



CAMTA Newsletter

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From the President

I am a gardener and irisarian. I delight over my summer blooms and spend endless hours working in my garden. While being both a gardener and pianist is perhaps not the best combination of avocation and vocation, as the many cuts and bruises on my hands and fingers will attest, both hold a special place in my life and heart. This fall and early winter, I spent time trimming iris and doing other garden cleanup. As I trimmed, I looked at the health of the iris rhizomes—essentially the base, and arguably the most important structure of the iris.

CAMTA has an essential structure that was set up by many who went before me. This became particularly evident in October, when I met with Penny Draper and Joan Wierzba to prepare the CAMTA archive for its final place at the Capital Area District Library. I made a few minor suggestions, but they were able to sort and look through documents with the precision that only eyewitnesses possess. There were a few excited exclamations of “remember when” or “this was when I was President” or “that is a picture of....” I realized then that this was more than a series of boxes filled with old papers and organizational history. This was part of the heartbeat of an organization.

As I think about the pulse of CAMTA, I think about both where we have been and where we will go. Those before me created an organization that continues to this day to provide educational opportunities and support to independent music teachers and their students. My students benefit from our speakers, and I benefit as both a teacher and pianist. I enjoy listening to the words of wisdom and the experiences of my colleagues. In short, I am a better teacher
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From the President – continued

CAMTA Calendar 2021-2022

Tuesday, January 11th: Chapter Meeting
Wan-Chin Chang, “Enhancing Teaching with Technology”, 9:30, Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

Sunday, January 16th: Deadline for Lansing Area Federation Festival

Friday, January 21st: Deadline for SAT Registration, Online

February 8th: Chapter Meeting
9:30, Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos
NOTE: Faith Lutheran Church requires masks for in-person meetings. Please keep masks on while speaking.

Saturday, February 26th, 2022: Tentative Date for the Keel Competition

Saturday, March 12th: SAT, MSU

Corrections from the Minutes of the October 12th meeting:

Sherri Iott would like a correction to her information. Her email: sheri.iott@protonmail.com
Her website:
<http://www.sheryliott.com>

Her YouTube channel is at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIrlzNe_Ax1SORdR6xdXcSCg

and musician because of all of you. I am grateful for the wisdom and foresight that was shown when CAMTA became an organization. I hope that like my iris, it will continue to bloom and flourish for many years to come.

Linda Jones
CAMTA President

Wan-Chin Chang

Dr. Wan- Chin Chang will be speaking via Zoom at the January Chapter Meeting. Her topic is “Enhancing Teaching with Technology.”

“Dr. Chang attended the University of Southern California and Aspen Music Festival with full scholarships, and she was the winner of the Leni Fe Foundation Scholarship, Pi Kappa Lambda Award, Chamber Music Award, and Outstanding Graduate Award. She also served as an assistant lecturer while completing her DMA in piano performance with a minor in violin performance from USC under the guidance of Antoinette Perry on the piano, and Eudice Shapiro on the violin.

As an educator, Dr. Chang has been the adjudicator for MTNA and MTAC student evaluations and competitions. She has also been the appointed accompanist for several competitions and festivals such as the Stars of Tomorrow, Opera Night at South Orange County School for the Arts, and Santa Monica Concerto Competition. She is currently on faculty at MiraCosta College in Oceanside and Soka University of America in Aliso Viejo. During the summer, she is the piano department chair at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Michigan.”

Bio excerpts from the La Mirada Symphony website.

Lansing Area Federation Festival

The Lansing Area Federation Festival is scheduled for March 5th. Applications will be due by January 16th.

If you are curious about Festival and want to see what it's all about, why not volunteer to help for an hour or two?! Festival is great for students who might not be capable of handling all the SAT requirements, and, for those who do participate in SAT, a good way to get a practice performance and comments to aid in SAT .

Mary Jane Miller

Minutes of CAMTA Meeting November 9, 2021

In attendance: Penny Draper, Heather Vedder, Verna Holley, Gail Lytle Lira, Natalia Bezuglova, Mary Jane Miller, Alix Jenkins, Linda Jones, Joan Wierzba Megan Nyquist

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Treasurer's Report: Amber was not able to come but sent her report by email:

Checking is \$1874.40 (will be depositing \$120 for Dues this week)

Savings is \$5625.82.

She filed the MI filing fee in September. She will file IRS 990-N form online this month.

Up-coming Meetings: No meeting in December. January 11, 2022 will be virtual by zoom.

February-May meetings will be at Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos.

Yearbook: Miho is working on it, but the question was discussed "How long should the names of teachers who do not pay dues be kept in the yearbook?" Gail Lytle Lira suggested taking the names out of the yearbook if they do not pay but keeping them on an email list so they are still informed of CAMTA events, SAT, Keel competition, and other information, so they can be encouraged to join again in the future. The teachers who do not pay by Nov.1 cannot enter their students in SAT or Keel Competition. Everyone agreed.

SAT Update: There is a need for an Application Chair to replace Amber who is volunteering to be the Chair of SAT. Amber will help the individual with the procedure she set up which is all on-line.

Contact Penny or Amber if you will be willing to be the Application Chair.

Updates and changes to SAT testing were sent out this month by email by Heather from the SAT State Chair.

Question of the Month was suggested by Mary Jane Miller. An example would be "How are teachers receiving their tuition from the students' parents?" Some of the teachers are now receiving payments from M2M via MSU credit union, Venmo and Paypal as well as checks like in the past.

CAMTA has an archive at the Capital Area District Library in Lansing. Penny took the items to the library after a meeting with Joan and Linda looking through the materials.

Keel Competition venue is uncertain at this point because of the Covid. The tentative date is February 26. Gail Lira is working on the arrangements.

The next board meeting will be November 30 at 9:30 via zoom.

Natalia introduced the guest speaker, Jamal Tavadze, who is working on his second doctoral degree in music. He presented his thesis on Enrique Granados and his music compositions inspired by Francisco Jose de Goya.

The meeting ended 10:55 am

Respectfully submitted

Joan Wierzba, Recording Secretary.

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CAMTA NEWS Submission Deadline:

Send information for the February
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by January 20th, 2022.