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Fall Newsletter Submission

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Upcoming Meeting

May 8, 2009

Hearst Center for the Arts
Cedar Falls, IA

9:00am Social Hour
9:15am Business Meeting
10:15am

Hostess for May:
Wanda Reece

NAMTA Newsletter

May, 2009

Amy Lanser, Editor

From the President's Bench

Barb Williams, President



Greetings Everyone!

It occurs to me as I begin writing that I have mentioned "looking out my office window" several times in my letters to you. The same is true this morning. It's because our perennial flower garden lies just outside the office and I enjoy seeing the changes and growth that occur each year. The "green" mentioned in an earlier letter has now exploded into measurable growth and I know that soon things will be popping! I also remember how much work was involved in first planting the garden. But the results are so worth it! Those initial efforts have an ongoing effect and so it is with our teaching. It's not always apparent right away the direction that a student's musical life will take. Our job is to simply do the very best we know how to communicate a life-long love and appreciation of music.

One example is a student I had about 25 years ago. We were living in Ohio at the time where we spent the first 20 years of our marriage. Her name was Mary Jo Schrupp and she was a very difficult student. Not as a person – she was sweet. But she had the worst aptitude for piano of anyone I have ever taught, before or since. Playing was a terrible struggle for her. I tried everything I knew but nothing seemed to connect. (I'd like to think that I would do a better job now!) This went on for five years. Other students were passing her by who had begun long after she did. Each lesson was so painful to listen to that I prayed she would quit. But there was one thing that Mary Jo had going for her. She LOVED music and she loved the piano. There was nothing to do but continue with her. I just didn't have the heart to stop.

THEN ONE DAY EVERYTHING CHANGED. I mean it was overnight. She came to her lesson and as usual I was dreading it. She sat down and played her pieces beautifully, musically. To say that I was stunned is an understatement! By that time Mary Jo was in high school and before she graduated she made the decision to major in music. She went on to do just that and is today a public school music teacher.

I hope that story encourages you to continue to persevere in your endeavors!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your encouragement in my first year as President. I look forward to the 2009/10 season and in the meantime I hope that you have a great summer!

Musically yours,

Barb

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President Barb Williams called the meeting to order on April 10, 2009 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer, Lucinda Lear, showed that NAMTA had a checking balance of \$1,114.90 and a savings balance of \$2,296.38 as of as of April 9, 2009. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Programs-Pat Riddle was unable to attend so Suzanne Torkelson will facilitate the "Teacher's Round-Table" Discussion. May's program will be NAMTA scholarship auditions.

Membership/Yearbook-Molly Lohman reported via email that we have 41 paying members and that Michelle Jensen, from West Music, is interested in becoming a part of NAMTA.

Newsletter-Amy Lanser-Deadline April 24th

History-Wanda Reece has 2 albums concurrently being worked on: past and present NAMTA news.

Certification-Cindy Lear announced that there are many changes that will be happening within MTNA regarding certification and certification renewal.

STAC/Library-Sharon Britzman announced scheduling for STAC will be at 9am, April 13th at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Room 156.

Reporter-Jo Arthur needs Linda Johansen's email. Cindy Lear will supply the email address.

Scholarship-Nicole Green-There are 2 students that have applied for NAMTA scholarship.

Pedagogy Workshop-Solveig Gregory-Michelle Doepke will be passing around a "Hospitality" sign-up sheet for snacks and hostesses during Pedagogy. Ted Reuter's Master Class will be a Level C. Timothy Brown is dedicating a new "unpublished" piece in honor of NAMTA.

Old Business

IMTA Auditions-Suzanne Torkelson moves to discuss next year, April 2010, about combining centers with the past 3 years of attendance and profit sheets in front of us. Unanimously passed.

2009 IMTA Distinguished Service Award-President Barb Williams supplied the necessary supporting documents to IMTA President, Cyndie Caruth regarding NAMTA's nomination of Solveig Gregory.

National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy: July 30-August 1 in Lombard, Illinois. If you are interested in attending, see Barb Williams.

New Business

A vote was taken on the slate of officers for positions that need to be filled for the 2009/2010 year. Millie Dieter motioned to accept the slate of officers. Unanimously passed.

IMTA Conference-June 7-9 at Morningside College, Sioux City-Suzanne Torkelson will be presenting and Ann Barry will be attending.

Thank you to today's hostesses: Mary Schubich and Suzanne Torkelson

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Jo Wrobel, Secretary

Congratulations to NAMTA's Newly Elected 2009-2010 Officers

President	Barb Williams
V.P. Programs	Pat Riddle
V.P. Membership	Molly Lohman
Secretary	Amy Jo Wrobel
Treasurer	Cindy Lear
Historian	Wanda Reece
Librarian	Michelle Doepke
Reporter	Jo Arthur
Newsletter Editor	Amy Lanser

Thank you to our 2008-2009 Patrons

Dr. Suzanne Torkelson, NCTM
Barb Williams, NCTM
Wanda Reece, NCTM
Solveig Gregory
Sharon Britzman, NCTM
Molly Lohman
Ted & Laurie Reuter
Waterloo B Natural Music Club
Frank Lundak
Amy Wrobel
Ann Barry
Kephart's Music Center
Dr. John Holstad

Thank You NAMTA Members

Dear friends--I just received from MTNA a list of contributors to my Fellow Fund. I want to thank you all most sincerely for your generous gift in support of the Foundation and me personally. Being named a Foundation Fellow means a great deal to me, particularly when so many of my professional colleagues contribute personal funds as part of their advocacy.

