



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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May 20- 9:30 a.m.

"Teacher Musicale and Brunch"
-presented by Foothills Teachers

Bear Valley Church, 10001 W. Jewell Ave. (at old Kipling, 3 blocks E. of Kipling)

FMTA MEETING: May 20, 9:30 a.m.

Wow! Another successful year is wrapping up. Please join us for our final FMTA meeting on Wednesday, May 20. We'll begin at 9:30 am with breakfast, then installation of officers, and finally, our teacher Musicale. We're asking everyone to bring a serving or two of cut up fruit for a potluck fruit salad. Breakfast entree's (with meat/dairy free option), coffee, and juice will be provided. We are still in need of performers! Don't be shy. It won't be a Musicale without music.

DUES RENEWAL

When is the best time to renew your FMTA dues? **Right Now!** while you are thinking about it! Don't wait - the process is easy, especially online. Whether you choose electronic or paper renewal, make sure your local association dues are included (\$20) and designated as FMTA; if it is not already included, simply write it in. Your prompt renewal will ensure your spot in both the CSMTA (state) and FMTA directories for the coming year. If you need financial assistance, check out CSMTA's website about setting up a monthly payment plan. There's no better time than the present to free yourself from one less duty this summer! Click the following link to renew your dues right now! <http://www.mtna.org/membership-information/renew-membership/>

DID YOU KNOW?

As of April 1st, twenty-six of our members have already renewed their dues for the coming year? Way to go! Plus, we have our first new member of the 2015-2016 year - **Lorian Bartle** teaches guitar and theory in Wheat Ridge and is looking for new students. Lorian visited us in April - please be sure to introduce yourself to her at our May meeting.

SONATINA FESTIVAL

The 2015 FMTA Sonatina Festival was a great success this year. We would like to congratulate Danielle Morin and Ilinca Birlea as the class VI Sonatina Festival 1st & 2nd place winners. Danielle is a student of Dr. Christelle Menth and a former student of Elaine Adams. Ilinca is a student of Natalia Sim. We are all aware of the many hours, days and months of dedication required to compete in level VI and recognize the high level of musical achievement of these students and their teachers. You are all an inspiration! We would also like to thank Dr. Linda Pott and her team for their wonderful job of organizing and running the event and thanks to all the teachers who participated this year.

PERFORMANCE GROUP

The Performance Group met at Jan Austin's home in Applewood on Friday April 10th . We enjoyed hearing Betty Witt play Chopin's Berceuse Op. 57 and Laura Rodgers play 3 preludes from Skyriabin Op. 11. Margaret Wahl played Mendelssohn's Song without words Op. 53 #1 and Jan Austin played Mendelssohn Song without words Op. 38 #6. Ron Wahl sang a vocal solo from a new work by Bob Chilcott's St. John's Passion. We enjoyed some refreshments and a time of fellowship. The next Performance Group will meet again at Jan Austin's home for the May 8th meeting. The address is 3055 Crabapple Road Golden. Phone no. is [303-216-2159](tel:303-216-2159). We welcome teachers from any CSMTA Music Group or visitors who just want to try out a piece they are learning or one they plan to teach their students. This is a very encouraging group and very non-threatening. Pieces do not need to be performance ready. Many play pieces in progress. The Group is considering renaming itself "*The Helen Knedler Music Club*", named for the founder of Performance Group, Helen Knedler. For questions call Margaret Wahl [303-238-3465](tel:303-238-3465).

NEW STUDENT REFERRAL

If you have openings, or if you are receiving calls from students you cannot take, please contact FMTA's Student Referral Chair, Alfred Born at (303) 984-7464 or email him at: bornmenth@comcast.net

OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016

Congratulations to the following people who have been elected to serve as our FMTA officers next year:

President – Elaine Van Dellen, NCTM

1st V.P. of Programs – Laura Rogers

2nd V.P. of Membership – Robin Braun

3rd V.P. of Publicity – Laura Trefethen

Secretary – Carol Williams

Treasurer – Elinore Quander, NCTM

From Our President:

Remember the saying “it takes one to know one”? That could be said of each member of FMTA for we have all joined together to volunteer tasks or take on assigned tasks with eagerness and this helps us all be appreciative of the dedicated work it takes to have a successful local association. If you were a participant teacher in the Fall Festival, a worker for Achievement Day or a monitor for the Sonatina Festival, you could witness the time it took to put these events together. THANK YOU to all for a job well done.

To all of our elected officers and committee chairs THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

This past year we have tried to have shorter business meetings so we had more time to network during the social ‘hour’. Our excellent programs have been well attended and sent us from meetings with ideas we could incorporate immediately into our studios. Foothills MTA is fortunate to have this access to knowledge right on our front doorstep which increases our personal as well as professional growth. Where else could you get so much information for only \$20/year?

We are saddened to see two members, Valda May and Cheryl Evans, move away but excited to have 9 new members join us. It has been an unusual time of growth in membership for us this year! Our growth and our volunteers is what makes Foothills MTA one of the more vibrant associations in CSMTA.

I appreciate all of the support and guidance you have given me these past two years as your President. Truly, the time as gone much too quickly but there have been so many times to feel pride in our association. THANK YOU for giving me the privilege of serving you. ~Kathy Hammer

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY AT SUNRISE ASSISTED LIVING CENTER

Looking for a great way to have your students practice their performing in front of an appreciative audience? Plan to come and bring a few students who want to share a piece or two with the residents at Sunrise Assisted Living Center, located at 5095 W. Quincy Avenue, Denver, 80236. FMTA students have the program from 3:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17. This is a great opportunity for students to play in a casual setting where they will receive lots of affirmation! All ages and levels are welcome. Contact Alfred Born at bornmenth@comcast.net to reserve a spot for your students.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you would like to submit an article to be included in our monthly newsletter, please email Jan Tuttle at rjtuttle@comcast.net by noon of the first Wednesday of the month.

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2015

May 8, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Jan Austin, 303-216-2159

May 20 9:30 a.m.-FMTA meeting and program, "*Teacher Musicale and Luncheon*" - FMTA Teachers and Scholarship Recipients

June 3-5- CSMTA Conference, Colorado State University Pueblo