

From the President

A Different Type of Advent

Daily Gifts by Charles Swindoll

It's not too early to give some things away this Christmas. Not just on Christmas Day, but on all the days leading up to December 25th. We could call these gifts our "Christmas projects". Maybe one per day from now 'til then. Here are a few suggestions:

- ✿ Mend a quarrel.
- ✿ Seek out a forgotten friend.
- ✿ Dismiss suspicion.
- ✿ Write a long overdue love note.
- ✿ Hug someone tightly and whisper "I love you so."
- ✿ Forgive an enemy.
- ✿ Be gentle and patient with an angry person.
- ✿ Express appreciation.
- ✿ Gladden the heart of a child.
- ✿ Find the time to keep a promise.
- ✿ Listen.
- ✿ Speak kindly to a stranger.
- ✿ Enter into another's sorrow.
- ✿ Smile. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.
- ✿ Take a walk with a friend.
- ✿ Kneel down and pat a dog.
- ✿ Read a poem or two to your mate or a friend.
- ✿ Lessen your demands on others.
- ✿ Play some beautiful music during the evening meal.
- ✿ Apologize if you are wrong.
- ✿ Turn off the television and talk.
- ✿ Treat someone to an ice cream cone (yogurt would be fine).
- ✿ Do the dishes for the family.
- ✿ Pray for someone who helped you when you hurt.
- ✿ Fix breakfast on Saturday morning.
- ✿ Give a soft answer even though you feel strongly.
- ✿ Encourage an older person.
- ✿ Point out one thing you appreciate most about someone you work with or live near.
- ✿ Offer to babysit for a weary mother.
- ✿ Give your teacher a break; be especially cooperative.

Let's make Christmas one long extended gift of ourselves to others. Unselfishly. Without announcement. Or reservation. Or hypocrisy.

My very best to all of you and yours--may your season be filled with joy, uncommon peace and plenty of Christmas carols.

Patti Ray, NCTM, President

From the Vice President

Thankful

With Thanksgiving just behind us, and Christmas quickly approaching, it leaves me thankful for a great many things. Thankful for the fellowship of friends at KMTA, and for the abundance of opportunities that our students have this year to participate in such great events!

November Events Report

The November 4-5 event featuring Jeffrey Gilliam and Grant Donellan, funded by our Dorothy Woodcock Fund (hooray!), was a big success! On the evening of Friday, November 4th, the duo gave a wonderful concert featuring Beethoven, Brahms and Ravel. They were back early the next morning with workshops and a Master Class. Grant gave a strings workshop, that had all the students who attended with their violins in playing position and bows ready to try some new techniques. This was followed by another workshop presented by Jeffrey and Grant, where they discussed how they approach working together as a collaborative team. The event ended with a Master Class with a FABULOUS collection of string and piano pieces put together by our KMTA students. Well done students!

Coming Events

MONSTER CONCERT!

KMTA is putting a monster piano concert together for the teacher's benefit concert on May 5th. If you are interested in playing in the concert and if you have music for 4-8 people, please contact Patti Ray 779-5776 or by e-mail onahappynote@comcast.net.

Upcoming events to put on your calendars

Friday, December 9th, 7:00 p.m.

KMTA members and spouses are all invited to come to Dianne Johnston's home for a "Christmas Come and Sing" celebration. Everyone bring a treat to share, and bring your favorite Christmas music to play!

Directions from Dianne to 6341 NE Early Dawn Lane, Poulsbo 98370 (easy to Mapquest or GPS):

Coming from Kingston/Hansville area, take Miller Bay Rd. toward Suquamish. After the signal light at Gunderson continue about 1.25 miles passing NE Lincoln E (sign on left). Slow down at the "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign on right, then turn right at the triangle reflector on a telephone pole (NE Early Dawn Lane). I will have placed the KMTA white sign at this turn. Drive up the hill. The road curves to the left. We are the 2nd house on the left, after the turn.

Coming from Poulsbo and south, take Bond Rd. toward Kingston. Turn right at the signal light onto Gunderson. Continue to the end of Gunderson. Turn right on Miller Bay Rd. and continue as above (1.25 miles to NE Early Dawn Lane).

From Bainbridge, take Hwy 305 toward Poulsbo. Turn right after the Agate pass Bridge toward Suquamish. Continue on Suquamish Way through Suquamish, when it becomes Miller Bay Rd. Continue about 1.75 miles past Suquamish, passing Bay marina on your right. Barrett (the street before ours) will be on your left. Then watch for the triangle reflector on the telephone pole on you left, which is NE Early Dawn lane. Continue as above.

