

# KEY Issue

September/October 2016



## Letter from the President

### Visioning for Your Studio

**I have a question for you. If money were no object, what would you like to see in your studio?** I am sure the obvious things come to mind, like a Steinway grand piano and state of the art technology, but think more in terms of programs you would like to offer, different things you can do with your recitals, or different ways to advertise. Take some time and write down everything you would like to see, and I mean everything that comes to mind, even if you think it's impossible, write it down. I'll wait.

**Now, take that list of ideas and think about how you would implement each idea.** The who, what, where, how and how much. After you go through each idea, mark a couple of ones you think you could actually accomplish this year. Other ideas, table for next year. This is a great way to start the school year because you already feel inspired, so why not capitalize on that inspiration? This is what we do at my studio each year. The three directors get together at a different location and we explore what we would like to see at K&S Conservatory of Music. We call it our annual visioning retreat.

As we start the new school year, I hope SPPTA can help make some of your studio dreams come true. Maybe you want to play more games with your students, then come to the first session in September and learn about Musicalympiad. Maybe you want to give better interview to new/transfer students, then come and hear Judy Sherman talk about her interview process in October. Have you always wanted to try the popular styles syllabus, but have trouble starting? Come to our November meeting and listen to Doug talk about how to teach popular music.

**Our lineup of presenters is really spectacular this year, so I hope to see you there!**

*Sarah Mensen*

SPPTA President 2016-2018



*Sarah Mensen, SPPTA President*

# Calendar of Events

## SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

### Monthly Programs 10:00 am

#### Meeting Time-Line

10:00 Social Time

10:20 General Meeting and Guest Speaker  
Presentation

11:50 Board Meeting

**September 13, 2016** Schmitt Music, Roseville  
“Musicalympiad: Fun Theory Games for Middle  
Level Learners”  
Presented by Robin Thorson

**October 11, 2016** Schmitt Music, Roseville  
“The Studio Interview: The What and The Why”  
Presented by Judy Sherman

**Book Club - 10:00 am**  
**Cafe Latte, Saint Paul**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month**

**Sept. 20** Book selection meeting

**Oct. 18** Discussion of book selected

**NCTM Certification Preparation**  
**Schmitt Music Auditorium, Roseville, MN**  
**11:00 am**

September – No Meeting

October 4<sup>th</sup> – NCTM Certification Meeting

### **Upcoming Recitals**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday**

**Time:** 10:00 am. - 2:00 p.m.

**Deadline:** October 8<sup>th</sup>

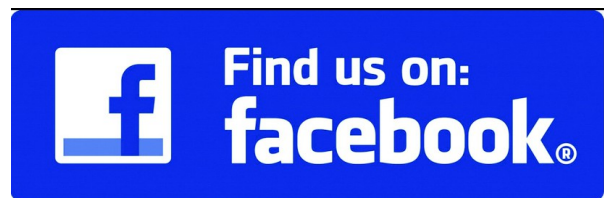
**Programmer:** Sue Wege

**Location:** Schmitt Music, Roseville

# NCTM Meetings

**Have you ever contemplated becoming a  
Nationally Certified Teacher of Music through  
MTNA but just do not know where to start?**  
SPPTA has now begun FREE workshops on the  
steps to complete this professional development.  
They are held on the first Tuesday of each month  
from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the auditorium at  
the Roseville Schmitt Music and all are welcome to  
attend.

**For more information, please contact Elsa Hosch:**  
elsahosch@icloud.com or  
651-407-2600

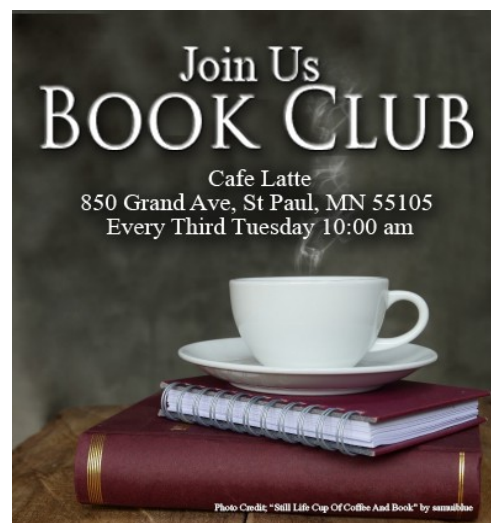


## Nov/Dec Newsletter

Please submit all articles for the Nov/Dec  
Newsletter by October 12<sup>th</sup> to Cynthia Ali at:  
[cynthiaalistudios@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiaalistudios@yahoo.com).



*Cynthia Ali, Publicity Chair*



## MMTA Piano Contest Materials Workshops

**Please don't miss out on the opportunity to attend as many of the MMTA Piano Contest Materials Workshops as possible!!**

While these workshops do provide an opportunity for teachers to learn about the current contest list music, they offer SO MUCH MORE!! Even if you have no one or only a few students who will actually participate in the Contest, you will walk away from these workshops with new insights, inspiration, and know-how as you hear from our fine presenters about MANY aspects of teaching.

These workshops are the best bargain in town!

