



NEWSLETTER

February 2007

Leslie Kennedy, President

♪ Notes from the President ♪

Thanks to Portia Hawkins and Martha Carroll, we had a successfully run Solo Festival on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at Piano Works in Duluth! Congratulations to the 66 students from 7 North DeKalb piano teachers' studios that entered the Festival! Everyone had a positive experience!

Even though the weather threatened to cancel our January meeting, most of our regular attendees were treated to "12 Ways to Lower Your Blood Pressure" by Mary Walker of Columbus, GA. She braved the bad weather forecast and drove to Atlanta to present delightful and down-to-earth ideas about how to teach piano students!

Another top-notch program is scheduled for this month by Pam Smith on "Just What is Suzuki Method?" Please plan on attending the Thursday, February 15, 2007 meeting at the Steinway Piano Gallery! The coffee/social begins at 9:30am; followed by the business meeting promptly at 10:00; with the program beginning at 11:00am. I hope to see you all there! ☺

Leslie Kennedy, NDMTA President

February Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2007

Location: Steinway Piano Gallery

Time: 9:30am - Coffee/Social

10:00am – Business

11:00 am – Program

Program: "Just What Is Suzuki Piano Method?"
-Pam Smith-

Hostesses: Rwei Hao and Hwee Boon Ng

NDMTA Local Auditions

~You may download the requirements & application from www.ndmta.com. Click on the 'Forms' page.

Postmark Deadline: February 9, 2007

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**\*\*\*Please Note:** Local Auditions Student Fee is \$ 15.00 per student; but the *teacher fee is \$16.00*. This is a change from what is in our Yearbook.\*\*\*

~ Sorry for any confusion! ~

### *Program Highlights 2006-2007*

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| <b>2007</b>                  |                                              |                      |
| <b>Thursday, February 15</b> | "Just What is Suzuki Piano Method?"          | <i>Pam Smith</i>     |
| <b>Thursday, March 15</b>    | "Russian Music"                              | Tanya Krislasky      |
| <b>Thursday, April 19</b>    | "We Do It!"                                  | <i>NDMTA members</i> |
| <b>Thursday, May 17</b>      | Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers |                      |



**Website:**

[www.ndmta.com](http://www.ndmta.com)

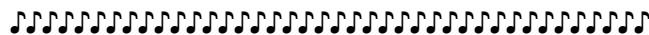
 **Upcoming Events** 

(See Yearbook or Website for complete listing.)

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>February 3, 2007</b>  | NDMTA Student Solo Festival – Piano Works, Duluth, GA                                                      |
| <b>February 9, 2007</b>  | Postmark deadline for NDMTA Local Auditions                                                                |
| <b>March 3, 2007</b>     | ABRSM Theory Examinations                                                                                  |
| <b>March 10, 2007</b>    | North DeKalb Music Teachers Association Local Auditions - Piano Works, Duluth, GA                          |
| <b>March 19, 2007</b>    | Postmark deadline for GMTA Spring Auditions (No pre-college piano and piano concerto.)                     |
| <b>March 23-27, 2007</b> | MTNA National Convention, Toronto, Canada                                                                  |
| <b>April 9, 2007</b>     | Postmark deadline for GMTA Auditions application for pre-college piano, piano concerto, and Theory testing |
| <b>April 14, 2006</b>    | GMTA Spring Auditions (No pre-college piano and piano concerto.) - UGA, Athens, GA                         |
| <b>April 19, 2007</b>    | Deadline for Applications for Jo Evans Scholarship Audition                                                |
| <b>April/May 2007</b>    | National Guild of Piano Teachers Auditions                                                                 |
| <b>May 11-12, 2007</b>   | GMTA Spring Auditions for Pre-College Piano, Piano Concerto & Theory – UGA, Athens, GA                     |
| <b>May 19, 2007</b>      | Jo Evans Scholarship Audition – Rehoboth Baptist Church, Tucker, GA                                        |
| <b>May/June 2007</b>     | ABRSM Practical Examination                                                                                |
| <b>June 16, 2007</b>     | ABRSM Theory Examination                                                                                   |
| <b>June 30, 2007</b>     | Deadline for MTNA, GMTA, NDMTA dues                                                                        |
| <b>July 1, 2007</b>      | Deadline for Certification Renewal (in the year your National Certification expires)                       |

**Happy Birthday!**

February  
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6 Eriko Ishikawa  
19 Hsiu Lin Lee



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**Announcements**

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**Email Addresses:**

We would like to encourage those of you who do not have your email address listed with NDMTA to send it in so that you can receive the *Newsletter* faster than through the US Postal Service! Send email addresses to Leslie Kennedy at:

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**THANKS!**