



# NEWSLETTER

September 2006

Leslie Kennedy, President

## ♪ Notes from the President ♪

We had a great meeting in August and discussed all our programs for the year as well as the upcoming Bach Competition, Solo Festival, the NDMTA Auditions, and the GMTA Conference in November. We also distributed the Yearbooks. If you were unable to be at the meeting and did not get your Yearbook, you may pick one up at the September meeting.

If you are planning to go to the GMTA Conference in November, make sure to book your hotel reservations ASAP: there is a football game that weekend and the hotels are already booked!

More important information is included in the newsletter regarding the GMTA Conference and other North DeKalb news, so please... READ ON!

Our September meeting will be presented by Dr. Dawn McCord on 'preparing students for college auditions.' The beginning of the school year is the time you would want to begin this process, so make sure to attend for insights on this important phase in a student's life! Please plan on attending! I look forward to seeing you September 21<sup>st</sup> !

*Leslie Kennedy, NDMTA President*

## September Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, September 21, 2006

**Location:** Steinway Piano Gallery

**Time:** 9:30am - Coffee/Social

10:00am – Business

11:00am – Program

**Program:** "Preparing Students for College Auditions"  
-Dr. Dawn McCord

**Hostesses:** Laurel Harrell and Margaret Liu

## J. S. Bach Competition

~You may download the requirements & application from [www.ndmta.com](http://www.ndmta.com). Click on the 'Forms' page.

**Registration form must be received by September 15, 2006**

## NDMTA CONTEST!

We have a \$25.00 gift certificate from Music & Arts for the person who comes up with the best slogan for North DeKalb! The slogan will be used in all future ads for the GMTA publications. The slogan must have something about NDMTA being "friendly". We will vote on the best slogan at the September meeting. If you can not attend the meeting, but would like to submit a slogan, please email it to Leslie by Sep 20th! May the best slogan win! : )

### Program Highlights 2006-2007

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<b>2006</b>		
<b>Thursday, September 21</b>	"Preparing High School Students for College Auditions"	<i>Dr. Dawn McCord</i>
<b>Thursday, October 19</b>	"Celebrating 250 Years of Mozart"	Keith and Priscilla Jefcoat
<b>Thursday, November 16</b>	"Teaching Adult Beginner, Intermediate, and more..."	Dr. Jim Lyke and Dr. Geoffrey Haydon
<b>Thursday, December 14</b>	Holiday Luncheon	
<b>2007</b>		
<b>Thursday, January 18</b>	"Twelve Ways to Lower Your Blood Pressure"	<i>Mary Walker</i>
<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	

 **Upcoming Events** 

(See Yearbook or Website for complete listing.)

<b>September 1, 2006</b>	Postmark deadline for applications for MTNA Student Composition Competition
<b>September 13, 2006</b>	Postmark deadline for applications for GMTA/MTNA Fall Competitions
<b>September 15, 2006</b>	Postmark deadline for applications for J.S. Bach Competition
<b>October 1, 2006</b>	Membership process must be completed for eligibility to send students to GMTA Local Association Auditions with NDMTA
<b>October 21, 2006</b>	Bach Competition – Johns Creek Baptist Church, Alpharetta, GA
<b>October 22, 2006</b>	Bach Competition Outstanding Performers' Recital – Johns Creek Baptist Church, Alpharetta, GA
<b>October 28, 2006</b>	ABRSM Theory Examination
<b>November 1-2, 2006</b>	GMTA/MTNA Fall Competitions - Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA
<b>November 2-4, 2006</b>	GMTA Conference - Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA
<b>October/December</b>	ABRSM Practical Examinations
<b>January 12, 2007</b>	Postmark deadline for applications for NDMTA Student Solo Festival
<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

**Happy Birthday!**

September  
4 Miao-Fen Lin  
6 Glen Eckman  
7 Chiu-May Yu  
19 Fanli Thongsouk



**Website:**

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

Please email Leslie Kennedy at [lkmusic@bellsouth.net](mailto:lkmusic@bellsouth.net) to receive your User Name and Password in order to access the secured Membership Directory.

\*Please Note: The passwords are all working, now!



