

**Music Teacher's Association of California
San Mateo County Branch
Newsletter
May 2010**

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President's Pen

Pat McNutt

One aspect I like about being a private teacher and performer is the variety in my schedule from week to week and month to month. No boredom or stasis, just consistent change and variety! Now that CM is past, we can look forward to end of school year activities, recitals and summer plans. How exciting! There are a few MTA events to look forward to in May and June. We have our lunch at The Van's, the teacher recital program in June and then, the Convention in Los Angeles at theMarriott. Keep reading this newsletter for details on those activities.

Our Branch can have up to five delegates at Convention to attend business meetings and be a part of the process in helping to formulate the shape of MTAC. If you are planning to attend Convention July 2-6 this year and would like to be a

delegate, please contact me. We will pay your full registration fee in exchange for representing our Branch at the two business meetings.

If you are planning to attend Convention, go to the state website and register. You can take care of all your registration online at mtac.org.

This month, Deanna Du Bois, our corresponding secretary, will be sending the newsletter directly to your email address. For the last few months, she notified you when the newsletter is available on the website, but has not sent it directly to you. If you have missed the last few newsletters because you did not go to our website to read them, please do that now. It will catch you up on news that you missed!
See you all May 21 at The Van's!!

Programs

Janice Sheng

Our annual branch luncheon is just around the corner! Please RSVP now.

- **Date: Friday, May 21, 2010**
- **Time: 11am - 1pm**
- **Venue: The Van's Restaurant**
- **Address: 815 Belmont Ave., Belmont CA (650) 312-1436**
- **Cost: \$15 per attendee**
- **Bonus: drawing of prizes**

RSVP by May 17

- **Mail check to Janice Sheng (Address: 1748 Pierce St., San Mateo, CA 94403)**

- **Check payable to MTAC San Mateo**
- **Indicate name of attendee(s)**
- **Cost: \$15 per attendee**
- **For further inquiries, contact Janice**

at jsheng.piano@gmail.com (650) 430-1384

Here's a sneak preview of the fabulous three-course lunch (selection of entrée to be placed ON THE DAY of the luncheon):

**FRESH BAKED SOURDOUGH BREAD
SPRING MIX SALAD**

with our fresh herb vinaigrette
(Soup of the day for those who order the salad entrée)

CHOICE OF:

PORK MEDALLIONS BRUCHETTE

Scallops of pork fillet sautéed with tomatoes, basil & garlic.
Served with mashed red potatoes and sautéed greens.

STUFFED TROUT

Whole river trout (boneless) stuffed with mushrooms, leeks,
tomato and onion.

Served with herbed rice and sautéed greens.

CHICKEN PICCATA

Boneless breast of chicken sautéed in olive oil, lemon, white
wine and capers.

Served with herbed rice and vegetables.

Thai CHICKEN SALAD

Strips of chicken breast marinated and combined with a sweet
chili dressing,

fried rice noodles and diced apples over shredded iceberg
lettuce.

COFFEE and ICE CREAM

Recital Hall

Yvonne Ho

There are some available times for your rehearsals/recitals for
June. Please submit requests to me by May 15th to reserve a
spot. For current dates and times, please check our calendar

at:<http://www.mtacsanmateo.org/recital-hall/recital-hall-reservation-calendar.html>

Available times as of April 16th:

June 13th: 12-2:30pm

June 19th: 12 - 2pm

June 20th: 5 - 9pm

Note: When reserving a time slot, please be considerate and
INCLUDE any set up or tear down and clean up time for your
event. Please do not arrive earlier than your scheduled start
time or leave later than your scheduled finish time. Arriving

earlier or leaving later may cause an interruption to the other members' recitals/events. Please let your students and families know: **NO EARLY ARRIVALS AND LATE DEPARTURES.** Thank you for your cooperation.