Looking forward to seeing you all and enjoying your musical solos, ensembles and fun,

Dianne

Friday, February 10, 10:00 a.m.

KMTA General Meeting at Ted Brown's, followed by a workshop presented by Yelena Balabanova "The New Certification Process".

Senior Celebration

ATTENTION: Teachers with students graduating this year. It is time to start thinking about the Senior Celebration now! Please have those of your students who might be contemplating this competition start putting together their short biographies for the application, as well shorter versions and photos for the program.

Leslie Devine, Vice-President

Coming Events

KMTA Adjudications 2012

The Kitsap Chapter Piano and Strings Adjudications Program is multi-faceted and includes student evaluations, teacher evaluations, honors recitals, and a state recitalist competition. WSMTA sponsors this program each year by providing for adjudicator expenses and record-keeping as well as featuring our most accomplished students (competition winners) at the WSMTA State Conference each year. Please feel free to contact one of your adjudications chairs if you have questions on any aspect of this program. All adjudications forms except student certificates are available online at wsmta.net. If you need hard copies, please let me know.

We do have some new guideline to follow concerning memorization requirement as well as slight fee increase. Please refer to the article that follows this one, written by our State Chair Janice Smith. **Registration forms and one check per teacher will be due on January 15, 2012. Chapter fees are \$2.00 per student.**

February 29th through March 3rd

North End Piano Adjudications with Phyllis Peiffer

Feb. 29 & Mar. 1: Bayside Community Church
25992 Barber Cut-off Rd., Kingston 98346

Mar. 2 & Mar. 3 @ Kingston Christian Church
11255 NE East 2nd St., Kingston 98346

March 9th & 10th South End Piano Adjudications with Amy Grinsteiner

Summit Ave. Presbyterian Church
403 Summit Ave. Bremerton 98312

March 23rd - Adjudications Honors Recitals

6:00 pm & 7:30 pm: Bayside Community Church,
Kingston

March 17th - WSMTA Conference Recitalist Competitions

1:00 pm: Bainbridge Commons
402 Brien Dr., SE Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
Judy Baker will be the judge.

Sun Gamble, South End Piano
874-6825, 908-286
sungamble69@yahoo.com

What's New in Adjudications for 2012

(reprinted from the Sept., 2011 CLARION)

Congratulations to all of the teachers and chapters who participated in a very successful Adjudications year in 2011! There was increased participation across the state--and while

accommodating higher than expected student number makes for some creative planning on the part of chapter chairs--the students, teachers and adjudicators really pulled it off!

Many teachers are probably already in the planning stages for 2012 Adjudications, and if you have not previously entered, please try out this outstanding performance opportunity in your studio. I would like to highlight a few changes and clarifications that were discussed during the conference in the Tri-Cities this last June.

First of all – **we will be paying our Adjudicators an additional \$2 per hour this coming year**, but in order to provide this well-deserved raise, we will be raising fees by \$2 in each level. All other fees will remain the same. Go to the WSMETA website, under Forms to download the 2011-2012 Teacher's Booklet which has the specific amounts for each level.

Please be sure that you are using the current forms. Many teachers and chapter chairs have copies of forms on their computers from many years ago that are no longer applicable. With an event of this size, it is vital to have the correct information submitted to the many chairs responsible for registration, fees, honors recital entry, etc., etc. The current year, 2011-2012, will be listed at the top of every form.

It was brought to my attention over the last year, that there is some misunderstanding regarding the requirement for the piano division as it relates to memorized music. Please remember that **piano adjudications require two pieces performed from memory**. WSMETA realizes that at times there are unusual circumstances which may prevent a student from having the music memorized, so in order to accommodate those special situations and have students receive an educational experience, WSMETA will allow students to participate with music *only* if there have been unusual situations such as illness or family emergency, and these students will *not* receive a Certificate of Participation.

WSMETA is working towards creating online adjudications entry capabilities. In 2011-2012, the Moses Lake and Spokane Chapters will be participating in a trial program for teacher registration and chapter summary form submission. John Webster, WSMETA Webmaster, has been hard at work to create the program and streamline the process for entering this outstanding event!

I will be keeping the chapter adjudications chairs updated on a regular basis with reminders, changes or improvements to adjudications. Please thank your chapter chair for taking on this task, and know that I appreciate EVERYONE who contributes and participates in WSMETA Adjudications.

