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**Thursday, May 20th
2010-11 Planning Meeting**



Now . . . to the tune of
the famous patriotic song above:

**“This plan is
your plan . . .**



**This plan is
our plan . . .**



**For the teachers
in the city,
to the teachers
in the country,
For the students
of piano,
to the students of cello,**

**This plan will
be for you
and me!”**



**We need your
input to help
decide:**

When and where to hold
Mid-State meetings/events?

How many of each next year?



Who should speak? What topics?

Who will perform?

How much can we afford?



**All this—with
great food in a
serene setting!**



Election of Officers 5/20/10!

Date: Thursday, May 20th, 2010

Time: 9:30 AM *Business Planning Meeting*
11:30 AM *Potluck Brunch*
(Please bring a dish to share)



Place: The lakefront home of Mary Holmes, retiring secretary
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Google Directions to Mary's:



From I-275 northbound:

Exit Bearss Ave. Right on Bearss, Left on Nebraska/US41. Left on Crenshaw Lake Rd (at Hess) for 1.2 miles. Slight left to stay on Crenshaw Lake Rd. to #3612 on the left.

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President
Vice-President of Student Activities
Vice-President of Membership
Secretary
Treasurer
Newsletter Editor

The nominating committee's proposed slate of officers will be e-mailed to all members before the May 20th meeting. That way, you'll have time to decide how you will vote. If you would like to be considered for a leadership position in Mid-State or want to nominate someone, please let me know ASAP, so I can pass your name along to the committee. Please support your professional association with your personal talents. (I *know* you have 'em!)

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Honors Musicale



Report

The MSMTA Honors Recital, with a theme of *Dances from Around the World*, was held on February 21st, 2010, at 3:00 pm, in Puckett Auditorium at Florida College. Twenty-five students from five teachers performed piano solos, duets, one trio and one keyboard orchestra piece. The trio donned Mexican sombreros and entered the stage shaking maracas . . .



while the keyboard orchestra group wore shamrocks and Irish hats to represent their Irish dance.



Five teachers who participated: Young-Hee Burchett, Betty Chester, Virginia Grissom, Mary Holmes and Lidia Pena. We ended the program with everyone on

stage for a Chicken Dance and Polka, led by Betty Chester, accordion.



A good time was had by all. The students played well and enjoyed socializing afterwards. Thank you to Betty, Mary and Lidia for bringing refreshments and setting up the reception.

Virginia Grissom, *Chairman*

Adult Soiree

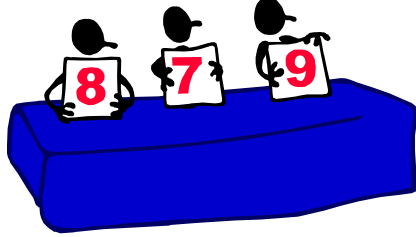


Report

Our Spring Adult Soiree, held at 5 pm on Sunday, March 28th, 2010 featured seven performers from four teachers—Theo Boylan, Young-Hee Burchett, Virginia Grissom and Nina Isidora. They played pieces by Saint-Saens, Mozart, Liszt and Chopin, Mier, Lemoin, Bertini and Beethoven. Food and drinks after the program once again served as a perfect way to socialize and become familiar with the adult students. Thank you to Young-Hee Burchett, who has shared her lovely Carrollwood home and 7' grand piano with the Adult Soiree on numerous occasions. We're very grateful!

Mary Holmes, *Chairman*

Student Day



Report

2010 FSMTA Student Day of local Mid-State MTA was held Saturday, April 24, at Florida College. There were 46 entrants of 8 piano teachers. Judges were Ana Bravo of St. Petersburg and Patrice Bugel and Elizabeth Snedecker of Clearwater. 4 students earned the Certificate of Achievement, 9 received the Certificate of Progress and 2 earned the Certificate of Theory. 31 will be receiving the "State Honors" medals on a ribbon from FSMTA. Students were excited to announce their pieces and perform on the stage during the all-day informal recitals.



While there, we took the opportunity to sell used music from Mid-State's extensive collection. If any teachers want to find out about entering their students next year for this comprehensive evaluation or other state contests, you can download the Handbook of Student Activities at fnta.org. You can even start preparing your students over the summer!

Betty Chester, *Chairman*

Scholarship Competition Update

The competition will begin at 9 am on Saturday, May 15th at Florida College, Puckett Auditorium. Results will be announced around 2:15pm. We have 15 contestants scheduled to participate this year, with every division represented except the 12th grade.



Betty Chester is bringing snacks, Jan Khorsandian is providing lunch for the judges and Lidia Pena will help the co-chairman make the day go smoothly. Gail Ott secured prizes from FJH Publishing Co., the Sarasota Opera and \$200 from Piano Distributors. A special thank you to our sponsors!

Angela Miller, co-chairman
Darlene Walker, co-chairman



Soul Food



Notes



Life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans.

John Lennon

Planning is bringing the future into the present so you can do something about it now.

Alan Lakein

Organizing is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it's not all mixed up.

A.A. Milne

: -)

And then when

all the busywork is done,

I hope you can just . . .



Happy Summer!

