



CAMTA Newsletter

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From the President

In the bleak midwinter....I have thought about that line from Christina Rossetti's famous poem many times in the past several weeks. The skies have been particularly gray and the news glum. It seems as if we are going backwards instead of moving forward. Many activities are once again online. It would be tempting to dwell on the gloom, but a chance duplicate Christmas gift has helped to remind me that summer will come.

Several months before Christmas, I told my daughters that I would like a digital photo frame for family pictures. I excitedly opened a package from them to discover the frame. My husband was strangely quiet at the time. As I opened his gift I discovered the reason—a second frame. I initially planned to return it, but then an idea formed in my head, and now it is a treasured gift. I would use the frame from my husband to display pictures of flowers from my garden. I have found myself staring at that frame many times in awe and delight. I do not remember that the garden was quite that beautiful. I can almost reach out and touch summer sunshine as I gaze at those photos.

I think that we as teachers sometimes need to remember that summer sunshine and the hope that it brings are out there as well. I was reminded of that during my Christmas recital. It had been almost two years since my students had performed in a live recital. We all donned masks, sat in assigned seats far away from one another, and played on a piano that I tried to sanitize a la Victor Borge between students. Just how many ways can one wipe off those keys? We also donned Santa hats or reindeer antlers to help with especially jittery nerves that resulted from the long hiatus. It was a wonderfully fun
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From the President – continued

CAMTA Calendar 2021-2022

February 4th: Deadline for Keel Competition

February 8th: Chapter Meeting: Masterclass with Tamar Mikeladze, 9:30, Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobie Road, Okemos 48864
NOTE: Faith Lutheran Church requires masks for in-person meetings. Please keep masks on while speaking.

Saturday, February 26th, 2022: Keel Competition, The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

March 8th: Chapter Meeting
9:30, Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos

Saturday, March 12th: SAT, MSU

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evening filled with good music, laughter, fellowship, and bags of candy for the kids. There was a specialness about that evening that other recitals have lacked.

As I think back on it I have to wonder if we are in the bleak midwinter, or is this perhaps a serendipity unrecognized like my duplicate gift. Could life during a pandemic perhaps remind us to treasure the everyday mundane things just a bit more? I do not have the answers, but I am coming to the conclusion that perhaps the winter isn't as bleak as I thought it was. Perhaps it is just summer in disguise.

Linda Jones
CAMTA President

Chapter Meetings

On Tuesday, February 8th at 9:30, we will be having an in-person business meeting and masterclass at Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos. The address of the church is 4515 Dobie Road, Okemos 48864. Please remember to wear your face mask to the meeting.

Our masterclass instructor will be Tamar Mikeladze of MSU.

If you have a student who is able to play in the masterclass, please contact Natalia Bezuglova at bezuglova@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Eileen Keel Competition

The Eileen Keel Sonata/Sonatina Competition will be held in-person on Saturday, February 26th at The Presbyterian Church of Okemos. Applications and fees are due by February 4th. Go to <https://forms.gle/mye49FMcYQMczuEu9> to register your students.

For more information, contact Gail Lytle Lira at gail@gaillytlelira.com

CAMTA Membership Meeting

January 11, 2022

Present: Jeanne Fangboner, Chia-Yin Chan, Alix Jenkins, Heather Vedder, Joan Wierzba, Laura Johnson, Verna Holley, Megan Nyquist, Kathy Richardson, Linda Jones, Natalia Bezuglova, Sheri Iott, Penny Draper, Mary Jane Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Announcements: Melanie Seal lost her father-in-law to COVID in December; Joan Wierzba has lost a cousin (January 10). CAMTA acknowledges their passing and the CAMTA membership extends sympathy to these member teachers and their families.

Review of the minutes as published in the February newsletter; no corrections or additions.

February membership meeting: Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobie Road, Okemos is the new venue. Masks will be required for all in attendance. See newsletter for further detail.

January CAMTA Board meeting: in person or on Zoom TBD by the Board.

Student Achievement Testing: Amber Redouty and Penny Draper will serve as co chairs. Laura Johnson will serve as applications chair. Venue continues at Michigan State University. Testing will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines set out by the University, or conducted online as determined by the SAT Committee.

NFMC Festival: Applications due to Mary Jane Miller by January 16. Decision on conducting the 2022 Festival online or in-person will be determined February 1. Any repertoire changes must be in the same class and must be submitted **no later than February 15, 2022.**

Treasurer: absent. No report.

Yearbook: The 2022 edition is being prepared by Miho Segal. No edition was published in 2020-2021.

Keel Competition: The committee desires to hold live auditions on Saturday, February 26 at Okemos Community Church. They are hoping that COVID cases will begin to decline so the committee will be able to reserve the performance space and that everyone will feel safe. Watch for a google link in a couple of weeks to register. Direct inquiries to the committee at: gail@gaillytlelira.com.

Lansing Matinee Musicale Choral Ensemble is a secular community choir under the auspices of LMM. The Chorale is looking to expand the ensemble to include more community outreach and enrichment. Ensemble rehearsals will begin in February on Thursdays at 10 (10:30) at Ascension Lutheran Church, 2780 Haslett Road, East Lansing. Contact Joan Wierzba (517) 349-7575 for more information.

Today's speaker: Wan-Chin Chang of Soka University and Mariposa College, California, graduate of the University of Southern California discussed applications for conducting student lessons remotely, including procedures for sharing information, worksheets, and musical scores online, together with assisting students to prepare for the actual performance on the concert stage.

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