Janice Smith
WSMETA Adjudications Chair
Fairbanks Ice Sculptures

Teachers Accepting Students

Bowling Music Studios: instruction in *piano, violin, clarinet, flute, classical guitar, voice, class piano, piano ensembles, theory-composition*; all ages & levels; Silverdale area; 360-692-7419 or www.bowlingmusicstudios.com.

Sharon Clark: *piano*; all ages & levels; 360-830-3603.

Georgene Corey: *Suzuki Piano*; openings especially for 3-9 year olds; 360-697-6766.

Alita DeLaCruz: *vocal performance*; specializing in vocal instruction and performance techniques; beginning level to professional; all ages. In studio (Bremerton) or through Skype. 360-620-6220/360-275-4723.

Elaine Graham: *piano & flute*; North Kitsap area; 360-271-7401 or elainegraham@comcast.net.

Monica Harle: *piano*. New studio in down-town Bremerton, close to Olympic College. Also available for "in home" lessons in the Belfair, Tahuya area. 360-275-6208.

Melanie Harris: *voice & piano, Preschool Music Exploration Classes*; Poulsbo area; benandmelharris@hotmail.com.

Gary Alan Hind - Basin Road Music Studios: *piano, theory, improvisation, composition, recording*; all levels & ages; 360-697-2591 or basinroad@comcast.net.

Melanie Kurtzbein Violin Studio: Bremerton; 360-479-1244.

Diane Layton: *piano & flute*; all ages & levels; Silverdale/Bremerton area; 360-613-2917.

Diana Lundgaard - Miller Bay Piano Studio: 360-297-2781.

Jane Melin: *violin*; ages 4 to adult; Poulsbo/North Kitsap; 360-394-2086 or www.jane@jmvioinstudio.com.

Mary Reynolds, MTNA Certified: *piano, theory*; 360-598-6807.

Talman Welle: *piano*; all ages and levels, also jazz & improvisation; Poulsbo; 206-850-8530 or Talmanmusicman@aol.com.

Valerie Williams: *voice*; all levels, ages & styles; 360-307-9099, valerie@valeriewilliams.com.

Bulletin Board

Events & Deadlines Calendar

Dec. 4: Bremerton Symphony Youth Orchestra Winter Auditions. (see article)

Dec. 9: Christmas Come & Sing Celebration. (see article)

Dec. 10: Bremerton Symphony Holiday Concert. (see article)

Dec. 11: "A Viennese Christmas" at Port Madison Lutheran Church. (see attached poster)

Jan. 8: Bremerton Symphony Youth Orchestra Winter Auditions. (see article)

Jan. 15: Bowling Music Studios concert at the Admiral.
(see article)

Feb. 10: KMTA General Meeting at Ted Brown's.
(see article).

Feb. 29, March 2 & 3: North End Piano Adjudications. (see article)

March 9 & 10: South End Piano Adjudications. (see article)

March 17: WSMTA Conference Recitalist Competitions. (see article)

March 23: Adjudications Honors Recitals. (see article)

May 5: MONSTER CONCERT! (see article)

June 17-23: WSMTA Conference in Bellingham.

Other Music Activities

Bremerton Symphony Association

Information on concerts and tickets can be found at www.bremertonsymphony.org or by calling 360-373-1722;
Location: Bremerton High School Performing Arts Center,
1500 13th St., Bremerton.

Bremerton Symphony Youth Orchestra 2011-2012 Season Winter Auditions

This season's auditions will be held on Dec. 4 and Jan. 8 at the Olympic College Music Building. Rehearsals are on Sunday evenings, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Concert dates are Nov. 20, Jan. 28, March 17, and May 6. Call 360-373-1722 for more information and to schedule your audition.

Bremerton Symphony Holiday Concert Romance & Reformation

On Saturday, December 10th, the Bremerton Symphony rings in the holidays with this popular holiday concert. The evening will include holiday standards, such as Handel's Hallelujah chorus and Christmas carols, plus Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony. Pre-concert chat at 6:30 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m.

Irene Bowling & Friends A Musical Extravaganza!

Sunday, January 15, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.
at the Admiral Theatre, Bremerton

❖ a concert featuring Bowling Music Studios Faculty and guest artists from around the globe, **celebrating 30 years in Kitsap county!** Performers include KMTA members **Irene Bowling, Karina Gordievich** and **Julie Mandery**, as well as Martha Hollier, Grannia Renihan, Jonathan Graber, Robert Wingert, daniel Hnatovic, Brianna Eddy, and the "80 Flying Fingers" Teen Ensemble.

❖ tickets: 360-373-6743 or www.admiraltheatre.org

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**Merry Christmas & a
Happy New Year to All!**