I would like to remind our members regarding rental hall rules. These rules are also on our rental hall contract:

Cancellations – If a reservation is cancelled more than three months prior to the reserved date, all payment will be refunded minus a \$50.00 cancellation fee. If a reservation is cancelled less than three months in advance, the entire rental fee is forfeited.

Submitting Changes – You must email or call me by the 15th of the previous month in order for me to make any changes. This includes cancelling your event, switching to a different time or requesting the seating arrangement for your event. For example, if your event is on February 19th, you must let me know of any changes by the morning of January 15th.

Locking the Pianos – Teachers who reserve the hall to use the piano(s) are responsible of locking up the piano(s) after their events. The keys to the pianos are always with the Community Center receptionist. After the pianos are locked, please return the keys to the receptionist.

Moving the Pianos – When you are finished using the pianos, it is your responsibility to move the pianos back to the original storage spots on the north wall. Leave the piano benches near the pianos. Do not expect the building attendants to move the pianos after your event. If you need assistance with moving the pianos, you may ask one of the receptionists to help you.

Honors Recitals – Certificate of Merit

Pat McNutt

Our renewed Honors Recitals were very successful! Our thanks again to Vera Shamis for the use of Allegro Music School and her fine new Yamaha piano! Also, a huge thanks to Sumi Nagasawa for putting the programs together for all four recitals.

Four recitals showcased CM students who rated highly and were chosen by evaluators for Honors. Teachers whose

students participated are listed below:

**Irina Bortnik
Irina Carrenca
Deanna Du Bois
Joy Han
Tom Hansen
Dorian Ho
Kathleen Johnson
JungHae Kim
Haruko Kogure
Marjorie Lin
Rena Ling
Yen Liu
Rebecca Maggi
Pat McNutt
Sumi Nagasawa
Jim Nga
Vera Shamis
Janice Sheng
JoAnn Stenberg
Kate Stenberg
HuiLing Su
Anastasia Yi**

We are in a learning stage with these recitals. Any suggestions you have as to how these recitals are planned or executed are welcome. Please contact me with any ideas you have to improve the honors recitals' process.

Membership

Laurie Johnson

We have two new members to welcome into our branch – Shu Fang Lee, a flute teacher, who lives in San Mateo and Kayoko Kuchiishi, a piano teacher, who lives in Millbrae. We're excited to welcome both and hope to see them at future events!

New member Convention discount:

New members who joined in the 2009-2010 fiscal year will receive a \$40 discount on their convention registration. This discount applies only to Early Bird and Pre -Registration. So, if you are a new member and plan to attend the Convention this summer, be sure to register in time to take advantage of the discount.

Finally, there has been a change in the membership policy for Transfers. This change affects the period during which all branch transfer requests must be made and approved. For all members, that period is April 16th to August 31st ONLY. This time period affects only requests to transfer to another branch. If you have any questions concerning membership issues, please call me at 650-593-4559 or email: laurlyn@comcast.net.

Additional News Items

San Mateo County Fair Piano Competition

The San Mateo County Fair Youth Piano Competition will be held on Sunday, June 13th at the San Mateo Fair Grounds, 25th Avenue, San Mateo. Both student and teacher must be a resident of San Mateo County in order to enter this competition.

Application with the entry fee, \$30/contestant deadline is May 30th. To access an application, go to www.sanmateocountyfair.com and click on the competitive exhibits and contests tab. From there, it will show you a list of all the departments and applications that are available. Under Department Overviews, there is the Piano Contest application, second from the bottom.

Roster of Board Candidates

Here is the roster of candidates for the MTAC San Mateo branch. It will be voted on at the annual luncheon/business meeting, May 21st.

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Recording Secretary

Pat McNutt

Vija Norkvesta

Renee Chevalier

Vera Shamis

Barbara Barclay

Corresponding Secretary
CM Director
Branch Recitals Director
Recital Hall Director
Web Administrator

Brian Landes
Marcela Toma
Denise Chevalier
Yvonne Ho
Kevin Imbimbo

