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President's Message

Congratulations and thanks are due to those who made our September meeting and luncheon a success. Member participation in the special business meeting accomplished much in a short amount of time. The panelists for the discussion time shared much helpful information. Thank you to Elisabeth Boyle, Peter Davis, David Gross, Jeff Purtle, Mary AllyeB Purtle, and Lois Schneider for their insight. I am personally looking forward to the October meeting with Dr. Ruby Morgan to be an extension into the "how-to" of our teaching.

I encourage you as you begin a new year of teaching and performing to set specific goals, if you have not already done so, for yourself in regard to teaching individual students and in regard to participating in performance opportunities. I am sure that Ruby's presentation this month will not only reinforce many concepts in our teaching but also help us to examine and reconsider other aspects of our pedagogy and performance. I hope to see you there!

Deanna Moore, President
GREENVILLE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

October Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 — 10:00 a.m., Recital Hall, Pecknel Music Company

From Perusal to Performance ~ Dr. Ruby Morgan
In this lecture we will hear how we can strive for the ideal world in which a student learns everything correctly from the beginning and builds progressively toward the rewarding performance. Dr. Morgan has combined a career of teaching and performing through her many years as Professor of Piano at Furman University. She was a member of the Artist-Faculty at Brevard Music Center for eight seasons and assisted at the Taubman Institute at Amherst and Williams Colleges. Dr. Morgan holds a D.M. in Piano from Florida State University with further study at The Julliard School (Professional Studies Program).

Hospitality Committee: Susan Adams, Deborah Freeman, and Alice Gingery

GMTA Bylaws Changes

The following changes (in bold) to the GMTA Bylaws were approved at the September Special Business Meeting. Greenvillemta.org has the updated copy of the Bylaws and next year's GMTA Yearbook will also reflect the changes.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS/QUORUM

SECTION 4. Twenty percent (20%) of the membership (of whom at least two must be elected officers) of this GMTA at any annual business meeting or special meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of matters which may come before the membership.

COMING EVENTS

October 20
GMTA Meeting
Pecknel Music Company
9:30 a.m. Refreshments
10:00 a.m. Meeting
Hospitality:
Susan Adams
Deborah Freeman
Alice Gingery

October 22-25
World Piano Pedagogy
Conference
Phoenix, AZ

October 25
CYS Concerto Competition
Application Deadline

November 5-7
49th Annual
SCMTA Conference and
MTNA Student Competitions
Converse College
Spartanburg, SC

November 11
GMTA Student Recital
Entry Deadline

November 15
GMTA Student Recital

November 17
GMTA Meeting
Pecknel Music Company
9:30 a.m. Refreshments
10:00 a.m. Meeting
Hospitality:
Janice Flinte
David Gross
Dot Kelly

November 24
CYS Concerto Competition,
Furman University

November 30
GMTA MTNA
Competition Fund
Application Deadline

ARTICLE IX - NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

SECTION 2. SLATE OF NOMINEES

The Nominating Committee shall publish a call for nominations of candidates for the specified offices in the January meeting of the general membership. The nominees shall be selected from active members. Nominee names shall appear in the March newsletter and be announced at the March Association meeting of the general membership. Upon publication of the officer nominees, the nomination process shall be closed. If the President chooses to serve a consecutive term, a vote of affirmation shall be required at the Association's annual business meeting. All other elected officers shall be nominated and voted upon as prescribed in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

SECTION 3. ELECTION

The election of officers by the general membership shall take place in odd-numbered years at the Association's annual business meeting by a majority vote. If no more than one candidate has been nominated for an office, the vote for that office may be taken by affirmation. Otherwise, a ballot vote is required. If a quorum is not present at the annual business meeting, the President shall have the option of calling for the vote by mail ballot or by electronic ballot with a required response within ten days of the annual business meeting. Votes taken by mail ballot or electronic vote shall be certified by two tellers who are members-at-large.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any annual business meeting or special meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the active members present, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment(s) is submitted to the membership at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

Read All About It . . .

GMTA 2009-2010 Yearbooks/Advertisers

If you were unable to obtain your current yearbook at the September meeting, your copy is now available in the Teacher's Drop Box at Pecknel. *Please be certain to pick up the copy with your name on the label!* We are grateful for the advertisers and donors who support GMTA. To help us retain their support, all GMTA members are asked to show their appreciation by patronizing those businesses whenever possible.

Lang-Lang Ticket Drawing

March 24, 2010, The Brooks Center, Clemson University

We have an exciting opportunity for all GMTA members this year. GMTA is purchasing two tickets (a \$176 value) to see international piano star, Lang Lang, performing 8:00 p.m., March 24, 2010 at The Brooks Center, Clemson University (Prokofiev 3rd Concerto). Each and every time you fully attend a GMTA meeting, you may enter and re-enter your name in a 'draw.' We will hold onto all the names until our January 19th meeting when we will pick the winner who will receive two tickets to Lang Lang. For more information about the concert please see www.clemson.edu/Brooks/events/detail.php?ID=302.

GMTA Student Recital

Sunday, November 15 – 3:00 p.m., Recital Hall, Pecknel Music Company

Our first Student Recital is Sunday, November 15, 3:00 p.m. at Pecknel Music Company. As you begin teaching again, be thinking of students who could benefit from an early "push" to perform at this event. Contact our new recital chair Laura Korver no later than Wednesday, November 11 (lkorver@bju.edu or 233-2499). Be

sure to provide complete information: student's name, age, level, instrument, title, composer, and length of selection.

Call for Master Class Participants

Tuesday — November 17, 10:00 a.m. GMTA Meeting, Pecknel Music Company
Please contact Cindy Goodloe (864-444-7080), or cgoodloe@earthlink.net if you have a student who would like to participate in the November 17 master class with Fabio Parrini. We will choose three to four students with our criteria being to provide a variety of repertoire in the upper intermediate through advanced levels.

Updated GMTA Website

Greenvillemta.org is updated with current GMTA membership (*MTNA membership number required for access*), NewsNotes, the Policies and Procedures manual for officers and chairpersons, and informative and fun website links for teachers and students. The website also contains updated scholarship rules and forms as well as the updated Bylaws reflecting the recent changes voted upon in the September meeting.

Pecknel Recital Hall

With hospitality committees resuming their service to us at monthly meetings, the Executive Board would like to encourage you to feel at liberty to bring refreshments into the Pecknel Recital Hall during the meeting. The management at Pecknel has assured us that we are welcome to do so. Please express your thanks to the management as you have opportunity.

New GMTA Members

Please extend a heartfelt welcome to new and rejoining members! Our new members are Martha Beaudrot and Ben Kilcup. Their contact information is:

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49th Annual SCMTA Conference

November 5-7, 2009 ~ Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
The 49th Annual SCMTA Conference and MTNA Student Competitions will be held at Converse College in Spartanburg. The guest artist will be Robert Weirich and the guest clinician will be Dennis Alexander. Visit scmta.org for guest artist/clinician information as well as registration information upcoming.

Annual GMTA Audit

The annual internal audit for GMTA record keeping has successfully been completed. Thank you to Sally Brown Ullom and Andrea Riddle for their assistance in this task.

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."
Benjamin Franklin

Next GMTA Meeting is October 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.



Imparting Words of Wisdom

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September 2009
GMTA Panel Discussion

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