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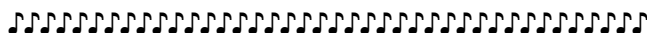
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## Announcements

- ❖ Condolences to Betty Klaudt, retired member of NDMTA, on the passing of her husband, Vernon, on Sep 9, 2006. The viewing will be held Wed., Sep 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm at Crowell Brothers Funeral Home on Peachtree Industrial Blvd (almost to Pleasant Hill Rd) in Norcross. The funeral will be Thur, Sep 14, 11:00am at Mount Paran Church of God on Mt Paran Rd at Northside Drive. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: Vernon & Betty Klaudt Indian Ministries, P.O. Box 1986, Suwannee, GA 30024.
- ❖ Congratulations to LaNelle Nash, whose student, Helen McDonough, has been awarded a \$400 Steinway Grant that will be presented at the GMTA Conference!
- ❖ Chopin Society of Atlanta presents Marek Drewnowski in a piano recital featuring works by Chopin, Scarlatti and Mozart, Sunday, October 22, 2006, 5:00pm. Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell, GA 30075. Tickets available online at [www.chopinatlanta.org](http://www.chopinatlanta.org) or by calling (770) 641-1260. \$25.00 regular, \$20.00 members, \$15.00 seniors/students. There is a competition for music students attending the concert. Please check the CSA website above. (Also see #5 below.)
- ❖ Please send announcements for the Newsletter by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month to Leslie Kennedy: [lkmusic@bellsouth.net](mailto:lkmusic@bellsouth.net)

### Yearbook Additions/Corrections/Updates:

**P. 4: Host/Hostesses:** Please add these names in your Yearbook on the blank lines: October 06 – Raisa Parmentier; November 06 – Mary Wade Wright; January 07 – Martha Carroll; February 07 – Hwee Boon Ng; March 07 – Frances Yao; April 07 – Nancy Arnold. **P. 6:** September 13 – change to *September 12*. **P. 50:** Changes: 1. Nancy Arnold's email address: [spebsqsa59@yahoo.com](mailto:spebsqsa59@yahoo.com), 2. Laurel Harrell's telephone: 770-579-3521, 3. Portia Hawkins' new email address: [pshawkins@bellsouth.net](mailto:pshawkins@bellsouth.net) (the old one still works for now), 4. Eriko Ishikawa's email address: [erikospring@bellsouth.net](mailto:erikospring@bellsouth.net). **P. 52:** 1. Vera Soukhozjak's telephone: 770-645-9652, 2. Yoshiko Yoshimura's email address: [yoshikopiano@hotmail.com](mailto:yoshikopiano@hotmail.com). **Additions:** Martha Carroll, Piano, Violin; 1184 blue Ridge Overlook, Dawsonville, GA 30534; 706-216-4291; [martha@mlcstudio.com](mailto:martha@mlcstudio.com).

### Agenda from Aug 24, 2006 Meeting:

- Correction: Deadline for applications for Fall MTNA Competition is: September 12, 2006 (instead of September 13<sup>th</sup>).
- GMTA Conference: November 2-4, 2006, Ga Southern University, Statesboro
- Members are urged to make hotel reservations early as there is a home football game scheduled for the same weekend.
- Hotel Information:
  1. Hampton Inn (20 rooms); \$60.00 + tax; Book by Oct 15, 2006; 912-681-7700 - Group name: Georgia Music Teachers Association
  2. Comfort Inn & Suites (20 rooms) - Book by Oct 15, 2006 \$67.49 single/double; 76.49 triple; 85.49 quad; \$10 per rollaway or extra persons 912-681-2400 - Group # 100204; Group name: Georgia Music Teachers Association
- GMTA website has links to the conference & Statesboro. ([www.GA-MTA.org](http://www.GA-MTA.org))
- Headliners at conference:  
MTNA president, Paul Stewart will attend conference & give presentation on Ragtime; Carolyn True (Nelita True's relative) – Performing Artist; Victoria Macarthur, (FSU Prof) – Pedagogy; Ga's own: Carol Gingrich, Geoff Haydon, Dawn McCord, Joey Hokayem, Jean Mann, David Watkins, Nancy Elton, ...
- NDMTA Website: we will try to set up a question/answer link on the website for any teaching tips or questions you may have.
- MTNA also has a Polyphony column in *AMT* and on their website. To participate, send your questions, tips & ideas to MTNA, 441 Vine St., Ste. 505, Cincinnati, OH 45202-2811; fax (513) 421-2503; or e-mail to [amt@mtna.org](mailto:amt@mtna.org).
- Chopin Society of Atlanta: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Chopin Competition, November 4, 2006; Deadline to enter October 15, 2006; Info: Ping Xu: (770) 619-5290 or email: [feliciapingxu@yahoo.com](mailto:feliciapingxu@yahoo.com)