



**West
Suburban
MTA**
www.wsismta.org

**An Affiliate of the Illinois State
Music Teachers Association**

Monthly Newsletter

October 2014

Linda Krueger, Newsletter Editor

*Bonnie Brewster, Mailing Coordinator
Diane Lindsey, E-mail coordinator*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs., Sept. 18, 2014..... 9:15 am: Board Meeting* at the home of Debi Inch.
- Thurs., Sept. 25, 2014..... 10:00 am: Joint Chapters Board Meeting* at Trinity Episcopal Church.
- Thurs., Oct. 2, 2014..... 9:45 am: Mandatory Aim Theory Judges Meeting.* Program following the meeting: Panel on "Theory: The Old and the New" - Rita Brown, Diane Jankiewicz and Stephanie Myers. At Trinity Episcopal Church.
- Thurs., Oct. 9, 2014..... 9:30 am: Teacher Performance Group* at the home of Kathy Christian. Please notify Kathy if you plan to attend.
- Thurs., Oct. 16, 2014..... 9:30 am: Teacher Information Exchange (TIE) Meeting* at the home of Liz Mackenzie. Please notify Liz if you plan to attend.
- Thurs., Oct. 23, 2014..... 9:30 am: AIM Theory Packet Stuffing Meeting* at the home of Diane Jankiewicz.
- Sat., Nov. 1, 2014..... AIM Theory Exam* at Wheaton College. The coordinators are Diane Jankiewicz and Janel Greaves.
- Nov. 7-9, 2014..... ISMTA State Conference*, Millikin University, Decatur.

DEADLINES

- Wed., Oct. 1, 2014..... DEADLINE* for enrolling students online in AIM Theory Exam (Level 3 and up) and completion of AIM Judges Form.
- Thurs., Oct. 2, 2014..... DEADLINE* for AIM Theory Enrollment Fees (\$20.00 per student) due at judges meeting.
- Wed., Oct. 15, 2014..... DEADLINE for November 2014 Newsletter.* Please send articles and information to Linda Krueger via email: lkruegerpno@comcast.net .

MONTHLY PROGRAM

Panel on "Theory: The Old and the New" Rita Brown, Diane Jankiewicz and Stephanie Myers

Bring your new copy of the revised syllabus (order it now if you don't have it yet!) to follow along as our panel provides an overview of the new changes and answers your questions.



Summary of important "Revised AIM" information to be found in this newsletter:

The November 2014 theory exam will use the old syllabus. The performance exam in March will use the new syllabus. You may use the old or new repertoire lists for performance, but the technique as well as the new requirements for Levels 1A, 1B, 1C and 2 must come from the new syllabus. The new syllabus is available online from the state website, www.ismta.org. Teachers should order the new syllabus now (allow 2 weeks for delivery!) and bring it to the Oct. meeting for the panel discussion. If you order the syllabus or workbooks online, you will get the new ones. If you specifically want old workbooks, you need to email Justin or contact members offering old workbooks (see below).



An AIM update from Mary Beth Molenaar: (excerpts from her email to AIM chairpersons)

Thanks so much for all of the encouraging notes you've sent! I know there will continue to be a few bumps in the road and that like me, you're also fielding comments from teachers who are anxious about the transition. My husband noted one time that restaurant reviews on the internet are usually made by people who are either really happy or really unhappy, so I'm hoping that the majority of teachers are somewhere in the middle and flexing with the transition. Listening and responding with calm reassurance will help reduce everyone's anxiety rather than escalate it (at least that seemed to work with my college-bound daughter last month....) Yes, its an empty nest at my house in more

ways than one!

All testing beginning Jan. 1st, 2014 will be based on the new, revised syllabus.

Fall Exams based on the old 2003 curriculum will be sent to the chapters below. It takes about four months to prepare each new exam and there wasn't enough time for our test writers. (Sorry about that - we were so close!)

Champaign, Decatur, Naperville, North Dakota, Northwest Suburban, Peoria, Waubonsee and **West Suburban**

Orders for "Old" Workbooks should be sent by e-mail and sent NOW to Justin at the Central Office. justin@ismta.org. By assigning two units a week there should still be time to prepare for Nov. testing at the lower levels, even if you haven't started yet. ***(Editor's note: Liz Mackenzie has old AIM workbooks from Level 3-7, Diane Lindsay has a Level 2. Contact them if you need one!)***

We're here to support you with any questions you may have. I am guessing that answers to many of the questions you receive in the new year can be found in the:

Foreword to the new Syllabus

Guidelines on the first page of each theory and repertoire level in the new Syllabus

Here is our contact information.

