



April 2017

Whittier Branch Newsletter

President's Message

Greetings, fellow Whittier Branch members. We're now winding down the school year. This will be a short newsletter. For more info on our upcoming activities, go to our website: <http://www.mtacwhittier.org> Thank you. Robin Curtis

Certificate of Merit Keyboard Convention reminder:

Teachers must apply online by April 15, 2017 for their student to be considered to play at the MTAC convention in Santa Clara, June 30 to July 4. To do this you must login to your teacher portal online. Looking at the Student List, find the student selected for convention who wants to play and look to the right to the "Convention" column, you may need to scroll right to see it. If they qualified for convention you should see "APPLY" in the convention column, click on this and follow the instructions. You will need to pay the \$30 convention fee to complete the application.

General Meeting April 17

The program for the meeting on April 17 at 10 a.m. is planned around a composer "book club" discussion. Mozart is highlighted this time. Members are asked to read about his life and works from any source and adding thoughts into the day's discussion. At members' requests, we will also have a time for sharing favorite CM repertoire (maybe little-known gems) at various levels. And lastly, we will also have time for a book swap/sale/donate (new or used). RSVP to Robin Curtis to help her plan for the meeting. 562-699-2571 or rcurtispiano@aol.com

****Please note: There has been a change of location for this meeting. It will be held at the home of Robin Curtis. 4081 Overcrest Dr. Whittier.**

May Board Meeting The meeting will be held May 4 at the home of Jerri Lee Owen. All members are welcome, but please let me know if you are planning on attending, especially if you are bringing up specific concerns or issues. rcurtispiano@aol.com

Musicale The last musicale of the year will be May 7, to be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 11345 Miller Rd in Whittier. This is a memory-required musicale. If you want to enter your students who made branch honors (Levels P-2), he or she may perform that piece without charge and the program will note their achievement. All other students must pay the \$4 for 1-2 pieces 5 minutes or less or \$6 for anything over 5 minutes. The branch honors students may only play the piece the CM judge chose for them, unless the judge wrote 'either.' Then the student can choose.

****Please note that Jennifer Hewitt will be chairing this event. Make out a copy of the attached musical form and fill it out and mail to Jennifer with your check, if one is needed. 18328 Alfred Ave. Cerritos 90703. If you have any questions, please email Jennifer jch00@hotmail.com**

Annual Business Meeting and Installation Luncheon May 22

The meeting will be a re-installation of officers and business meeting combined, and will be held at Sizzler's in La Mirada, 15252 Rosecrans Ave, between La Mirada Blvd and Santa Gertrudes. The meeting will start at 11:00 and we will have lunch afterward. Please plan on attending this meeting. It's a great chance to vote on upcoming issues and socialize with other members.

Attendance Requirement

Please remember that the Whittier Branch now has a 2-meeting attendance per year rule. You should sign in at every meeting.

Other News

We are looking for a new chair for the Piano Music Festival. If you are interested in this post, please contact Robin Curtis. If you have never been a chair, please consider taking on the position. You will get help and do the branch a valuable service.

We are looking for a new VOCE chair for 2017-2018. If you would like to see this program continue, please consider chairing or co-chairing it. Contact Robin Curtis if you would like to help your branch.

We are looking into another venue for our musicales for 2017-2018. If you know of a church or another place with a grand piano that could accommodate us, please contact Robin Curtis.