(Please note that attendance at four workshops per year count as one point toward MTNA Recertification (NCTM) under "Attendance at local pedagogical programs"). For workshop questions, call Sue Freeman Dopp Haugen at (612) 600-3807 or Barb Rossow at (651) 777-3423.

### Location and time:

Roseville Schmitt Music Auditorium  
Thursdays 10:00 - 12:30 p.m

**Tuition per class:** \$18 per workshop or \$90 for all six sessions paid in full at first workshop. Checks only.

Date	Contest Level	Presenter
September 8	Senior B	Dr. Stella Sick
September 15	Senior A	Dr. Stella Sick
September 22	Intermediate B	Dr. Herb Johnson
September 29	Intermediate A	Richard Tostenson
October 6	Junior B	Jean Krinke and Camille Buddecke
October 13	Junior A, Primary, Pre-Primary	Fern Davidson

## MusicLink Playathon

February 11-12, 2017

Mall of America

Registration deadline: Jan. 30 (postmark) and Feb. 1st (online)

Online registration is available on the MMTA website

<https://www.mnmusicteachers.com/musiclink-playathon-registration>

Forms:

**Playathon\_Registration\_Form\_2017.pdf.pdf**

**54.2 KB**

**Playathon\_FAQ\_2017.pdf**

**40.3 KB**

**KIDS\_HELPING\_KIDS\_2017.pdf**

**109.7 KB**

**PLEDGE\_CARD-Playathon\_\_2017.pdf**

**334.3 KB**

Playathon contact: Sue Wege

[swege71@comcast.net](mailto:swege71@comcast.net)



Sue Wege, Treasurer and MusicLink

### Membership Chair Needed

SPPTA is still looking for a Membership Chair. If you are interested, please contact Monica Allen or Elsa Hosch. In the meantime, contact Monica Allen at [monicakayallen@hotmail.com](mailto:monicakayallen@hotmail.com) or Elsa Hosch at [elsahosch@icloud.com](mailto:elsahosch@icloud.com) at the meeting with any membership question.



*Monica Allen*  
Directory



*Elsa Hosch*  
Recital Chair

## Standing Date & Special Invitation

After trying it last year and finding it worked well, the first Saturday in December will be when you can plan for SPPTA's annual Concerto Competition. This accomplishes two goals – consistency for the participants, and avoiding date conflicts with other MMTA and MTNA music events during November. Thank you to the Roseville Schmitt Music store for continuing to be our host location going forward.

We are excited to announce an additional performance opportunity for those individuals advancing from the preliminary round to the final round during this year's competition on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Those individuals placing 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in the finals are invited to perform their competition piece for the January St. Paul Piano Teachers meeting on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 10:00-11:30am at Schmitt Music. Funds to go toward accompanist fees on this day will be provided by SPPTA. Specific details will be supplied to the finalists directly.

The winner of the competition will be performing in concert with the Mississippi Valley Orchestra at 3pm on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights, MN.

Please mark all three of these dates on your calendars, as they are all open to the public and inspiring. Registration forms will be accepted for this year's competition from September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We look forward to many students participating. Please share this opportunity with someone you feel would benefit from playing, or attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Olson  
Concerto Competition Chair



*Beverly Olson*

## In Memory Karen Becker 1951-2016

Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Musician Died peacefully at home in Oakdale on July 28, 2016. She grew up in a farming community in Montana, but set foot in many places throughout the world. Born on December 14, 1951, Karen's music-making began early: she started piano at age 5, and began playing organ at church in 7th grade. By late high school, Karen was playing concertos. After earning a music degree from the University of Montana, which included 10 weeks of study in Vienna, Karen attended the University of Mainz, Germany, on a Fulbright Fellowship. She then earned an MA in Music History from the University of Minnesota, where she met John. In addition to raising three children and teaching many piano students, Karen served as organist at Guardian Angels Church, Oakdale, for 38 years. She was involved in a wide range of musical activity in both church and community. Karen was a member of the American Guild of Organists and Saint Paul Piano Teachers, serving as a local officer for both organizations. Karen was involved in other activities as well. She was a long-time member of a German reading group. She had a vibrant spiritual life, participating in centering prayer activities at St. Paul's Monastery and Aramaic retreats, and learning xigong meditation. She brought art appreciation to a local elementary school, and musical experiences to young children. And she served as a mentor through Big Sisters of Saint Paul. Karen will be missed by many, including her husband, John, children, Tim (Kate) Rosok and Christine and Andrew (Kendall Patterson) Becker, grandchildren Annika and Theodore Rosok, siblings, Mae Joanne (Tom Hom), George, and Larry (Teresa Tartaglione) Rosok and Lisa (Josh) Kerns, and nieces and nephews. The Funeral will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 8, at Guardian Angels in Oakdale. Visitation will be on Sunday, August 7, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., and Monday at 9:00, at Guardian Angels. Memorials preferred, to Guardian Angels Music Ministry.

- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/twincities/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=180987387#sthash.JrUNbBgJ.dpuf>



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## 2016-2017 Executive Board Installation



*May 2016, Schmitt Music Auditorium, Roseville, MN*

### Executive Board - Elected Officers & Chairpersons



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