Questions on new Theory Exams

Rita Brown, AIM Theory Chair, 630-668-0649

Questions on Technique or Repertoire

Debbie Gillette, AIM Repertoire Chair. "pianodeb@msn.com"

Level 12 Repertoire Permission:

Debbie Gillette, AIM Repertoire Chair. "pianodeb@msn.com"

Repertoire Substitution Requests:

Stephanie Myers: "hisamimyrs@gmail.com"

Debbie Gillette will be presenting a workshop on Saturday, Nov. 8th during the ISMTA Conference. Encourage your members to attend if they are coming to the conference. Best wishes and thanks again!

Mary Beth Molenaar

AIM Piano Chair

m-molenaar@northwestern.edu

AIM THEORY EXAMS

The ISMTA AIM Theory Exam is November 1 at Wheaton College. Any teacher new to AIM Theory was to have a mentor assigned to them by September 1. Please contact Linda Krueger if you need a mentor.

Student enrollment must be done online by each teacher by midnight on October 1. Parents and students will no longer be able to use the online enrollment process. All teachers entering students must go to the www.wsismta.org enrollment link and fill out the required information. Please be sure to correctly enter student name, AIM Level, if there is a sibling also enrolling in AIM, and if the student is new to the AIM program. If you have entered students in AIM in previous years, your name will appear in the judges list. If you are new to AIM and have been mentored but your name does not appear please contact Diane Jankiewicz. Select "no preference" for time unless a student has discussed with you a legitimate conflict and needs a morning or afternoon time. Be sure to click on "submit" only once. Enrollment began Sep. 1 and will close Oct. 1.

Each teacher entering students must also complete a judging form by October 1. This form is also on the website and must be done online. All teachers must judge or work the required hours on the AIM Theory Exam Day. (4 hours=1-10 students, 4 1/2 hours=11-15 students, 5 hours=16-20 students, 5 1/2 hours=21-25 students, 6 hours=26 or more students)

Teachers are expected to double check the online student enrollment form to see that all their students have been properly enrolled (check for name and level). The link to check your enrollment was emailed out earlier this month and is:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ccc?key=0AimijBLhGEqSdDFVcjRPZXQ1d2tnQWgxUUYwUHVTMI&usp=sharing>

There will be no exceptions to the October 1 deadline. The \$20 per student enrollment fee is due October 2. This is the same day as the judges meeting. Please submit one check for all students entered made payable to West Suburban ISMTA. Mail your check to Diane Jankiewicz or Janel Greaves, or bring it to the Oct. meeting.

There is a mandatory AIM judges meeting on Thursday, October 2 at 9:45 am. Anyone entering students in AIM Theory Level 3 or above *must attend the entire meeting.*

Packet Stuffing Meeting! Please help us assemble the tests and prepare the judges packets on Oct. 23, 9:30 at Diane Jankiewicz's house.

Teachers will be given the exact time for their students 2-3 weeks prior to the exam date. **No requests for changes will be accepted.** *Students requiring a make-up exam will be required to pay a \$20 make-up fee directly to the teacher who does the make-up exam. The deadline for make-up exams is Nov. 15.*

Teachers are encouraged to review their AIM syllabus manual for the specific requirements for each level they are entering students. If you have any questions regarding the AIM Theory Exam, you may contact Diane Jankiewicz or Janel Greaves.

The revisions in the theory syllabus will not take effect until 2015.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please add the following corrections and additions to you directory:

<p>Add: Mary Jennifer Allor 420 Countryside Dr. Wheaton, IL 60187 630-945-6910 allorpianostudio@gmail.com</p>	<p>Carol Beilke's correct information is: Carol Beilke 1952 Sunset Dr. Hanover Park, IL. 60133 carol.beilke@wheaton.edu</p>	<p>Add: Beverly E. Griffith 0179 E.900 N Laporte IN. 46350 bevgs4@aol.com</p>
<p>Russell Calender's correct email is: rcallen1@mc.net</p>	<p>Linda Maskeri's correct email is: Lmaskeri@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>Diane Lindsay's studio website is: dianesmusicstudio.com</p>
<p>Karol Sue Reddington's correct listing is: Dr. Karol Sue Reddington, NCTM Five Wheaton Centre (#101) Wheaton, IL 60187 karolsue7@gmail.com 630-510-8475 (tel) 630-991-0891 (cell)</p>		<p>There is a correction for the location of the March and April student recitals in our new directory. They will be held at Gary United Methodist Church. There will be no recitals held at Trinity Episcopal Church this calendar year.</p>



