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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Sun., May 1, 2016.....***2:00 pm: Student Recital** at Gary United Methodist Church in Wheaton.  
Coordinator: Destiney Kooiman: 757-718-0407 or email at  
destiney@baschoolofmusic.com. Information deadline April 25, 2016. Fee \$7 for  
WSISMTA members; \$15 for non-WS members.

*Thurs., May 5, 2016.....***9:30 am Monthly Meeting and Program: Beth Bauer “You Can Do It: the  
Inclusion of Students with Autism in the Piano Studio.”** End of year luncheon  
at Trinity catered by Barone's will follow. Contact Debi Inch before May 1 to  
reserve your place at the luncheon, or latecomers may pay at the door.

*Thurs., May 12, 2016.....***9:30 am Board Meeting** at the home of Liz Mackenzie. Officers should email  
their annual reports to Marcia Lehe before the meeting. Marcia must be notified  
if any board member cannot attend the meeting.

## **DEADLINES**

*Sun., April 25, 2016.....***DEADLINE** to enter students in the May 1 student recital. Coordinator: Destiney  
Kooiman: 757-718-0407 or email at destiney@baschoolofmusic.com

*Wed., June 15, 2016.....***DEADLINE** for Summer 2016 newsletter. Please send camera-ready articles and  
information to Bonnie Brewster via email: [bonniebrewster1954@gmail.com](mailto:bonniebrewster1954@gmail.com)

**Reminder to renew your membership either online or with the form that comes in the mail.**

## MONTHLY PROGRAM



Our program on May 5, “You can do it: the Inclusion of Students with Autism in the Piano Studio” will be presented by Beth Bauer.

The presentation is designed to give piano instructors practical teaching strategies that assist them in meeting the unique needs of students with Autism. These strategies will address piano posture, note reading, and lesson pacing.

Dr. Beth A. Bauer received her doctorate of music education from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Her dissertation is titled “What is an appropriate approach to piano instruction for students with Down syndrome?” Additional degree work includes a Master of Music from Northern Illinois University where she studied with Bill Koehler, and a Bachelor of Arts in Music from the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music where she was a student of Daniel P. Horn. Additional pedagogy instruction occurred with Karin Edwards, Larry Rast, and Karen Taylor. Currently, she is an instructor in pedagogy at the Wheaton College Conservatory where she teaches Introduction to Pedagogy, Studio Administration, Group Instruction, and Music to Special Learners and oversees pedagogy student teachers and music internships. In addition to her faculty work in the Conservatory, Dr. Bauer is the founder and coordinator of Beethoven’s Buddies, a music program for students with developmental and intellectual delays, at the Community School of the Arts, Wheaton College and teaches precollege piano to beginning through advanced students in the Community School of the Arts.

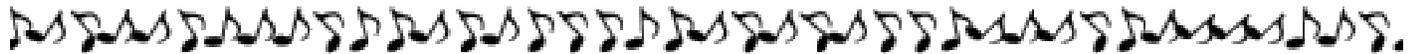
Her work with students with special needs has been featured in The Chicago Tribune, NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, the Indiana University Alumni Magazine, and the Wheaton College Alumni Magazine. Publications include articles in Clavier Companion entitled, “Ten Characteristics for teaching students with special needs,” the Philosophy of Music Education Review, and the Manitoba Registered Teachers’ Association. She chairs the Special Education Research Committee for the National Conference of Keyboard Pedagogy. Dr. Bauer is a sought after clinician and speaker to professional teacher’s organizations, national conferences, and parent groups. She has been teaching piano for 25 years and working with students with special needs for 15 years. She can be reached at [beth.bauer@wheaton.edu](mailto:beth.bauer@wheaton.edu)



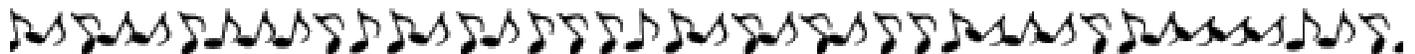
## **End of Year Luncheon**

Following our last meeting of the school year on May 5, we will have a catered luncheon held at Trinity Episcopal Church to make it easy for many to attend. Food will be provided by Barone's of Glen Ellyn and include a buffet with two types of pasta (one vegetarian), salad, and 2 choices of desserts as well as some fresh fruit. Water will be provided.

