



QUOTE FOR FEBRUARY

“You will be a musician when not only your hands but also your heart and mind are full of music.” Robert Schumann

N E W S L E T T E R

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**Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. No meeting during March.**

**FEBRUARY MEETING**

**Our February meeting will be held at the studio of Jeanne Sparks on Camano Island. Our guest speaker will be Nancy Heyer, district vice president. Our Stanwood/Camano Island friends travel to Mount Vernon for many meetings so this is a great opportunity for us enjoy their hospitality. You are encouraged to gather at 9:15 and the meeting will begin at 9:30.**

Directions: Take Exit 221 and go south on Pioneer Highway, right along side the railroad tracks. Turn right onto Old Pacific and cross the tracks. Stay on Old Pacific until it dead ends at the light in Stanwood. Turn right to go to Camano Island. Go over the bridge and up the hill. At the "Y" in the road, stay to the left. Second light is Cross Island. Use right turn lane and go up the hill past the restaurant on the left. About 1 1/4 mile you come to Island Crest. Turn right. Go to stop sign (1/4 mile); Turn right as Island Crest goes to the right and down the ravine. When you come up out of the ravine it turns into Mile High. Keep going up the hill. First house on the right. House with brick arches sits back on the property. Driveway is at the end of the chain link fence and Ridgeview Ranch sign. Mail box says 290. Go to the back of the property; lots of parking; studio entrance is man door to left of attached garage. Small entrance room for parking shoes. Wood stove providing a warm welcome.

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**Conference Recital Competition**

The competition will be held on Saturday, March 19 with two adjudicators, Cassandra Carr and Myrna Capp. CRC forms are due by March 5. Please mail to Renee Crandall 329 S. 32nd Pl. Mount Vernon, WA. 98274. All literature must be level 7 and above according to Jane Macgrath's Guide to Standard Teaching and Performance Literature or be submitted to CRC Committee for approval.

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**A BREAKFAST PLANNING MEETING FOR 2011-12 WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 12 AT 9:30AM AT CALICO CUPBOARD (upstairs) IN MOUNT VERNON. We will work on committee assignments and program ideas, turn in forms for accompanist and senior awards and have breakfast and time for fellowship with friends! RSVP to Susan Suttles so we know how many teachers to plan on.**

**MUSIC TEACHERS HOST COLLABORATIVE EVENT**

*Sally Kirk*

Beautiful music filled the piano lounge at Skagit Valley Hospital Saturday, January 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The nationwide "collaborative music event" was scheduled by MTNA. All across the country, musicians performed in small ensembles. To celebrate collaborative music, Skagit Valley Chapter of WSMTA hosted a three hour event highlighting 14 musicians which included 8 duets and one trio. Students and professionals played their instruments each accompanied on the beautiful piano in the hospital's main entrance lobby. Other instruments included french horn, accordion, violin, cello and voice.

# A MEDLEY OF INFORMATION



- February-no birthdays  
 March  
 5 Judith Pearson  
 20 Renee Crandall  
 27 Carole Woodmansee

**TEACHERS ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS:**

- Jill Davis  
 Elizabeth Delph  
 Sally Kirk  
 Bonita MacPhail  
 Judith Pearson  
 Laurie Shonberg-Brown  
 Carole Woodmansee

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Double check these dates as some are changes from previous information

**NO MARCH MEETING!**

- MARCH 7 Adjudications week: Kathy Strickland adjudicator  
 MARCH 19 Conference Recital Competition  
 APRIL 12 Breakfast Planning Meeting at Calico Cupboard  
 MAY 7 Benefit Recital by Yelena Balabanova

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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 discussed 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

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