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SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH**

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MTAC-SF Newsletter

August 18, 2009

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR!

Topics in this Newsletter:

- 1. Welcome to New Members**
- 2. October 4, 2009, 2:15 p.m. Certificate of Merit and General Meeting**
- 3. Calendar for the Year**
- 4. Thomas Schultz Recital**

Enclosure: Proposed Bylaws for MTAC-SF

1. The MTAC-SF is very happy to extend a warm welcome to these new new members:

New Active Members

Heather Carothers, Piano Teacher, pianoqurlygurl@yahoo.com

Corey Thomas Knight, Piano Teacher, corewhynot@att.net

Sumi Lee Levy, Piano Teacher, sumi@yahoo.com

Elena Akopova, Piano Teacher, (TBA)

New Business Affiliate

Rob Mitchell, Piano Technician, mitchellpianoservice@gmail.com

2. **Combination CM Training Session-General Meeting-Potluck.**

THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR TEACHERS PARTICIPATING IN CERTIFICATE OF MERIT, PATH A.

CM Guest Speaker: Judi Sands-Pertel, Training Liaison, Evaluator Chair
North: Training and Recruiting, Branch Chair Liaison

Agenda for General Meeting (immediately following CM training):

1. Launching Branch Community Service Concerts
2. Voting on Branch Bylaws Amendment to Allow Contributory Members

DATE/TIME:

Sunday, October 4, 2009, 2:15 p.m. sharp!

Please arrive at 2:00

So that Judi's training talk can begin promptly.

The building manager has requested that we not enter before 2:00 p.m. I am usually a great believer in meetings of a reasonable length, but based upon previous experience, the CM Training and General Meeting is going to take the afternoon. Please plan on staying until 5:00 p.m. It's only once a year!

PLACE: San Francisco Humanities Hall, 1185 Vicente Street (near 23rd Avenue), San Francisco.

YOUR POTLUCK CONTRIBUTION: Please bring food or drink to share. Suggestions: fruit juice, bottled water, fresh fruit or munchy-type veggies, sweets. (It is not a mealtime, so there is no need to bring entrees.)

Meet our new Certificate of Merit chairs: **New this Year: Phyllis Pan and Scott Pratt**

Phyllis Pan is our Branch Vice President. She has also served as Membership Secretary on the Board in the past. Phyllis is on the Newsletter Committee, too.

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Scott Pratt served as Branch President for four years and Interim President last year (five years of service). He is also the Chair of the Recital Committee this year, too.

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Keiko Banks and **Esther Chan** are also members of the CM Committee. Together, they were CM Chairs for many years and they continue to volunteer. Their extensive leadership experience and "institutional memory" is invaluable to a having a smooth CM this year.

If teachers have any questions about CM, you start with emailing Scott and/or Phyllis, not the State CM officers.

CM News: Pending Dates

This year, the State Office has not been able to grant us the mid-March dates we have had in the past. (The calendaring issue has to do with when evaluators are available to our Branch.)

A choice of alternative dates that the State Office is offering to our branch has been submitted to the powers-that-be at San Francisco State University.

The Branch has been waiting for many weeks for a firm reply from SFSU; there is no word yet on which of these alternative dates they will allow us to use the Creative Arts Building there.

The Branch is in regular contact with SFSU and as soon as the dates are confirmed, they will be announced.

The link for the MTAC CM August Newsletter is
<http://mtac.org/programs/CMNews/CMNews2009August.pdf>

Please transfer the various deadlines and dates in this letter to your personal calendars. The deadlines for CM are absolute and you need to be aware of them. Important new rule: If a student received "Stay at Level" last year for any reason, they must re-enter this year at that same level.

The CM Training Meeting will go more smoothly if you review this newsletter before you attend the meeting.

3. Calendar of MTAC-SF Events.

All Events are on a Sunday unless otherwise noted.

SFSU stands for San Francisco State University, Creative Arts Building
SFGC stands for the hall at the San Francisco Girls' Chorus Building,
44 Page Street, San Francisco; TBA stands for "to be announced."

10/4/2009	Arrive at 2:00 p.m., Talk begins at 2:15 CM Training – Mandatory for Teachers Participating in Certificate of Merit, Path A General Meeting – Potluck San Francisco Humanities Hall 1185 Vicente Street (near 23 rd Avenue), San Francisco (see details above).
10/18/2009	Student Recital, SFGC
11/8/2009	Student Recital, SFGC

