



Keynotes

A Newsletter of Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association

OCTOBER 2016

OCTOBER 19, 2016

**Christ Church at Grove Farm
9:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

Welcome
Andrea Doyle, President

Business Meeting

**Program
Federation Festival New Repertoire
2016-2020**

Mimi Priano, Ellen Johnson, and Andrea Doyle

Hospitality Table

Please sign in at the Hospitality Table when you arrive on October 19. Be sure to pick up your copy of the "snippets" for this year's Student Performance Competition, if you did not pick one up in September.

**80TH ANNIVERSARY PLAY-A-THON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
1:00-6:00 PM**

CHRIST CHURCH AT GROVE FARM

All members, students, and friends are welcome to come and stay for as long as you can for Student and Teacher Performances, Refreshments, and a display of Memorabilia from the past 80 years! There will be continuous performances in Fellowship Hall throughout the day and the refreshments and memorabilia will be set up in Room 101, just off of Fellowship Hall. Come, enjoy, and share your memories.

Program Notes

We look forward to hearing selections from the new choices for Piano Solo Repertoire for the National Federation of Music Clubs Festivals. We extend heartfelt thanks to Mimi, Ellen, and Andrea for their work in preparing for today's presentation.

Mimi will also do a short presentation and explanation about becoming involved in Festival process. At this meeting, Suzanne Givi will also discuss becoming involved in our Evaluations program. Both of these presentations will be of great help to members who have been looking for more information on these valuable programs we offer to all.

We gratefully acknowledge Volkwein's for ordering the Festival pieces for our program today. They will gladly order music for our members who may view reference copies at the store. Thank you to Volkwein's!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

We will not have a student of the month for October. Please contact our Student of the Month Chairperson, Tricia Mack to sign your student up for a future month.

OCTOBER GPS RECITAL

Our first GPS (Great Performers Series) recital for 2016-17 is on Sunday, October 23 at 2:00 pm at Christ Church at Grove Farm. Please e-mail Suzanne Givi for more information, or to sign up student performers. Teachers are welcome to perform if space is available.

NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

"During our business meeting we will take an important vote by all members present at this meeting. The Board has voted to make changes in our By-Laws, and accordingly, the general membership present at the next meeting must also vote; the changes will be passed by a quorum of those members present. The revisions/changes in By-Laws will be sent via email to all members prior to this October 19th meeting.

SAVE THE DATE!

Instead of our traditional Holiday Breakfast and Meeting, we are planning a Holiday Mixer! Please come to meet and mingle with PPTA members and guests on Thursday December 29, 2016 at Andys Wine Bar anytime during Happy Hour from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Andys is located in the lobby of the beautiful Fairmont Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh at 510 Market Street. A live jazz performance begins at 7:30, for those who would like to stay longer. Parking is available in the hotel building.

TAKE NOTE!

***Teacher Composers:** Attention! There will be a Teacher Composition Competition this year. Marilyn Loutitt is the chairperson; please contact her for more information or to enter your composition. Entry deadline is October 19, 2016; all entries must be received by this date.

Discounted PSO tickets are available for PPTA members and their students: The promo code for discounts on the PSO concerts is "psoppta"

PA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS UPDATE

The Pittsburgh District Conference was held on October 1st, 2016 at Christ Church at Grove Farm. The annual meeting encourages fellowship between the Senior Clubs in the Pittsburgh District. The day started with an informative business meeting, then club reports. Charlene Hubbard, Pittsburgh District Chair gave opening and closing remarks. The PFMC's new President, Linda Maurhoff attended and was able to meet the current Presidents of clubs and speak on the future of PFMC. Her message included a new opportunity for the Jr. Clubs in a State-wide competition with a projected date of 2018. Linda's theme is: Building Our Future by Remembering Our Past. On November 8th, the PFMC will celebrate its 100th Anniversary!!!

The clubs were with awards and certificates. The PPTA received a PFMC Award for 2nd Place for our 2015/16 PPTA Scrapbook assembled by Haddie Weber. Also the PPTA received an NFMC Certificate of Participation for celebrating American Music Month, November of 2015 with the Program, "The Federal Music Project and the 1930's WPA Initiative", presented by Leslie Amper.

After the meeting concluded, the attendees gathered in Fellowship Hall were entertained by musical performances by Rebecca Lewis, member of the PPTA, Terri Denmon, Jerry Agin and Alice Kalla of Tuesday Musical Club, Robert Wilson of the North Hills Music Club and Chelsea Chao, student of Jing-I Jang, member of PPTA. This year it was PPTA's turn to host. A special thank you to Anne Miller, of the PPTA who was a tremendous help for the day.