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Happy Birthday!

February

1—Annie Scherr
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February Meeting

Our February 12th meeting will be held at the home of Susan Suttles, located at 17713 Sahale Drive (off E. Hickox) in Mount Vernon, (360) 391-0504.

NOTE: Gathering time is 9:15 a.m. with the business meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. to allow time for our speaker to arrive from Olympia. The program is:

“The Difficult Adolescent Years”

presented by
Jeanine Jacobsen

Please Call Ahead!

To better help our hosts and co-hosts plan for seating and refreshments for monthly meetings, **please call or email the host prior to a meeting if you do plan to attend.**

Thank you!



PRAISE in PUBLIC,
CRITICIZE in PRIVATE

~Vince Lombardi~

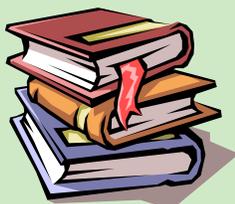
Jeanine Jacobsen Bio

Pianist, **Jeanine Jacobson, DMA**, is Professor Emeritus at California State University, Northridge, where she taught piano for 20 years. Her degrees are from the University of Washington, the University of Minnesota and the University of Oklahoma. Much of her expertise in the field of piano pedagogy was gained during her 25 years as an independent piano teacher. *Continued on p. 2*

**February Student
Dessert Recital
Fundraiser
CANCELLED**

**An updated
Lending Library List
is now posted on
our chapter website
in two locations:**

1. Newsletter/Forms page
2. Membership page



Rather than continuing to haul the “suitcase library” of books and other materials to every meeting (and not have anything checked out), our secretary suggests the following:

Please email or call Becky with your choice of materials at least one day prior to an upcoming meeting and she will be happy to pull the specific items to bring with her. Thank you!

Jeanine Jacobsen Bio —*continued from p. 1*

Since retiring she continues her profession as a master teacher, adjudicator, lecturer, performer and author. She has lectured at universities, state music teacher’s conventions and at the National Group Piano Symposium, the National Conference on Piano Pedagogy and the Music Teacher’s National Association. As a chamber musician, she has played with the Shelly Quartet, Miwa, California State University faculty and currently performs regularly with musicians from the Seattle area. She has had numerous articles and reviews published in all the American pi-

ano pedagogical journals and is an author of three books: two books of movement-based activities for piano students—A Moving Experience, published by Summy-Birchard. The third is a comprehensive piano pedagogy textbook, the second volume of which will be published within the next two years, by the Alfred Publishing Company. A native of the Pacific Northwest, she currently resides in Hood River, OR and Olympia, WA.



TEAMwork —*reprinted from 2/1/2011 Skagit WSMTA Newsletter*

Hello WSMTA TEAM members,

Recently I have been thinking specifically how we as members of the Skagit Valley Chapter of WSMTA have the privilege of being a part of a TEAM of teachers that work together to achieve many common goals for ourselves, our students and our chapter. Yes, we all work individually within our homes or studios but we come together on a regular basis to encourage, motivate and inspire, while working side by side in chapter activities.

Recently this TEAM thought came to me while I was attending one of my daughter’s club volleyball practices. I love to watch the volleyball team practice because of the intensity of play, discipline and their individual and TEAM love for the sport. While watching I thought that my daughter was working and playing hard by going after every ball no matter the cost. Well, the coach took the team to the side of the court during practice and gave them some verbal discipline and motivation and told them they were not playing to their full potential. On the way home from practice my daughter and I dis-

cussed the conversation together and I told her that I felt she was playing hard and the coach probably was not talking to her necessarily. I was surprised by her response! She said, “Mom, it doesn’t matter who the coach was thinking or talking about, I am on the TEAM therefore I am responsible as well.” Yikes! OK...enough said. Don’t our children or students often teach us lessons too?

TEAMwork is a joint effort in which planning and preparation makes things happen for us, our students and our chapter. Each one of us has purpose and a gift to share with other members which creates a well-rounded TEAM. Our students and other teacher’s students then fall heir to the benefits we gain and can give. We all are winners because of it!

In a recent article by our state president, Jani Peterson used an acronym which sums it up well (T) Together, (E) Everyone, (A) Achieves, (M) More. This is what we have within our Skagit chapter of music teachers and beyond. Let’s continue to TEAM together!

Susan Suttles (Co-President 2011-2012)