

Special points
of interest:

- Chapter meeting is December 8th at Tye Event Center—Featuring Jani Peterson, President of WSMTA. Includes holiday luncheon.
- Concerto Competition at SPSCC's Kenneth Minnaert Center for the Arts. Open to the public.
- All requests for the winter master classes are due by the December 8th chapter luncheon/meeting.
- Adjudication packets will be available at the December 8th luncheon/meeting. January 12th is the firm deadline to register for the OMTA adjudications.

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President's Letter

Greetings and my best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season. I hope each one of you are able to spend time with loved ones and enjoy that which brings you joy.

We already have a good number of people signed up to attend our December 8th Luncheon at the Tye Grill, located at the Tye Event Center in Tumwater. We also voted at November's meeting to offer a \$5.00 gift from OMTA to help defray the cost of your lunch! It is always a good time of sharing food, conversation and laughter especially with Jani Peterson, President of WSMTA, joining us. You'll enjoy her warmth and humor. Please come even if you

haven't signed up; it's not required. We will have a brief business meeting, vote on a couple of issues and discuss upcoming events. I will be passing out adjudications packets. Please contact me if you have not participated in adjudications in the last several years or have never participated at all. I am Adjudications Chair for 2010.

Don't forget to check out the Concerto Festival this Saturday at SPSCC, Ken Minnaert Center. It's a great opportunity to see what it's all about and hear some inspiring students AND teachers perform!

Heidi Ritchey

Concerto Festival

The schedule for the December 5th Concerto Festival is as follows:

	Elementary	Intermediate	Advanced
Check-In	8:45 AM	12:45 PM	3:00 PM
Begins	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	3:15 PM
Awards	11:00 AM	2:30 PM	4:30 PM

The event is free to viewers. Please enter between performances.

Holiday Luncheon

The December meeting will include the annual holiday luncheon. We will meet at the Tye Grill located at the Tye Event Center, 5757 Littlerock Rd SW, Tumwater, WA 98512, across from the Tumwater Costco.

There will be a short business meeting, which will begin at 11:00 AM, with important issues that need your vote.

All participants will receive a \$5.00 gift certificate to defray the cost of your lunch.

Jani Peterson, WSMTA President, will be in attendance.

Heidi Ritchey

New Members and Changes

We have one new member this month, Paul Edwards. Please add the following information to your directory: Paul Edwards, Piano, 13315 Gunstone St. SW, Olympia, WA 98512. (360)236-9935 pme88@comcast.net

Amy Yang

Winter Master Classes

Winter master classes with Dr. Jody Graves and Mrs. Dianne Nichols are scheduled for January 29th–31st, 2010. These rounds of classes tend to be busier than the fall classes because we are gearing up towards adjudications. So, be thinking what you need in hours with these great teachers!

Signups began at the November chapter meeting and will continue until December 8th with fees due at/by January 12th chapter meeting. Requests may also be emailed to Cherie Felts at jscffelts@comcast.net or leave a phone message at 360-491-5452.

We gratefully thank Mary Jane Clarke and Sue Dick for providing housing during fall classes. Please contact Cherie if you can help with housing during the January classes.

Cherie Felts

Adjudications

Packets will be passed out at the December luncheon. Registration and fees are due at/by the January 12th chapter meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may mail your registration and fees to:

Heidi Ritchey

7648 Rixie Rd SE

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January 12th is a **firm deadline** to register for the OMTA adjudications.

Heidi Ritchey

Adjudications Chair, 2010

Event Schedule

Dec. 5th: Concerto Competition, SPSCC Kenneth Minnaert Center for the Arts.

Dec. 8th: Chapter Meeting—11 AM @ TBA: December luncheon, Jani Peterson, WSMTA president will attend.

Jan. 12th: Chapter Meeting—9:15 AM @ Yenney Music: Rick Seifert, Snohomish County.

Jan. 29th—31st: Winter master classes with Diane Nichols and Dr. Jody Graves.

Feb. 9th: Chapter Meeting—9:15 AM @ Yenney Music: Michael Stegner, Seattle Chapter.

Feb. 20th: Sonatina Festival at The United Churches of Olympia, 1—5 PM.

Mar. 7th: Conference Recital Competition, The United Churches of Olympia.

Mar. 9th: NO CHAPTER MEETING.

Mar. 8th—13th: Piano Adjudications at The United Churches of Olympia with Sandra and Jay Mauchley.

Mar. 14th: Honors Recital at The United Churches of Olympia.

Mar. 20th—24th: MTNA National Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Apr. 13th: Chapter Meeting—9:15 AM @ Yenney Music: Pay and Play.

May 11th: Chapter Meeting—9:15 AM @ Yenney Music: No speaker.

Jun. 8th: Chapter Meeting—9:15 AM @ Yenney Music: No speaker.

Jun 21st—25th: WSMTA State Conference at Olympia, WA.

OMTA Board Meetings are scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month at the Mud Bay Coffee Company at 10 AM.

WARNING!! The deadline for teacher listing and advertisements are due **NO LATER THAN** May 31, 2009 for the 2010—2011 OMTA directory. All teacher dues to MTNA must be paid by May 31, 2010. There will be no exceptions. The new directory will then be available August 1, 2010.

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*Happy
Holidays*