MEMBER PERFORMANCE

October 25-26: You are invited to hear Karin Redekopp Edwards performing the Mozart D Minor Piano Concerto, K. 466, with the Fox Valley Orchestra, Colin Holman conducting. Concerts are at 7:30 pm, Saturday, October 25 at the Batavia Fine Arts Centre, 1201 Main St, Batavia and at 3:00 pm, Sunday, October 26 at Crimi Auditorium of Aurora University, 407 Calumet Ave, Aurora. Tickets at the door are \$15 regular/\$13 students and seniors/\$9 children 8 and under. www.foxvalleyorchestra.org



TIE MEETING

The first TIE (Teacher Information Exchange) meeting of the year will be Thursday, October 16 at 9:30 at the home of Liz Mackenzie, 605 Pleasant in Glen Ellyn. This is an opportunity to share ideas and converse about our teaching in an informal setting. Teachers new to the group are particularly welcome to attend. It's a great opportunity to learn from each other. No topic has been chosen but possible items for discussion might be AIM preparation, handling transfer students, or business practices. Please let Liz know if you plan to attend and if there is a particular topic you'd like to discuss.

lizmackenzie09@gmail.com or 630-790-9823



Illinois State Music Teachers Association

**Plan on attending the State Conference:
 Nov. 7-9, 2014 at Millikin University, Decatur, IL.**



SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

West Suburban Illinois Music Teachers Association September 4th meeting 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:34. Pres. Debi Inch welcomed members.

The student performer of the day was Amelia Benich, a student of Marcia Lehe. She played 'Night in Granada' from Estampes by Debussy.

There was no Tip of the Day.

The minutes from last May's meeting were read, with no corrections or additions. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Adrienne Rose, seconded by Liz Mackenzie.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$4979. 61.

Membership - Joanne King reported that there were no visitors and that we have 2 new members. Joanne reminded members to pick up their new directory, and take a directory if they live near a member who is absent. Joanne thanked Janna Williamson for her work on the directories.

Hospitality - Joanne K needs help with the morning set up for the AiM exams in November. Volunteers are needed to bring food for our monthly meetings and to clean up afterwards. Sign-up sheets for monthly meeting hospitality and AiM refreshments were sent around.

Student Performances - Bonnie Brewster passed around a sign-up sheet for performers. Students at any level are welcome to play.

Debi Inch reminded members to look at their new directory for members in new board positions, and she reminded members that all recitals will be held at Gary Church, not at Trinity, despite what is listed in the directory.

AiM - Diane Jankiewicz announced that October 1 is the deadline for registering your students for AiM Theory. The exams will be held on November 1. It is the teacher's responsibility to register students correctly. Only click submit one time and do not try fix any errors. Call Diane to have her fix mistakes if needed. Remember to register yourself for judging. If your name is not listed in the judges section, let Diane know to add you to the list. Tell Diane if your e-mail has changed. Student schedules will be sent out by October 18 by e-mail. Only check the sibling box on the form if the sibling will be taking the exam on the same day. The fee this year is

\$20. It is due by October 2, and can be sent by mail or paid in person at the October 2 monthly meeting. There will be no time change requests allowed. If the student cannot come to the scheduled time, they will have to do a makeup exam. There is a \$20 fee, payable directly to the makeup judge. The student should only request a morning or afternoon time if absolutely necessary. **The November 2014 theory exam will use the old syllabus. The performance exam in March will use the new syllabus. You may use the old or new repertoire lists for performance, but the technique must come from the new syllabus.** All teachers entering students are required to attend the judges meeting on October 2. The meeting will include a panel discussion listing changes for the new syllabus. The old workbooks will still be printed for this fall. They can be ordered online, but be sure to e-mail Justin to specify if you want the old or the new workbooks. **The new syllabus is available online. Teachers should order the new syllabus soon and bring it to the Oct. meeting.** Teachers needing old workbooks can send an e-mail out to our membership to ask if anyone has one to sell. October 23 is the packet stuffing meeting at Diane's house at 9:30.

Debi and announced the Board meeting on September 18 at 9:15 at Debi's house. All board members must attend.

The Teachers Performance Group will meet on October 9 at 9:30 AM at the home of Kathy Christian. Please tell Kathy if you plan to attend.

The TIE meeting will be on October 16 at 9:30 AM at the home of Liz Mackenzie. Please tell Liz if you plan to attend.

The Illinois State Conference will be held November 7-9 at Millikin University. All members are encouraged to go, and to make reservations soon.

Debi asked members to greet someone at the meeting that they had not met yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09, motioned by Diane Lindsay and seconded by Janel Greaves.

Marcia Lehe announced our presenter, Dr. William Koehler who presented a program on 'The Life and Compositions of Jan Dussek: An Alternative to Clementi and Kuhlau Sonatinas'.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathlyn Sbarboro

Linda Krueger
1N086 Fanchon St.
Carol Stream, IL 60188