The cost is \$10 per person. Submit your name along with \$10 (cash only please!) to Debi Inch, 308 Arbor Ave, West Chicago, IL 60185 by May 1st. Latecomers may also pay at the door. We hope that all will plan to attend this special time together. The luncheon will include a short program to include recognizing the Member of the Year. If anyone has food allergies or preferences and would prefer to bring their own food, they are most welcome to do so! We are looking forward to celebrating a wonderful year of musical milestones in all our studios and communities.



**Congratulations to all twenty students who performed in the AIM Honors Recital on April 3. Twelve teachers were represented with students ranging from level 5 to 10 and repertoire from Scarlatti to Schubert to Vandall. It was a pleasure to hear these beautiful performances. Keep up the good work, AIM teachers!**



## **PTA Reflections contest winner**

**Congratulations to Emma Cho, an 8th grader at Monroe Middle School in Wheaton, whose piano solo composition, "Runaway Imagination," has advanced to the national level in the PTA Reflections contest. Emma is a student of Janna Williamson.**



## **West Suburban Illinois State Music Teachers Association April 7, 2016 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 9:32.

The student performer was Gabe Lemon, a student of Linda Krueger, who played the Chopin Waltz in Db Major and Nocturne in E Minor.

The Tip of the Day was given by Janna Williamson. Janna brought copies of her scale fingering sheet that she gives to her students for reference when practicing scales. Janna also shared her use of the 'Accelerando Technique Series' by Robert Schultz, which has short progressive exercises similar to 'A Dozen a Day.'

The Minutes from the last meeting were read with no additions or corrections. Adrienne Rose made a motion to accept the minutes as read, and Liz Mackenzie seconded.

Treasurer Stephanie Myers reported a balance of \$7786.57.

Membership – Joanne King announced that there were 2 visitors in attendance, a student and former student of Karin Edwards.

Berkley-Pendell Competition – Karol Sue Reddington thanked everyone for their support and aid in connection with the competition. She stated that there are 69 participants from 21 teachers entered in the competition this year, and that Steinway is graciously providing a 7 foot Steinway B for the senior division. She encouraged everyone to come listen and enjoy. The Celebratory Recital will be held on April 16, 7:00pm at the Gary United Methodist Church.

Recitals – Joanne King announced that there are 16 students performing in the April 10 recital, which will be held at 2:00 at Gary United Methodist Church. A coordinator is needed for the May 1 recital. The recital will be cancelled if no coordinator can be secured.

Liz Mackenzie announced that Beth Bauer will present the May program. The topic of including students with autism in the piano studio will be of interest to all.

Debi stated that the May Luncheon will be held at Trinity following the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The lunch will be catered by Barone's and will cost \$10.00 per person. The sign-up sheet and envelope is on one of the back tables. Members with special diets or food restrictions can bring their own food and enjoy the camaraderie of all.

Diane Lindsay, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Publicity/Historian, announced that a committee has been organizing our historical files. She asked officers to send her any information of historical interest or value. She also encouraged everyone to post items of interest on our Facebook page.

Janna related that the AiM Honors recital was a great success, with 21 students from 12 teachers represented.

Announcements:

Janna Williamson announced that Beverly Griffith, owner of the Wheaton Yamaha School will be retiring soon. Calvin Coleman is buying the school. A reception for Beverly will held on April 16. Contact Janna for more information.

Bonnie Brewster is interested in getting a group of teaches and/or students together to attend the New Philharmonic Concert at COD. Group tickets at 50% off are available. Bonnie passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested in attending.

ISMATA President Lynette Zelis stated that she has just returned from the MTNA National Conference. She said the conference was a wonderful experience and provided some highlights, including that the Foundation has given approximately \$1.25 million to teachers, and that she was pleased to see about 20 people from Illinois at the Illinois dinner. Lynette announced that the next MTNA Conference will take place in Baltimore, Maryland, and will feature Leon Fleisher as the guest artist and David Cutler as the pedagogue.

The next Teacher Performance Group will be held on April 14 at the home of Marcia Lehe. Please RSVP to Marcia if you plan to attend.

Marcia reminded officers of the Spring Board Meeting which will be held on May 12, 9:30 am, at the home of Liz Mackenzie. Officers should prepare their annual reports and get them to Marcia early. Marcia must be notified if any board member cannot attend the meeting.

The next monthly meeting will take place on May 5, followed by a program by Dr. Beth Bauer: 'You Can Do It: the Inclusion of Students with Autism in the Piano Studio,' and the May Luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05, following a motion by Liz Mackenzie, seconded by Rita Brown.

A program by Karin Edwards, 'Haydn: Wit, Innovation, and Emotion,' followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sbarboro



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