

AMTA Newsletter

April 24, 2015

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

April 24, 2015 Piano Distributors

Coffee and Meeting: 10:00am.

***Program: 11:00 Dr. Joanna Kim Doyle and Dr. Soohyun Yun
“Intermediate and Advanced Duet Repertoire”.***

**May 8, 2015 Shirley Irek’s home
771 Loidans Dr Atlanta, Ga 30342**

Luncheon and meeting: 11:00am.

***Program: 12:00 Dr. Elena Dorozhkina: “Russian School of Piano Teaching or
Learning the “Russian Way”***

President’s Corner

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break and you are all ready for that final I push into end of the year recitals. I want to thank you for being flexible with our meeting and Program dates! Please join us this Friday for the re-scheduled (due to Spring Break) Program with Dr. Joanna K. Doyle and Dr. Soohyun Kim. Our meeting will be an important one with many items to discuss; we will need to begin promptly. I was able to attend the LAP and GMTA Executive meeting. I need to report several items with you. Please volunteer to bring refreshments, and contact our Hospitality Chair, Carol Payne regarding what you plan to bring.

Congratulations to all those who advanced to the Regional and State Audition Finals. AMT members Hwee Boon Ng, Anne Sun, Nancy Elton, Rachel Oliver, Elena Cholakova, Edith Schiff and Shirley Irek all had students advance to the State Auditions. AMTA is always well represented.

We have been working hard revising the Requirements for the Romantic & Impressionistic Piano Competition (RIPC). The Website will be updated shortly. Please be sure to find the updated site at atlmta.org. I have found some Google

searches will direct you to an old site. The date has been set, so mark your calendars now: October 24, 2015 at the Steinway Piano Galleries in Alpharetta. I hope we can have increased participation from our chapter members, especially. We have wonderful judges selected for the competition: William DeVan, Kevin Chase, and David Watkins.

Elena Dorozhkina, chair of our Music Fest, has requested members consider any changes you would like to be implemented for future Music Fest events. We would like to see more participation, so consider if changing the time of year or date of the event would encourage your participation. This is a non-competitive event, suitable for all students regardless of age or ability.

Membership – increasing membership in AMTA and retaining our members is a special focus of both MTNA and GMTA. We are all interested in making our meeting times and places as convenient as possible for membership participation. Some chapters experiment with rotating the place of their meetings. I would like to discuss that at our next meeting, as it seems our attendance is down since we have moved our meeting place to Piano Distributors. We could alternate between England Piano and Piano Distributors if that would encourage more participation.

Speaking of membership, we need to fill these important offices: President-Elect, Recording Secretary, and Yearbook Chair. Please consider accepting one of the positions, as it is necessary to have a complete Board to function our best.

Another important item from GMTA: the GATE Theory test. Apparently 29% of those taking the test this year did not pass! For 2016, all students must take the GATE theory test and have it graded **before** the Winners are announced at the Local Auditions. Students must pass (by 80% I think) to be selected to advance to the Regional Competition. Students have only ONE chance to take this test – NO RETAKES. We can choose to have our students take the test in the fall, or any date prior to Local Auditions.

See you Friday!

Kathy Ackermann