

Hello Members,

It's Turkey Month already! Sorry I'm a couple days late in sending this. I've been sick the last several days.

LAST DAY for Parents to Pay for CM: Tuesday, November 5 (that's tomorrow!!!). Check your student list to be sure your students have paid. Click on the gold "Incomplete Result" box for one student (all students will be Incomplete until you enter Repertoire by January 15). If there is a green check on #6 in the Progress column at the left, the student is paid. You can then check all other students by scrolling down in the left column, then placing the cursor near the bottom where you see a partial student list -- continue to scroll down through all students. If it shows NP, the student is not paid. (All students will show "I" for Incomplete unless you have already entered repertoire.)

MONTHLY MEETING -- November 14, 9:30 a.m. at California Keyboards. We will have a short business meeting at 9:30. *If you have an Agenda item, please email it to Dorothy by Tuesday, November 12.* The Program will begin at 10:15 and is open to all teachers, so invite your non-MTAC teacher friends. Arlene Steffen from the Fresno Branch will give the presentation she gave at the State Convention: Smooth Transitions from Methods to Masters. (See attached flier.) Anyone who would like to come to Jake's Tex-Mex for lunch after the meeting to visit with Arlene is welcome. The Branch will pay for Arlene's lunch -- the rest of us will pay our own. Order whatever you like and pay, then join us in the big room in the back.

If you are inviting a teacher who is not a member of MTAC, you may send this link to help them understand what MTAC is about. It is on the Teacher Portal Home Page at the bottom under Resources. You might like to watch it too! (copy and paste)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZrtSp1LE7M>

Dates and Deadlines:

- **Saturday, November 9 -- Deadline to turn in Recital Registrations for the November 17 Recital. \$7 due for all registered students.**
- Send your registration to Margo at marestmay@gmail.com --- Tasha will be in charge of refreshments.
- The Recital will be at Mill Creek Church with start times at 1:00 or 1:30, depending on the number of students registered. Additional recitals will follow the next hour if needed.
- **Thursday, November 14 -- Monthly Kern Branch meeting and Program by Arlene Steffen**
- **Saturday, November 16 -- Master Class by Dr. Soo-Yeon Park at CSUB.** See the next email for more information.
- **Sunday, November 17 -- Kern Branch Recitals, Mill Creek Christian Church, corner of Truxtun and S. Please park in the back and enter through the gate. (The front doors will be locked.)**

- **Saturday, November 23 -- Deadline to turn in Recital Registrations for the December 14 Holiday Recital at Barnes & Noble. \$7 due for all registered students.**
- Send your registration with Student Names (song title is not needed) to Dorothy at doburgess@aol.com. You must send the list of names of participating students in order to request your preferred time (not guaranteed) and the length of time you will need for your students to perform.
- Richard McAuliffe, our new member, will be the host on December 14.
- **HEADS-UP: December 1** is the deadline to let Alicia know if you will attend the December Luncheon at Guild House on Thursday, December 12. The Branch will pay for your lunch if you reserve a spot and attend (if you don't come after making a reservation, you will need to make a payment to the Branch for your lunch). Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

COMPOSERS TODAY: Deadline to submit applications, fees, and manuscripts is January 15, 2020.

- Read more about CT on the Teacher Portal in the left-side What's New Section. Here is information on the ages and Division numbers. Did you know Teachers can participate? See Divisions 10 and 11.

2.1 CT Evaluations and CT State Contest Divisions The CT Evaluations and CT State Contest tracks are split into Divisions with age limits that are determined based on the age of each participant as of January 15 of the respective calendar year of participation. Compositions from participants under age 5 will not be accepted. The Divisions and applicable age limits for these two tracks are as follows: Division CT Evaluations CT State Contest Division 1 (Age 5–7) (Age 7 and Under), Division 2 (Age 8–9) (Age 9 and Under), Division 3 (Age 10–11) (Age 11 and Under), Division 4 (Age 12–13) (Age 13 and Under), Division 5 (Age 14–15) (Age 15 and Under), Division 6 (Age 16–17) (Age 17 and Under), Division 7 (Age 18–19 and Grade 12 and Under) (Age 19 and Under and Grade 12 and Under), Division 8 Amateur Adult (Age 18 and Over) Amateur Adult (Age 18 and Over), Division 9 College/Conservatory Student (Age 23 and Under) College/Conservatory Student (Age 23 and Under), Division 10 Teacher: Teaching Piece Teacher: Teaching Piece, Division 11 Teacher: Advanced Composition Teacher: Advanced Composition.

Happy Turkey Month 

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