

October 2018 Newsletter

Kern Branch

Hello Members,

Here's an update for October.

From **October 1-31**, the window is open to **register students online for CM**. You may also start adding repertoire now until January 15.

After you register students, the State Office will send information by email to your students' parents sometime between now and November 1, so be sure you have entered the correct email for the parent when registering each student. The parent will be instructed to open their Parent Portal to make the **payment online between November 1-10**. *It might be a good idea to advise the parents to open their Parent Portal now, just to insure that they remember their password. They shouldn't wait until the last payment date (November 10) and then find that they don't know their password!*

Deadline to let Meg know you will play at the Teachers Recital is this Friday, October 5. (More below.)

The **Adult Student Recital/Potluck (AMSL)** will be **this coming Sunday, October 7 at 4:00** at Deborah Nystrom's home. If you have adult students, invite them to play a piece they are working on. Each student may bring one guest. Music does not need to be memorized. It is an informal recital -- a sharing of music. First-time attendees may come and listen if they prefer not to play, then can be prepared to play at the next AMSL get-together. Teachers of the students are invited as well! Everyone is asked to bring a side dish. The host will provide a meat dish. If you haven't given **Jayne** a count of how many are coming from your studio, call her today!!!

Our monthly **Kern Branch meeting** will be Thursday, **October 11**, 9:30 at California Keyboards. Alix will present a program on how to create a digital music inventory to keep track of the music you have.

Our annual **Teachers and Friends Recital** will be Friday, **October 12**, 7:30 at First Presbyterian Church. We would like to include several instruments in the recital. This is the week to let Meg know that you will be one of the performers. All genres of music are welcome. Music does not need to be memorized. The Clipper Club from the church has asked us to provide this as the program for their monthly meeting. They enjoy all kinds of music, from classical to the old standards -- the popular music of their day. So choose something that is fun to listen to and let Meg know that you will play. We need more performers to make a nice program. This Recital is also open to the public, so invite your friends! **The deadline to notify Meg is this Friday, October 5 -- a week before the recital.**

The next **monthly student recital** will be Sunday, **October 21** at Valley Baptist. **Email your student registration and fees (\$5 per student/piece) to Tasha no later than Saturday, October 13.**

The deadline to turn in **Jazz-Pop Festival forms and fees** is Saturday, **October 27**. The form is in your Yearbook, and can also be found on our branch website at mtackern.com. Fill in one form per student. Please remember fees are due to Alix with the form for each student no later than October 27. The Festival will be at California Keyboards on Saturday, November 10.

The **MSSL Recital** (Music Students Service League) will be **Sunday, October 28, 1:00, at Mill Creek Christian Church**. Students of elementary, junior high, and high school age are invited to perform and wear their **Halloween costumes**. This is always a fun recital for the students! Parents love it too! (Bring your camera!) The recital will be from 1:00-2:00. At 2:00, parents and students are invited by the church to attend the last hour of their Halloween Fall Carnival. There will be free hot dogs, chips, soda, popcorn, nachos, cookies, and candy. And there will be a Bounce House for the kids!!! Mill Creek Christian is at 1660 "S" Street, near Beale Library and the Amtrak Station.

Calendar Changes: *The November Recital date has been changed to Sunday, November 18. The original date, November 11, would have been back-to-back with our monthly Kern Branch meeting on **Friday** with Gail Lew presenting "New Materials" and then the Jazz-Pop Festival on Saturday. The deadline to turn in registrations to Margo will be November 10 (one week later than printed on the calendar).*

I hope to see you at many of these events!

Dorothy

Kern Branch President