



North DeKalb Music Teachers Association

NEWSLETTER

May 2008

Rwei Hao, President



Notes from the President

It has been a wonderful and challenging year for all of us at NDMTA. With summer just around the corner, I am sure many of us are looking forward to vacation and traveling plans.

Before we go away for summer, although some of us still stay around to teach, there is one important reminder – remember to sign up for Spring Luncheon with Program VP Julie Soh-Harbin (juliesohharbin@yahoo.com), if you have not done so. This is a perfect way to celebrate a year of hard work and bond with fellow teachers. We will be meeting at Violette Restaurant on Thursday, May 15 at 11:30 am. The atmosphere is first rate and the people are the nicest in town. Here is the address: 2948 Clairmont Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30329, (404) 633-3363. Website: www.violetterestaurant.com

All teachers who ordered senior certificates can pick up their own packet during the luncheon. If you are not coming to the luncheon, please ask someone to pick it up for you.

If you are interested in placing advertisement in next yearbook, please contact Margaret Liu (mliumusic@mindspring.com) at your earliest convenience.

Our hearts go to Raisa Parmentier upon the passing of her husband, Robert Issacs.

Many thanks to Glen Eckman, Eriko Ishikawa, and Frances Yao for sharing their valuable teaching tips with us during April program.

The dates of 2008/2009 meetings are again set to be mostly 3rd Thursdays of the month, with the exception of October. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Thursday, August 21	Thursday, September 18	Friday, October 17
Thursday, November 20	Thursday, December 18 (Party)	Thursday, January 15
Thursday, February 19	Thursday, March 19	Thursday, April 16
Thursday, May 21 (Luncheon)		

I had the privilege of attending the GMTA Board Meeting on April 19. Please peruse the following summary.

NDMTA President, Rwei Hao

2008/2009 GMTA Important information:

Membership Campaign:

- The Association with the most new members will receive a free GMTA Conference registration.
- The Association with the highest percentage of new members will also receive a free Conference registration.

The local Associations must submit a list of their new members (individuals who have not previously been GMTA members) to Donna Trivette by September 1, 2008. The Membership Campaign will apply to all new members from the 07/01/08 to 06/30/09 membership year.

MTNA Competitions

Guidelines for procedures and competition rules for 2008-2009 MTNA Competitions can be found in the April/May 2008 issue of the AMT as well as at:

<http://www.mtna.org/Programs/Competitions/Guidelines/tabid/304/Default.aspx>

September 9, 2008: *All applications for MTNA Competitions for all states must be entered ONLINE by MIDNIGHT on September 9, 2008.*

Oct. 29 to Nov. 1, 2008: *MTNA Fall Competitions, University of Georgia, Athens.*

2008 MTNA SOUTHERN DIVISION RESULTS

2008 Southern Division Winners:

Kennedy Wells, Senior Brass, Student of Adam Frey
Boris Abramov, Senior Strings, Student of Sergiu Schwartz
Andrew Hudson, Senior Woodwinds, Student of Lisa Oberlander
Hannah Massie, Young Artist Voice, Student of Earl Coleman
Clarinet Quartet, Chamber Music, Students of Lisa Oberlander

2008 Southern Division Alternates:

Rachel Sterrenberg, Senior Voice, Student of Stephanie Tingler
Yaniv Gutman, Young Artist Strings, Student of Sergiu Schwartz

2008 Southern Division Hon. Mentions:

William Fulkerson, Junior Composition, Student of Charlotte Williams
Derek Vann and Caterina Li, Senior Piano Duet, Students of Lois Finlay

2008 MTNA NATIONAL COMPETITION RESULTS

Brass Winner	Woodwind Winner	String Winner
Kennedy Wells	Andrew Hudson	Boris Abramov
Adam Frey, Teacher	Lisa Oberlander, Teacher	Sergiu Schwartz, Teacher

2009 Local Audition Changes

(1) Starting in 2009, the GMTA Auditions will be held at KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY in metro-Atlanta.

(2) The current three-day structure will become just TWO DAYS.

(3) The dates for the 2009 GMTA Auditions are:

(4) THERE IS A NEW DEADLINE DATE FOR ALL THE AUDITIONS. In the past, we've been used to at least two different deadline dates for the various audition categories. Now, we are moving to just ONE deadline date for everyone. This new deadline date includes Pre-College Piano. **THE 2009 POSTMARK DEADLINE DATE IS: March 16, 2009.**

Happy Birthday

July

3 Julie Soh-Harbin
7 Graham Purkerson



May

14 Wen Zao Chen
23 Leslie Kennedy

June

3 Rwei Hao
5 Nancy Goff Arnold
6 LaNelle Nash
9 Joyce Doyal
16 Lois Finlay
16 Young Joo Choi
17 Sally Mitchell
18 Grace Reardon
25 Hwee Boon Ng

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