

DELTA BRANCH

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Delta Branch

# NEWS

April, 2017

## BRANCH EVENTS - MAY -JUNE

- 5/6 Barnes and Noble Spring Fundraiser
- 5/7 Adult Seminar with special recital
- 5/20 Student Recital(s)
- 6/10 General Membership Meeting

## OTHER EVENTS - MAY - JUNE

- 5/9 Dr. Helen Marlais in Walnut Creek
- 5/12 Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra
- 5/13 Steven Bailey in Recital
- 5/21 Diablo Symphony La Traviata
- 6/17 Gregory Taboloff in Concert

## General Membership Meeting

Our Spring General Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, June 10 at the home of Vicki Fawns, 1707 St. Emilion Lane, Brentwood. Arrive around 9:45 with a large salad to share; the General Meeting will start at 10 AM and lunch will follow at 12 PM. This is a time to reflect on our events over the past year and to begin planning for next year. We will also vote in the new Board. RSVP to Geri by phone at 757-3276; text 925-783-1926; or email [gernat@aol.com](mailto:gernat@aol.com). Hope to see all of you there!

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome, New Member Laura Cook! Laura teaches piano and lives in Brentwood. Say Hi to her at Barnes & Noble on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and hopefully at the General Meeting in June.

Please note a new email address for Sara Harris: [learningway.7@gmail.com](mailto:learningway.7@gmail.com)

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## A Note from the President:

This year's convention holds some personal excitement for us in the Delta Branch: member Grace Edwards will be installed on the State Board. This is quite an honor for our little branch! The Installation Banquet is July 3rd, Monday evening at 6:30 PM, followed by the Monday night Concert featuring the Cheng-Chow Trio. You must purchase your ticket to the banquet (\$60) at the time of registration. If you wait until later, it will be sold out.

It would be wonderful to have Delta Branch members there to support Grace. Remember, the Convention is only an hour-plus drive away at the Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara.

It would be nice to have a table of 10 attending!

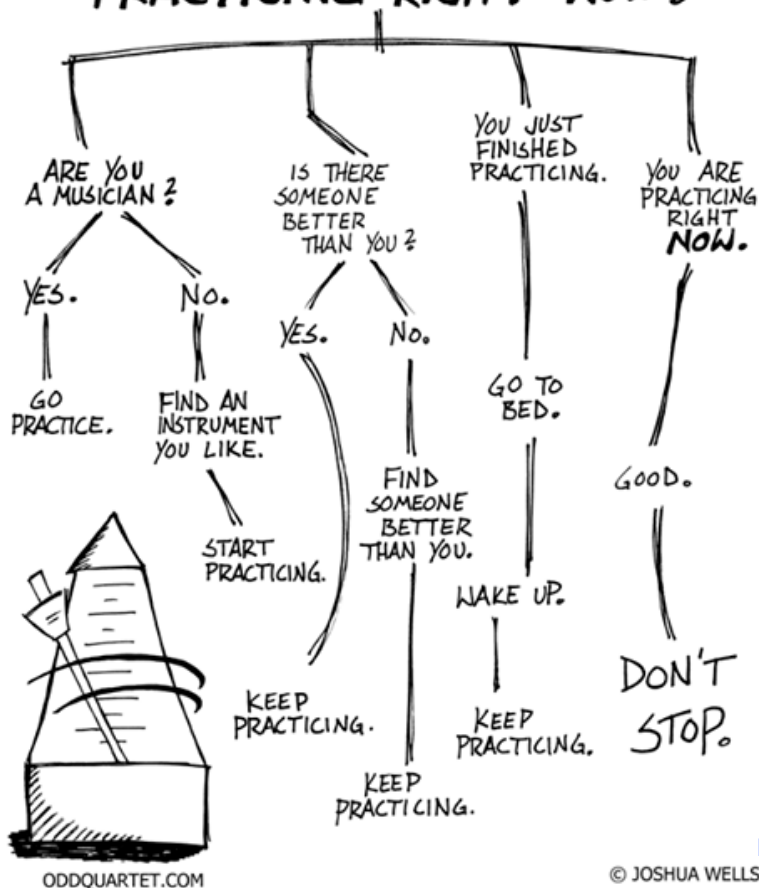
Thank you and Congratulations to Grace!!

All the details are available at  
<http://www.mtac.org/events-information/convention/>.

Maureen Honegger  
President, Delta Branch, MTAC

P.S. Dr. Condoleezza Rice will be our Keynote Speaker on Friday morning. Did you know she is an accomplished pianist?