I'm eternally grateful and humbled by the honor. I do hope IMTA will strive to name a Fellow each year. We have many worthy candidates!

Best wishes. I hope to see you all in Sioux City.

Bill David

Thanks to all for your participation in STAC 2009. We had 18 teachers and 206 students registered for the event. Adjudicators were Brenda Buseman, Millie Dieter, Arlyce Schroeder, Barb Williams, Solveig Gregory, Michelle Doepke, Wanda Reece, Nicole Green, Miriam Rodby and Laurie Braaten Reuter. Other participating teachers Jo Arthur, Ann Barry, Suzanne Torkelson/ Tower School, Susan Speed, Amy Jo Wrobel, Amy Lanser and Valerie McInroy helped in theory room and read reports. There may have been a few glitches with our new theories exams, would you please look them over carefully and tell us of any corrections or improvements we can make? If you have any other comments or suggestions for the day please email me or bring to our May meeting. I welcome ANY comments you might have. That's the way we keep improving the program. We have some comment sheets & theory papers "missing in action". Please check your papers to be sure that you don't have any extras. Let me know right away if you find any strays!

Thanks again for the great success!
Sharon Britzman, STAC Coordinator
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Theory Honor Roll

100 %

Erin Ollendieck (P) Barry
Carmen Ortiz (P) Dieter
Brigette Dakovich (P) Lanser
Olivia Heinen (P) Britzman
Naomi Carpenter (1) Braaten-Reuter
Margaret Schafer (2) Green
Laura Baridon (3) Williams
Mike Hoy (4) Barry
Catherine Isley (4) Gregory
Delaney Comforth (4) Dieter
Karen Johnson (6) Schroeder
Laura Johnson (6) Schroeder

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Viggo (P) Barry
Chance Dakovich (P) Lanser
Lauren Sulentic (P) Green
Dasha Toth (P) Speed
Lauren Harrigan (1) Wrobel
Carly Groninga (2) Britzman
Linda Peng (3) Torkelson
David Stone (3) Britzman
Abigail Terrill (4) Schroeder
Abigail Johnson (5) Schroeder
Alex Prophet (6) Rodby
Luke Johnson (2) Schroeder

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Lillie Wrobel (P) Wrobel
Rhett Smeins (1) Reece
Luke Johnson (2) Schroeder
Sara Hoy (3) Barry
Andrew Heise (3) Schroeder
Mikaela Mallin (4) Gregory
Sommer Stevens (4) Braaten-Reuter
Victoria Schons (4) Buseman
Joanna Donleavy (4) Schroeder
William Strong (4) Dieter
Chelsea Meier (8) Williams

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Dylan Mack (P) McInroy
Emme Harrison (P) Dieter
Sam Shepard (1) Britzman
Kevin Yang (1) Torkelson
Karter Krueger (1) Schroeder
Connor Lundberg (2) Schroeder
Madeline Skilton (2) Braaten-Reuter
Elizabeth Sage (2) Schroeder
Jake Anderson (3) Britzman
Zachary Souhrada-Robers (4) Gregory
Laura Hoy (5) Barry
Gabrielle Greco (5) Green
Tyler Oppmen (5) Schroeder
Shantel Danielson (6) Williams
Emily Benda (6) Barry
Katie Yang (7) Torkelson

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Grace Underwood (P) Wrobel
Camryn Grubic (1) Britzman
Anna Garwood (1) Wrobel
Morgan Harrigan (1) Wrobel
Allison Dalrymple (1) Lanser
Andrew Gless (1) Britzman
Jessica Stackhouse (2) Lanser
Nathan Hoy (3) Barry
Eric Ortiz (3) Dieter
Ana Ortiz (3) Dieter
Megan Brasch (3) Williams
Noah Wolf (4) Reece
Fallyn Grubic (4) Britzman
Emma Sheckler (5) Torkelson
Laurel Smeins (6) Reece
Hayley Kinn (9) Torkelson
Ben Harting (10) Torkelson

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Annabelle Cisco (P) Green
Sofia Munoz (1) Britzman
Hallie Anderson (1) Britzman
Parker Strauss (2) Green
Lakin Joerger (2) Schroeder
Kayla Neese (4) Gregory
Emily Meier (5) Williams
Sarah Gao (6) Torkelson
Brandon Toth (6) Speed
Sara Roth (8) Buseman