

WSMTA NEWSLETTER



July 2023

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Thursday Sep. 7, 9:00 AM
Monthly Meeting & Program
Windsor Park

Saturday, Oct. 14
AIM Theory Exams
Wheaton College
Enrollment deadline, Sep. 14

Saturday, Mar. 9
AIM Performance Exams
Wheaton

From the President...

Dear members,

I hope you are all enjoying some rest and recreation as we take a break from the regular schedule of the school year.

I want to start my first newsletter submission by expressing how thankful I am to our immediate past president, Janel Greaves, for the wonderful job she did in presiding over our group over the past two years. Her steady, calm leadership guided WSMTA as we moved out of the pandemic.

We have one very important change for the upcoming school year. While we are very thankful to Trinity Episcopal Church for the years we have spent there, **we are moving our monthly meetings to a different location: *Covenant Living at Windsor Park***. Meeting at Windsor will ensure that we are always gathering at a venue with an excellent piano that is unlocked, heated, and technologically equipped.

Due to Windsor's schedule, however, we need to move our meeting earlier by one half hour. Therefore, beginning September 7, our schedule will be as follows:

- 8:30-9:00 Coffee & Conversation
- 9:00 Business meeting
- 9:30 Program
- 10:30 End of program

I apologize if this change is problematic for any of your schedules. Board members and I weighed the pros and cons of this decision and agreed that the advantages outweigh the possible disadvantages.

I look forward to seeing you in the fall! If you've never attended a meeting of our association, I encourage you to give it a go on September 7. In the meantime, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Janna Williamson

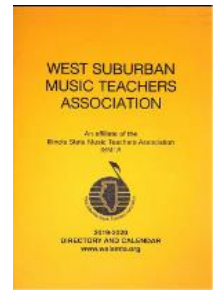
PS: If you haven't already renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. To be listed in the directory, members should renew by July 25.



Membership Renewal Open on the MTNA Website!

Please renew your membership by July 25 to be included in the 2023-2024 directory!

Current members may now go to the MTNA website and renew their membership for next year. If you choose to renew online, please be sure to also double check all of your contact information on the "About Me" tab that appears when you first log in. This is the information that will be used for next year's directory. If you need to make any changes, simply click on the pencil icon in the upper right-hand corner of each section, and you will be able to edit and save your information.



Members have probably also already received your renewal forms in the mail in the coming weeks if you prefer to renew by mail. Any changes to your contact information can be indicated on the renewal form. Please contact Linda Krueger with any questions regarding membership or renewals.

Linda Krueger, Membership Coordinator

WSMTA 2023 Chapter Member of the Year

The West Suburban choice for Member of The Year is Karin Edwards. For many years, as a renowned teacher at Wheaton College, she was a staunch supporter of our ISMTA group. She was instrumental in obtaining space for AIM exams at the college. She allowed us to use her studio as an exam room and even stored our coffee pots if space was needed!

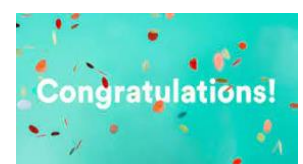


Karin has been a member of our workshop committee for many years. As such, her suggestions and assistance have allowed us to partner with Wheaton College to afford presenters and performance facilities which would otherwise have been unavailable to us.

Karin has been a program presenter for our group and for many others. On occasion, if one of our scheduled presenters had to cancel at the last moment, Karin was always willing and able to jump in at the last minute and provide us with excellent presentations. Since her retirement from her position at Wheaton College in 2021, her support and participation in the West Suburban group has only increased. We are pleased to select Karin Edwards as our MOY 2023!

Congratulations to the 2023 Berkely-Pendell Competition Winners, Participants, Teachers & Event Organizers!

The young pianists participated in all Levels and Divisions of forty entrants. It was a surge of value, participation, and commitment. Several of our respected judges



mentioned the level of musical achievement and integrity. The expanded participation and extraordinary young pianist's accomplishment was seriously visible and an accoladed merit of the Event. Earnest awards were creditably designated.

