

Kern Branch Newsletter, revised--September 2018

Hello Kern Branch Members,

It was good to see many of you at our delicious **Brunch, hosted by Alix**. Thanks to Alix for hosting and to everyone for bringing food.

CM Information:

- **Be sure to register your students for CM in October! The final deadline is October 31, but don't wait until the last days in case there are computer glitches! After registering a student, you may enter repertoire from October 1 to January 15.**

A big thank-you to Marilyn for presenting the CM slide show and bringing the quiz for all who were there. If you weren't there, and you plan to enter students in CM, Marilyn has probably already contacted you to make arrangements for the slide show and the required quiz. This must be completed before you can be "unblocked" in the system to be able to enter students on your list.

Teachers' Recital:

- **We need performers!** Teachers! You have 2 weeks to practice and decide what you can play at the **Teachers' Recital**. All genres of music and all instruments are included in this recital. **Meg would like to know ASAP if you are planning to play.** This is a teachers-and-friends recital, so if you want to play an ensemble piece with a friend, that would be great. We would like to have several performers -- the Clipper Club at the church has invited us back again this year. They enjoy the variety of music we bring. **Let Meg know you will play ASAP or by Friday, OCTOBER 5. The Recital will be the following Friday, OCTOBER 12, 7:30, at First Presbyterian Church.** The public is invited to attend. *A freewill donation basket will be available for audience members -- the money collected will go to our Kern Branch Scholarship Fund.*

Adult Students Recital:

- Teachers who have adult students---the next Adult Get-Together (informal recital) will be Sunday, October 7 at 4:00 in the afternoon. On your calendar, it is listed as **AMSL** (Adult Music Students League). All adult students are invited to play one piece -- does not have to be memorized and can be a work in progress. It will be a potluck dinner at Deborah Nystrom's home. ***Message from Jayne sent to everyone by email:
- **Our next adult student (AMSL) meeting will take place on Sunday, October 7, at 4:00 pm at the home of Deborah Nystrom, 2420 Beech Street. Deborah will provide a meat dish and drinks.**
- **Adult students are requested to bring a side dish, veggies, salads or desserts. All adult students are welcome to attend. Teachers are also very welcome. Performance is not required of first time attendees! Each student is welcome to bring a guest. Please RSVP by October 1 to Jayne.**

October Kern Branch Meeting -- Plan to attend!

- Our **October KERN BRANCH monthly meeting** will be **Thursday, October 11, 9:30 at California Keyboards** (the day before the Teachers' Recital). Alix will present a program on how to create a Digital Music Inventory. This has been helpful to her in keeping track of the music she has on hand for students as well as music in her own music library.

October Recital Deadline:

- The **October monthly recital deadline to register students is Saturday, October 13.** Email your list to Tasha McJunkin no later than October 13, or mail it several days in advance. (The mail may take longer for "snail mail" to get to Tehachapi!) Fees may be mailed to her, or given to her at the **October 21st recital at Valley Baptist**. Remember, no late payments!

Jazz/Pop Festival Registration:

- I hope you are preparing your students for the Jazz/Pop Festival. Forms (photocopy one per student from the Yearbook) and fees are **due to Alix on Saturday, October 27**. The Jazz/Pop Form is also on the website and is a fillable form to type in the information and print. The student fee is \$20, and the teacher fee is determined by the number of students you are entering (listed on the Jazz/Pop registration form in the Yearbook). Please write one check to Kern Branch MTAC for the total of all student fees and teacher fee. The students always enjoy playing in the Jazz/Pop Festival which **will be Saturday, November 10 at California Keyboards**.

Sunday, October 28, will be the MSSL (Music Students Service League) Recital at Mill Creek Christian Church (the CM church, on Truxtun and "S"). It begins at 1:00.

- **Students are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes!!!** After the 1-hour recital, students and parents are invited to stay until 2:00 for the Halloween Carnival. The church is serving free hot dogs, chips, soda, popcorn, nachos, for all, and of course candy! I hear there will be a Bounce House for the younger crowd!

Don't forget the October 31 -- last day for teachers to register students for CM! Let your parents know they will receive an email from the MTAC State Office with information about paying the CM fee in their Parent Portal online between November 1-10. **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE PAYMENTS**, so plan to check with your parents if they haven't paid in the first few days.

Check your Yearbook for the November events and deadlines!

- Everyone has received their Yearbook (or has been contacted about picking it up if they weren't at the meeting). Thanks to the Board Members who helped in providing Yearbook information, and to Donna for a colorful Calendar! Be sure to look in the **Table of Contents** if you need to look up information. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Each tab entry is in bold in the Table of Contents (*State Programs and Branch Programs are under the same tab*). Also notice that your **Branch Assignments are inside the front cover (by event) and on the back cover (alphabetically by name).**

Yearbook Corrections

November Calendar:

- Please make these **corrections** on the calendar in the Yearbook -- November 1 incorrectly shows "CM deadline for parents to pay CM online". (Some words in the original draft were not deleted.) On November 1, It should say **CM---First day for parents to pay online. *The final payment deadline is correctly listed on November 10.***
- The date of the November Recital, hosted by Margo, has been changed to **November 18**. That means the recital registration deadline will be one week later than listed -- it will be **Saturday, November 10** (*same day as Jazz-Pop Festival*). Please change these dates on your calendar!!!

December Calendar:

- Add **MSSL Recital** on **December 16**.

Directory Correction:

- Rose Peterson has a new street address. It is 724 Jacob Creek Drive. Same zip code and phone.

I hope this information will give you a "heads-up" on the upcoming events, and prompt you to use your calendar!

President's Note: I put my CM quiz in the plastic pocket at the back of the Yearbook. Unless you have a better place for yours, it might be a good place to keep it for reference!

Dorothy -- Kern Branch President