



North DeKalb Music Teachers Association

NEWSLETTER

January 2006

Leslie Kennedy, President

♪ Notes from the President ♪

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had nice and restful holidays and your teaching has started out again well!

We had a wonderful luncheon in December at the beautiful home of Portia Hawkins! Thank you so much for graciously opening your home to us, Portia! 13 members attended. We enjoyed good food, company, and of course, entertainment! Make sure to check out some of the pictures posted on the website. We were treated to the talents of Kathy Ackerman and Young Joo Choi on piano, the angelic voice of Margaret Liu accompanying Bette Chambless on Lap Harp, and Bette Chambless' solo on Lap Harp.

Incidentally, Bette is giving her presentation at our meeting this month using her Lap Harp. She will explain what a CMP (Certified Music Practitioner) does in assisting the ill and dying and how to become a CMP; certainly this will become a new field to study. It is a fascinating subject that you won't want to miss!

See you January 19!

January Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 19, 2006

Location: Steinway Piano Gallery

Time: 9:00am - Coffee/Social

9:30am – Business

10:00 am – Program

Program: Becoming a Certified Music Practitioner (Playing the Lap Harp for the Ill and Dying) – Bette Chambless

Hostesses: Fanli Thongsouk & LaNelle Nash

Ensemble Olympics

~You may download the requirements & application from

<http://www.ndmta.com/Forms.html>

**Registration form must be received by
January 14, 2006.**

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Program Highlights 2005-2006

Thursday, January 19	“Becoming a Certified Music Practitioner (Playing the Lap Harp for the Ill and Dying ”	<i>Bette Chambless</i>
Thursday, February 16	“Playing the Piano Naturally”	<i>Dr. Vicki King</i>
Thursday, March 16	“Time Management for Music Teachers”	<i>Margaret Liu</i>
Thursday, April 20	“We Do It!”	<i>NDMTA members</i>
Thursday, May 18	Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers	



Website: www.ndmta.com

Please email Leslie Kennedy at lkmusic@bellsouth.net to provide her with a User Name and Password to be able to access the secured Membership Directory. Thank you!

Happy Birthday!



January

- 1 Jane Smith
- 1 Frederic Hsiang
- 1 Bette Chambless
- 8 Jean Champness
- 14 Elia Jekova
- 15 Martha Carroll
- 22 Jody Parrish
- 26 Anne Shenherd

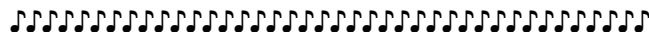
Upcoming Events

January 14, 2006	Deadline for North DeKalb Music Teachers Association Ensemble Olympics.
February 4, 2006	North DeKalb Music Teachers Association Ensemble Olympics.
February 4, 2006	Auditions.
March 11, 2006	North DeKalb Music Teachers Association Local Auditions at Piano Works, Norcross.
March 6, 2006	Postmark deadline for GMTA Spring Auditions for Instrumental, Instrumental Concerto, Vocal, & College Piano only.
March 20, 2006	Postmark deadline for applications – Pre-college Piano & Piano Concerto
March 25-29, 2006	MTNA National Convention, Austin, TX.
April 8, 2006	GMTA Spring Auditions for Instrumental, Instrumental Concerto, Vocal, & College Piano only at UGA, Athens.
April 21-22, 2006	GMTA Spring Auditions for Pre-College Piano, Piano Concerto & Theory only at UGA, Athens



Announcements

- ❖ Condolences to LaNelle Boyd on the passing of her son in December. The Memorial Service is Saturday, January 14, 2006 at 2:00pm at the Shallowford Presbyterian Church; 2375 Shallowford Road, Atlanta 30345. Telephone: (404) 321-1844.
- ❖ Students of Tanya Krislasky, Margaret Liu, Julie Soh-Harbin, and Julie Yongxu Ye will perform at the Georgia Ninth High Scorers' Concert at 2:00 p.m., on Sunday, January 22, 2006 at Briarcliff Baptist Church. This is sponsored by the ABRSM and will showcase students who participated in the 2005 practical examination and passed with distinction.



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