

DELTA BRANCH

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NEWS

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BRANCH EVENTS - FEBRUARY

- 20 Student Recital
- 20 Villa Trio at Clayton Valley Presbyterian

OTHER EVENTS - FEBRUARY

- 27, 28 Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra

COMING UP - MARCH/APRIL

- 3/5 CM for strings in Stockton
- 3/12 Rachel Reilly Young Artist Competition
- 3/19 Student Recital(s)
- 4/2,3 CM for piano
- 4/3 CM for winds
- 4/9 Honors Recital

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New Email Address:

**Please update your directory to
reflect Amelita Guevara's new
email address:**

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A message from your President

Greetings and Happy New Year to All! As we enter 2016, we are preparing for a busy year in the Delta Branch. At present, those who have students enrolled in CM should be busy entering repertoire for the evaluation (I'm sure Catherine would be happy to -answer any questions you may have about this). CM, once a distant possibility just over the horizon, is now less than three months away, and my students are beginning to take it seriously; that is to say, we are entering a collective state of panic. But I'm confident that all will come out on the other side with restored confidence and looking forward to the next CM.

RRYAC (Rachel Reilly Young Artist Competition) has had to move to March 12. It's time to prep your students and submit your entries to Eric Thompson. Full information and applications about RRYAC may be found on the Delta website (<http://deltabranch.org/rachel-reilly-young-artist-competition/>) and attached to this newsletter.

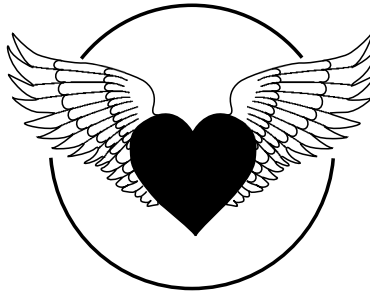
All of this, and the year is just getting under way! Hope to see you all at our next event.

William

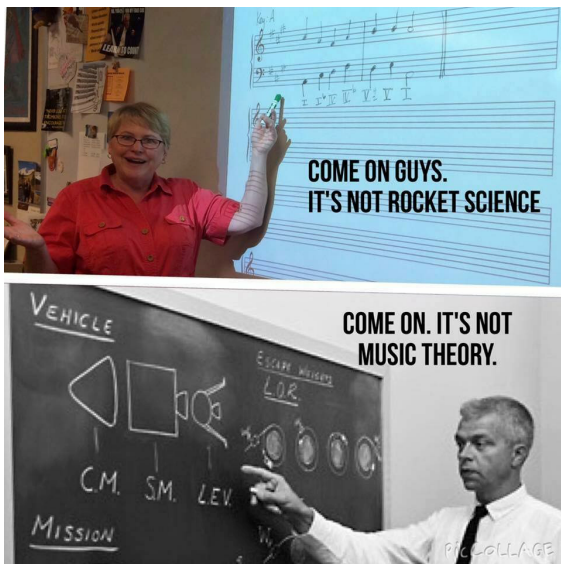
Certificate of Merit

The database is open for inputting your students' repertoire. Deadline is February 2, but changes are possible through mid-March, so go ahead and enter something even if you are not settled yet. I will try to find a way to send a copy of your students' repertoire list in early March, before I set a date for printing. See pages 18 and 19 in your directory CM. Please note the date for the Honors Recital(s) should be April 9, not 7. I've attached a file from the state office on how to enter repertoire. If you find you've not "followed the rules," you may go back in and fix things!

Catherine Thompson, CM Chair



Trivia Question and Attachments: See the other attachments to this email: RRYAC forms, Scholarship forms, Repertoire entry instructions. And now your trivia answer for this newsletter: What do Halloween, Groundhog Day and Tax day (April 15) have in common? Certificate of Merit, of course! Halloween is the last day to register students for CM; Groundhog Day is the last day to enter student repertoire; and April 15 is the last day to enter students for Convention. The trivia question for next newsletter: We all have some way to remember the order of sharps, such as: Fat Cows Go Down And Eat Barley (or some derivation using Cats, Alleys, and Bologna. . .). But do you know one that works as a complete sentence going both ways? For example, "Barley Eat And Down. . ." just doesn't work! Do you know one or can you make one up that does?



Scholarship news from Delta Branch MTAC
Scholarship Chair, Nancy Bachmann:

IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

There are two Delta branch scholarships this year: our usual LMC \$1200 award AND the Graduating High School Senior Delta Branch Scholarship of \$620. I have included pdf's of the guidelines and application forms for both. Delta Branch teachers, please note the importance of the letter from the HS student's teacher.

Find the forms attached here and in a separate email from Catherine.

Chamber Music Recital January 31 and again February 20

The Villa Trio performed an afternoon of chamber music on Sunday, January 31, at the Thompson home. Nancy Bachmann, piano, Roy Oakley, violin, and David Wishnia, cello performed Mendelssohn's Piano Trio #2, Op. 66 in C Minor; the Haydn Piano Trio in G Major, Hob XV, 25 (Gypsy Rondo); and Short Stories for Piano Trio (Premiere) by Nancy Bachmann. The Haydn Gypsy Rondo is just such a CUTE PIECE! The Mendelssohn was epic, and Nancy's pieces took us all on flights of imagination. A wonderful afternoon was had by all who were able to attend. If you were not able, they will repeat the program on the Clayton Valley Presbyterian concert series on February 20. Please see the attached flyer.

Little Mickey spends too much time playing computer games. To his amazement one night, several magical characters pop out of his computer to teach him to use technology more wisely!

Solo Opera is pleased to present the one-hour comic opera. The Computer Kid's Magic Night. Written in 1986 by Joann E. Feldman. March 2016 marks the 30-year anniversary of the piece. The story concerns Mickey, a little boy who spends all his time playing computer games and neglects his studies, friends, piano, and outside activities. One night, he accidentally types magic words into the computer and several characters pop out. Each character has a fondness for a special subject - language, math, music, travel, sports - and convinces Mickey to use the computer to learn about these subjects and spend his time more wisely.

The opera, ahead of its time in 1986, is still quite relevant to audiences today. Not only are many children hooked on their electronics (iPhones, iPads, Smart Phones, computers games, etc.), but adults and parents are as well! This opera is a fun way to address the problem of too much technology and how important it is to have a well-rounded education and life.



The opera will contain a cast of eleven singers (10 adults and 1 child) who will be accompanied by a three-piece ensemble of piano, synthesizer, and percussion. The show will be directed and produced by Solo Opera Artistic Director, Sylvia Amorino, and the Conductor will be William Long, assistant conductor of Opera Parallelle. Friday, March 4, 7:30 PM and Saturday, March 5, 2:00 PM at the Margaret Leshner Theatre in Walnut Creek.

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

Our Barnes & Noble day was a great success! Thank you to all the studios who participated. We filled the entire day with music, and the store was thrilled. We brought in \$1067.90, including tips. This year's date will be December 3.