From our West Sbuurban Chapter:

Festival Level:

Valentina Gallegos, Teacher Carol Beilke

Competition Level:

Elementary One: First Place: Livia Williamson, Teachers Janna Williamson

Junior One: 2nd Honorable Mention: Reness Turmac, Teacher Karol Sue Reddington

Senior Division:

Second Place: Zachariah Williamson, Teacher Jana Williamson

1st Honorable Mention: Jaitin Pallath, Teacher Alexander Djordjevic

2nd Honorable Mention: Marilyn Gans, Teacher Carol Beilke

Dr. Karol Sue Reddington, Director

Committee Members:

Marcia Lehe

Carol Ann Ishman

Yuyin Wang

Jue He

Kathy Christian (Treasurer), West Suburban Board

Marcia Lehe (President), Joint West Suburban Board Association

Judges: Joseph Cisar, Dr. Karin Redekopp Edwards, Dr. Yeeseon Kwon, Dr. Michael Messer, Kyle Orth

MTNA Certification - Up Your Professionalism!



MTNA Certification recognizes teachers who meet national standards of professional music teaching. The MTNA Certification program exists for teachers who teach music to students of any age level in private or group settings. The program is based upon a set of five standards defining what a competent music teacher should know and be able to do. Upon fulfillment of these standards, applicants are granted the MTNA Professional Certification credential with the designation, Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM). Teachers can designate themselves as a NCTM in their studio marketing and are listed in a national searchable database for students who are looking for high quality teachers.

The Illinois State Music Teachers Association (ISMTA) is currently reimbursing the Certification application fee upon completion of the requirements. I am here to help you in your Certification journey! Please contact me for more information.

Kathlyn Sbarboro, NCTM
Certification Coordinator

West Suburban Music Teachers Association Meeting Minutes- May 4, 2023 Meeting Agenda



President Janel Greaves called the meeting to order at 9:31am at Trinity Episcopal Church.

No monthly music was heard. The minutes of the April 6 meeting were read by Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny. A motion was made to approve them as read by Lynette Zelis and seconded by Liz Mackenzie. Treasurer Diane Lindsay reported the account balance.

A TIP was given by Rita Brown with a list and demonstration of recommended repertoire and books, including Martha Mier, Katherine Rollin, sonatina collections and more.

Linda Krueger reported that no new members or guests were in attendance.

Upcoming Events/Reminders:

- May 11 – Board meeting at Janna Williamson's home, 9:30 AM
- May 25 – Joint board meeting at Trinity, 10:00 AM

New Items:

- Membership renewal reminder (directory deadline 7/25)
- BP competition update – Karol Sue Reddington. The competition had a great year with a good showing of performers and teachers, including nearly double the applicants.
- Member of the Year announcement by Carol Ishman. Dr. Karin Edwards was awarded member of the year for WSISMTA.
- An additional announcement was made by Lynette Zelis about IL business to business grants coming due May 10.
- It was also announced that the positions for TIP coordinator and Hospitality coordinator are open.

A motion was made to adjourn by Karol Sue Reddington and seconded by Carol Ishman.

The monthly program was given by Professor Kate Boyd – Rhythm and Meter in the Keyboard Music of J.S. Bach

Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny, Secretary

Quote of the Month



piano teacher [ˈpee:ah:no:tee:chuh] *noun*

a very special person who passionately shares their love of piano with others; an inspirational teacher with a lyrical sense of being who nurtures musical creativity and joy; like a normal person but way cooler. see also; rockstar, legend, friend

— anonymous (from a poster one of my students gave to me this spring)

From the Editor



The WSMTA Newsletter is published monthly September through May, with one summer issue in July. The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication. For example: the September newsletter deadline is August 15 and is published by Aug. 20. Articles must be 'print ready' when submitted.

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Kathlyn Sbarboro, WSMTA Newsletter Editor

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