapiano@gmail.com**

1839 Anderson CR 448

Palestine, TX 75803

903-549-2949

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**STUDENT AFFILIATE TREASURER’S REPORT**

Checking Account Balance as of 12/31/08: \$19,846.73

Savings Account Balance as of 12/31/08: \$5,580.32

Ana Ortega  
SA Treasurer

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**WILCOX & MAURER CONTEST**

The Wilcox and Maurer Contests for high school musicians will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2009 in Jessen Auditorium on the UT campus. The deadline for applying is February 20, 2009. The event is sponsored by the Wednesday Morning Music Club. Prizes range from \$425 to \$850. Please consult the ADMTA web site at [www.austintxmusicteachers.org](http://www.austintxmusicteachers.org) for repertoire, requirements and the application form.

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**BY-LAWS REVISIONS**

**ARTICLE VI. DUES (CURRENT VERSION)**

Active and Associate members are required to pay annual national, state, and local dues including a scholarship assessment. Dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and voted upon by the general membership at the April meeting. Dues are payable upon receipt of the official dues notice. Dues are considered delinquent if not paid by July 1 and are subject to a late fee assessment. Dues paid after April 15 are applied to the coming fiscal year. Members entering the Association in February or March must pay full dues if they wish to participate in ADMTA activities; otherwise, prospective members may assume visitor status for February and March and join the Association on or after April 15, thus applying their dues to the coming fiscal year.

**ARTICLE VI. DUES (PROPOSED CHANGES)**

**Section 1.** Active and Associate Members are required to pay annual national, state, and local dues including, which include a scholarship assessment.

**Section 2.** Dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and voted upon by the general membership at the April meeting. **Notice of a vote to change the dues amount shall be mailed or emailed to the entire membership not less than two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which a vote will be taken.**

**Section 3.** Dues are payable upon receipt of the official MTNA dues notice by the renewal date of June 30. ~~Dues are considered delinquent if not paid by July 1 and are subject to a late fee assessment.~~ **Dues are delinquent sixty days beyond the renewal date after which time members are not in good standing or entitled to any of the privileges of membership until dues are paid for the current membership year.**

**Section 4.** Honorary members are exempt from local dues but must pay State and National dues if member is still teaching. (also Article IV Section 5b)

**Section 5.** Dues paid after April 15 are applied to the coming fiscal year. Members entering the Association in February or March must pay full dues if they wish to participate in ADMTA activities; otherwise, prospective members may assume visitor status for February and March and join the Association on or after April 15, thus applying their dues to the coming fiscal year.