

# Music Teacher's Association of California

## San Mateo County Branch

### Newsletter

### March 2015

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#### **Presidents Pen - Janice Sheng**

I'd like to share with you that I have been nominated to be on the MTAC State Board for the 2015-2017 term. After careful consideration, I accepted the nomination. Unfortunately, one cannot simultaneously serve on both Branch and State Boards. It is therefore with great difficulty and reluctance that I am notifying you that I can only fulfill my duties as your branch president until the end of this fiscal year. During the next couple of months, I will work closely with our Branch Board of Directors to find my replacement. I recognize the impact my decision has on the Branch and will do my best to facilitate a smooth transition. I also wish to use this opportunity to thank our incredible CM team of leaders for their hard-work and dedication. Warm regards,  
Janice

#### **Branch Programs - Irina Behrendt - Vice-President**

Dear colleagues,

During this busy CM month, I will keep my news brief.

1. Our Concert for Kids is scheduled for April 12 at 5:30pm in the Wind Room of the Foster City Library. Please, recruit your students to come and help spread the word! It'll be a concert to remember. I will be sending reminders often!

Please note, this event was made possible through our October Practice-a-Thon fundraiser, organized by our own Deanna Du Bois. Much effort and planning has been put in. All we need now is an AUDIENCE!

2. The Annual branch luncheon is being planned for Friday, May 29th, at 11:30am at The Van's restaurant in Belmont.

- We have reserved the Tea room downstairs - it provides handicap access.

- Our branch is contributing \$5 per attending member

- Out of pocket cost per person is \$22.50

RSVP at your earliest convenience to [ibehrendt09@gmail.com](mailto:ibehrendt09@gmail.com)

There will be plenty of reminders!

Happy Spring, everyone!

#### **Certificate of Merit - Marcella Toma**

Dear CM Teachers:

The CM Evaluations are approaching and I am sure everyone is working very hard to make sure your wonderful

students will receive their best possible ratings.

A few important reminders:

1. The theory test will be held at Notre Dame University at St. Mary's Hall. There is a \$2 parking fee at NDNU. All other venues have free parking.
2. Students from Preparatory through level 7 will need to take the theory test on the same day as their scheduled evaluation. Levels 8 through Advanced may take their theory test on either Saturday or Sunday.
3. The students may bring a CD player and/or ear buds for their ear training.

Please read and follow all instructions regarding the evaluations.

CM Policy 7.8 Evaluation Area

Only registered students and Evaluators are permitted in the Evaluation Room. Except for Teachers who are working at Evaluations.

Teachers and Parents are not allowed in the Evaluation room or testing area and are not permitted to view the Evaluation through windows or door windows.

The Evaluator or working Teacher should kindly inform the parents or non-working Teacher that their presence is not allowed.

Please know and explain to the parents that this rule is to ensure the integrity of the evaluations taking place.

Best wishes for a successful evaluation!

## **VOCE - Gina Vandellos**

The VOCE competition was held on February 8th at the San Francisco Community Music Center. Our branch along with several other MTAC branches participated in a regional competition. I was impressed by the caliber of the students.

Congratulations to Kevin Kim who won first place in San Mateo County in the intermediate strings division. Kevin is a student of Minsook Kang and plans to compete in the finals in Southern California this spring.

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## **Community Outreach Program - Deanna Du Bois**

We had a great Community Outreach performance at the Mills Estate Villa – February, 7th. There were several pianists, one violinist and a couple singers. The violinist was accompanied by our Branch Recital Director, Irina Carrenca and both played wonderfully!

It was nice to see the smiling faces in the audience. Some residents also sang as they listened to the voice students sing, "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair" and "Sunrise, Sunset."

We may have one more Community Outreach recital this year. Perhaps sometime in May. Will keep you posted!