# SHOULD YOU BE PRACTICING RIGHT NOW?



Our last Monthly Student Recital will be on May 20: Our annual "Pops" Recital (with no memory requirement). Next fall, there will be no September recital, as we have had to cancel it for the past several years, and attendance this entire year has been low. The board would like to hear from you:

What would make the Monthly Student Recitals more user-friendly?? What is the biggest draw-back??

1. No memory required?
2. No time limit?
3. Not limiting the number of pieces?
4. The fee? (This is a money-maker for us)

We want YOUR feed-back! Please send suggestions to Maureen Honegger (moznotes@aol.com) or bring your input to the General Meeting. Thank you!

Maureen Honegger  
Student Recital Chairperson

## A Note from the State Office

### Keys to Membership

Hello, MTAC music lovers!

We hope you are doing well and that your teaching year is progressing smoothly. Here are some upcoming events to keep in mind, and tips to help you maximize the value of your membership.

Beginning May 1, you will be able to log in to your Teacher Portal and pay your membership dues online. The July 31 renewal deadline will be here before you know it. Please make sure your membership dues are paid to avoid the hassle of reinstating your membership and missing out on Certificate of Merit®! You may make your renewal payment in one of three ways:

1. Pay online through your Teacher Home Page.
2. Pay by phone with a credit card Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by calling the MTAC State Office at 1-800-834-3340.
3. Pay by mailing your renewal invoice and a check or credit card

number to: MTAC Membership Renewal  
833 Market Street, Suite 900  
San Francisco, CA 94103

For membership questions, please call 800-834-3340 and Paige Ivey or Alicia Wilson, Member Services Associates, will be happy to assist you. We look forward to working with you!

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## Barnes & Noble Fundraiser: We're back!



Have you marked your calendar for Sat., May 6th 10:00-4:00? That is the day and time for our Barnes & Noble fund-raiser. If you haven't marked it yet, I'll wait while you do that. Dum-de dum de dum. Okay, the next step is signing up for your students to perform and for you to promote our group at the information table. There are still many openings in the schedule, so contact me if you'd like to participate (925-634-3252 or carolesong1@yahoo.com) This is the most fun, most profitable, and definitely the easiest fund raiser we hold. And remember--you are the best ad for getting the word out to piano parents, family, friends, and strangers!

May 9

# Local Musical Happenings

May 13

## Helen Marlais in Walnut Creek

Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

I am excited to tell our members and friends that we will be hosting Dr. Helen Marlais on Tuesday May 9th at the Steinway Store in Walnut Creek. Dr. Marlais is sought after by music teachers all over the US for her pedagogical workshops. Many of us have enjoyed her presentations at conventions which are usually standing room only. We are honored and thrilled that we will have her in the Bay Area for a workshop.

Dr. Marlais will be presenting her second edition of her series "Succeeding at the Piano" and, as always, she will be igniting our teaching spirit with her many creative pedagogical suggestions. Dr. Marlais is one of the most prolific authors in the field of educational piano books and is an exclusive writer for the FJH Music Company.

June 17

Greg Taboloff (former Delta Branch Member) is giving a concert at the Leshner Theater on Saturday, June 17th at 2 PM. Not only is he performing, but one of the works he is performing is his own Piano Concerto #1 – "The Mystic" with The Taboloff Orchestra, conducted by David Ramadanoff. The second half is Beethoven's Piano Concerto #3.

Tickets are \$55 and available online.

<https://lesherartscenter.showare.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=741>

May 12

The Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra will be performing Friday May 12, 7:30 PM at Alhambra High School Performing Arts Building; Sat. May 13, 2 PM at the Campanil Theater 602 W. 2nd St. Antioch; and Sun. May 14, 2 PM at Leshner Center for the Arts 1601 Civic Dr. Walnut Creek.

**This is conductor Tim Smith's 10th anniversary with the orchestra!**

The program "THEN AND NOW" will include:

A Mighty Fortress, Luna

Reflections on a 16th Century Tune, Rodney

**"Ocean Beach SF" by our own Nancy Bachmann**

Suite from film score to Richard III, Walton/Mathieson

Ecstatic Fanfare, Bryant

Symphony #5, Mendelssohn

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Pianist Steven Bailey regularly performs in and outside the San Francisco Bay Area as soloist, chamber and collaborative keyboardist. He is a full-time Staff member of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where he has taught since 1993.

