

# MTASN Newsletter

November 24, 2019

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## Happy Thanksgiving!

As we approach the holidays, we are thankful for each one of you. Our 35<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Festival was a success, with 8 teachers and 21 students participating. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the December luncheon, as well as gearing up for student activities and teacher development in 2020. See details below!

**We encourage everyone to USE our beautiful, newly-designed website at [www.comtasn.org](http://www.comtasn.org).** For programs, information on scheduling recitals, etc., click on "Membership." For information on student activities including entry forms and rules, please click on "More" in the upper right-hand corner of the home page.

**Correction to the October newsletter regarding definition of an audition:** "Sylvia White defined an audition as any performance that **is evaluated by** someone other than your teacher." Thank you, Sylvia! **Also, please note that there is no meeting in January 2020.**

## November 2019 Program

At our November meeting, we had a wonderful roundtable discussion on "Dealing With Problems in the Studio." Some topics included how to motivate students to practice (and what to do when they don't), helping students with memorization and performance nerves, and dealing with the special challenges of ensemble playing.

Thanks to Dhita Pettit and Elisabeth Kern for providing refreshments!

## Upcoming Events

### Our Local Chapter

#### December 2019 Holiday Luncheon

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 11 am**

Olive Garden, 5551 W. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave., Westminster, CO 80031

Please RSVP to Edie Dieter at 303-920-5037 or email [emwdieter@yahoo.com](mailto:emwdieter@yahoo.com). We will all bring a \$5 gift to exchange. We will also take an annual group picture!

## Collaborative Recital

**Recital: Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 3:00 pm** (or if we have enough entries, we will do two recitals, one at 2:00 pm and one at 3:30 pm)

**Location: Rockley Family Foundation Recital Hall, 8555 W. Colfax Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215**

**Submission Deadline:** postmarked by January 4 or hand delivered by January 7 to Betty Witt, 7475 Swadley Street, Arvada, CO 80005, 303-456-7483.

This event is fun, non-competitive, and students receive comments from one adjudicator and a beautiful ribbon for participating. Please consider entering your students in this terrific chance to celebrate duets, trios, and ensembles of all kinds!

**For details and entry forms, go to: <https://comta-sn.org/student-activities> and scroll down until you find the information you're looking for.**

## Achievement Day

**Event: Saturday, March 7, 2020**

**Location: Arvada United Methodist Church, 6750 Carr Street, Arvada, CO 80005**

**Submission Deadline:** postmarked by February 7 or hand delivered by February 12 to Elisabeth Kern, 1995 E. Coalton Road, Apt 10-302, Superior, CO 800027, 720-312-2446.

Achievement Day is an event accessible to all students and a chance to receive accurate and supportive comments about their playing and musical achievements. It is not a judged event. All students play one piece from memory and one piece with music. They can choose from a variety of other events, including theory test, scales, artwork and many more.

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## CSMTA Directory

You may have noticed that MTNA is not listed on the printed directory's Local Association Listings of CSMTA Members 2019-2020. CSMTA has taken steps to prevent this happening in the future. They have updated the online directory to include MTASN and will also add MTASN in the January Notes and News.

## Do You Have Website or Publicity Information? Let Us Know!

If you are chairing an event or just have something to share with the group, please let Betty Witt (website) or Tami Meise (newsletter) know. Our website, Facebook page, and internal emails are our primary ways to communicate upcoming events and important dates. Thanks for your help!

## MTASN Minutes of Meetings

**November 6, 2019**

The president, Dhita Pettit, called the meeting to order at 11:07 am. Edie Dieter, Sylvia White, Jean Carter, Sandi Greer, Betty Witt, Elisabeth Kern and Tami Meise were in attendance. The October minutes were approved.

### **Officer & Committee Reports**

**President's report:** Dhita reported that the online CSMTA directory was corrected to include MTASN (we had been omitted accidentally), and we will be added to the January Notes and News.

**VP Programs:** Edie Dieter announced the December 4 Luncheon at 11 am, Olive Garden on 88<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan. Please bring a small \$5 gift to exchange.

**VP Membership:** No new members have been added to our organization.

**VP Publicity:** Betty Witt announced that we had an increase in website visitors in the last month.

**VP Activities:** The Collaborative Recital will be held Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 3:00 pm at Rockley Family Foundation Recital Hall. Achievement Day will be held Saturday, March 7, 2020.

**Treasurer:** Vicki Duckworth submitted this month's report. Our ending checking account balance as of November 3 is \$3188.31. A copy of the treasurer's report will be provided in the November newsletter.

**Secretary:** No announcements.

**Fall Festival Committee Chair:** Sylvia White reported that 21 students auditioned on Saturday and 8 were chosen to perform at the 35<sup>th</sup> annual winners' concert on Sunday. Eight teachers participated. In 2020, the style will be Classical.

**Hospitality:** Thanks to Dhita Pettit and Elisabeth Kern for providing snacks for the November meeting.

**New business:** Dhita will check with MTNA and CSMTA to see how they define "non-member" to get clarity for how we want to include teachers that are not part of MTASN in our activities. It was also discussed that Regis may be able to host our 2021 Collaborative Recital.

**Dhita adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.**

Tami Meise, Secretary.