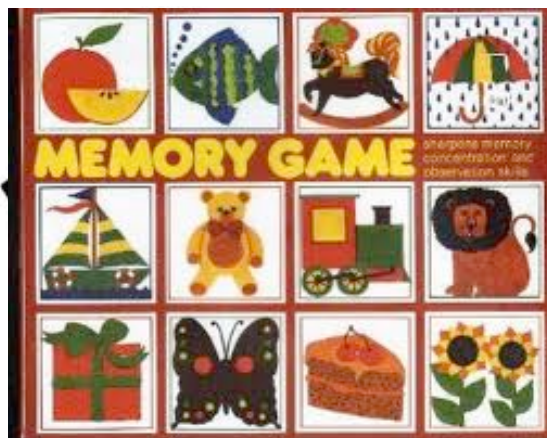


TAMTA NEWSLETTER

Tulsa Accredited Music Teachers Association

November 2011
PROGRAM

Esther Fellows
presents:
"Helping Your
Students Memorize
Effectively"



TAMTA member, Esther Fellows, will share some tried and true methods to help students memorize, as well as offering some concepts that might be new to you. She is looking forward to an active, participatory session with us. And yes, there will be prizes! Esther has taught music for 42 years, 32 of which have been as a Suzuki teacher. She is Nationally Certified, holds registration in seven Suzuki books, Sonata Class. Esther has four children, all home-educated and all pursuing musical careers: three are currently in college. Fun facts about Esther: she is SCUBA certified and has a Concealed Carry permit. She's a pretty good shot, too!

BARNES AND NOBLE PLAYATHON

Young-Eun Chung, Chair

The Playathon will be held at the 71st Street Barnes and Noble store on December 10th and 11th. This year we will be playing on a beautiful Yamaha baby grand. Anyone who presents a voucher to the cashier during that week (Dec. 10th - 17th) when making a purchase will help support the fundraiser, so all teachers, students and their families can participate, even if they are not attending the actual performances. Proceeds will benefit the Tulsa Family and Children's Center. If funds allow, the TAMTA Scholarship Fund will also benefit. Vouchers will be e-mailed out or you may pick up a hard copy today. It is fine to copy or print them out in black and white.

There are times still open for Saturday night and Sunday. You can sign up for as little as 15 minutes if you just have a few participating students. Students and teachers may play regular repertoire as well as holiday music, although the emphasis is on the latter. Students may use their music. We do ask that performers are well enough prepared to reflect well on TAMTA and your studio. Duets and ensembles are fine, and vocal and instrumental students are welcomed. This is such an easy way to have your students participate in a holiday event, perform in public and help their community! The teacher just needs to show up, or designate a responsible adult to facilitate the performances. Let's get vouchers out to everyone and support this event!

CONGRATULATIONS to Jody Naifeh!

Jody has been selected to receive the Governor's Award for Community Service. Jody was chosen because of her work in founding a string orchestra which has been active for over 32 years and has sponsored a benefit for high school seniors who are going to study science and engineering. They have raised over \$28,000 over the past eight years! The presentation will be at the State Capital on November 15th.

THANKS FESTIVAL CHAIRS! From Barbi Cottingham, Chair

Over 500 students were scheduled with 41 teachers participating in the annual TAMTA Festival. Happy faces in the halls and at the award table means students were well-prepared. Congratulations to their hard-working teachers! A special thank you to Angeline LeLeux for doing scheduling and Angela Yandell for handling monitors. They were both wonderful!

EAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The conference will be held at OBU in Shawnee this Saturday, November 19th. If you didn't register for lunch in time, come anyway!

TAMTA would like to wish Miriam Spindler-Lynch a very happy 100th Birthday, which is coming up in December.

Today we will recognize this very dear member for all of her contributions to TAMTA and the Tulsa community.



Condolences

TAMTA would like to extend its deepest sympathies to Betty Moses on the loss of her husband, Harold.

Thank you to TAMTA from Mary Cooper

“Thank you so much for the wonderful messages of comfort you sent to me at the time of my mother’s death. Your prayers, cards and e-mails meant so much to me. I miss you all!”

Mary Cooper

Sonatina Competition Deadline coming up soon!

Please be sure you get your entries to Esther Fellows by December 17th. We do not have a meeting in December, so these will need to be mailed. The competition is on January 28th at ORU. Entry forms can be found at tamta.org. The user name is “tamta” and the password is “allegro”.

District Auditions Coming!

Please remember that all teachers who enter students in the District Auditions are required to help with the audition for the full day. Tulsa South’s date is March 31st, and the other centers are on March 10th. Audition entry forms, postmark deadlines and rules can be found in your OMTA handbooks. Please be very careful to make sure that the repertoire your students are playing meets with OMTA requirements. If you have any questions, please contact your center’s chairman.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Merry Christmas!
Happy Hanukkah!
Happy New Year!

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, November 2011

The meeting was called to order by President, Barbi Cottingham.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Treasurer Danny Calhoun reported on the balances in the accounts:

General Fund	\$19,233.34
Scholarship Fund	\$10,375.78
Huff Scholarship	\$1,230.00
Gourley Scholarship	\$4,322.90
Sowell Vocal Award	\$12,384.27
Sowell Inst’l Award	\$12,384.27
Spindler-Lynch Fund	\$12,928.02

Sandra Pierce moved that Board regretfully accept DeDe Trimble’s resignation from TAMTA. Motion passed.

Young-Eun will send a get well card to Georgann Gasaway and a sympathy card to Betty Moses on behalf of TAMTA.

District Chairs reported that they are working on finding judges for their various centers.

Barnes and Noble has asked TAMTA and BAMTA to help pay \$100 toward the cost of the piano rental for the playathon, as they are trying to reduce costs in this economy. This was approved.

Festival Chair, Barbi Cottingham, reported that entries are up this year. She discussed set up and lunch details.

Barbi also reported that the Junior Competition went very smoothly. All reports are filed. It is hoped that more teachers will participate next year.

Sandra Pierce agreed to put together the gift basket for the Eastern District Conference.

Esther will send more information about the November program to Kathy Wilson so it can be put into the newsletter.

Sonatina Competition is earlier this year, so Chair Esther Fellows will remind people of the December 17th deadline at the November meeting. Since we don’t have a December meeting, entries will need to be mailed.

Workshop Chair, Sandy Pierce, thanked everyone for their work on a successful event.

Mary Hawthorne reported that the menu for the November meeting will be meat loaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli salad, and a pumpkin dessert. The Board approved TAMTA presenting Susan Efron a gift for doing such a great job of catering TAMTA events.

TAMTA will honor Miriam Spindler-Lynch at the November meeting, as she is turning 100 in December.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Fellows
TAMTA Recording Secretary