Mr. Bailey has appeared as concerto soloist with Symphony Parnassus, Diablo Symphony, UC-Davis Symphony, San Francisco Concerto Orchestra, and Magnificat Baroque Orchestra. He regularly performs with American Bach Soloists as guest soloist and continuo organist. He has collaborated in chamber performances with members of the Alexander, Arlekin and Sausalito quartets.

**Personal note from Nancy: my opera for children "Mutt and Maribel Walk to the Moon" had two delightful shows for the Antioch Charter Academies I and II. Many thanks to Sharon Vela for all her work to make that possible! We will do another school show in Vacaville next month.**

## MTAC LMC Scholarship news:

This year's Los Medanos College scholarship was awarded to Alyssa Boushey. She has an emphasis in Vocal Performance and in Music Education and will be starting at CSU East Bay in Fall 2018. She plans to be a teacher and choral director. She credits music in helping her overcome difficult situations and inspiring her to persevere, and looks forward to continuing her studies to better help others to express themselves through music.

## MTAC Graduating High School Senior Scholarship news:

The High School. scholarship deadline has been extended to May 10, 2017. Please get those applications in!

A couple of May jokes for you:

Por el Cinco de Mayo



## Adult Seminar

Our next Adult Seminar is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th, beginning at 2:00 PM at a private home in Brentwood. Several of our adult students will be performing, and then at 3:00 PM, Melissa Farley, also an adult student, will perform a 40-min. program of piano repertoire -- works by Scarlatti, Schubert, Prokofiev and Debussy. A reception will follow.

There are two more available seats for the seminar. If perhaps you and/or one of your students might wish to attend, please call me (754-7915) and I will give you directions to the home where we will be meeting.

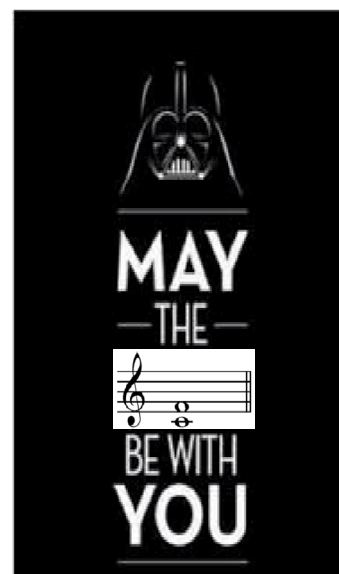
Kathleen Flemming

Sara Harris, Delta Treasurer, is storing several Delta Branch boxes.

This summer she will be going through the boxes to streamline the contents and discard unnecessary materials.

Anyone interested in participating in this process should contact Sara to let her know of their interest. (learningway.7@gmail.com or (925) 689-2362)

Por el Cuatro de Mayo:  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, Official  
Star Wars Day





# Rachel Reilly Young Artist Competition



Pictured above, left to right:

Alexis Froehlich, teacher of Celesta Bird

Celesta Bird, 1<sup>st</sup> place winner Category II

Rachel Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Category II

Agape Figueroa, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Category I

Catherine Thompson, teacher of Rachel, Agape, and Joanna

Joanna Myint, 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Category I

We had eighteen students enter the competition, all pianists. There were eight entrants in Category I, grades up to 8, representing six Delta Branch studios, and ten entrants in Category II, grades 9 - 12, representing seven studios. Our judges, Timothy Smith of the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra, and San Francisco pianist Daniel Glover, enjoyed the afternoon immensely, and were impressed with the level of competency and the professionalism of our students. Thank you to all who participated!

# Certificate of Merit

February 25 and 26, 2017

We had 141 students register for CM this year. Having only two piano room over two days made it more or less relaxing, and the lanyards (thanks to Susan!) were very helpful for keeping track of the students. Pictured below are the students who performed for the two Honors Recitals, which were held on March 4.

Pictured below (not in this order): Rachel Wall, Stephanie Fehr, Grace Bordges, Travis Barnes, Sara Wu, Hailey Miranda, Alan Buxton, Caroline Jin, Alvin Lai, Julia Helvey, Krithika Thanigaivelan, Anael Banta, Lindsey Halfen, Shopnavo Biswas, Mariana Izon.



Pictured below (not in this order): Ruby Tarantino, Alyssa Namanny, Lesila Saluni, Rachael Green, Kylie MacCarter, Oxana Adreikova, Janvi Bharucha, Iris Bird, Joanna Myint, Nisha Kumar, Haley Le, Madeline Vanderheid-Nye, Ysabelle Clarice Valdez, Cayden Minyard, Moira Moore.

