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From the President: Karen Moorman/ Durham moorman@mindspring.com

Dear Members,

It is with great pleasure to present to you the culmination of work that began six years ago when I searched for North Carolina Suzuki Teachers Association bylaws. The documents contain revisions in the form of amendments containing required SAA verbiage and some reordering of the original document to create a more organized set of bylaws. The passing of these amendments will enable us to apply for SAA Chapter Affiliation status.

In 2000 no such document was in existence. With the help of Jennifer Hancock, we began creating a draft. Subsequently, under the leadership of Nancy Brown, a Constitution and Bylaws were adopted and great strides were made to bring us into a position to apply for SAA Chapter Affiliation status. The decision to pursue Chapter Affiliation was voted upon affirmatively at the 2002 Annual Membership Meeting in Winston-Salem.

Through continued efforts of Nancy and Katherine Wiley, and the help of SAA representative Karen Phelan and North Carolina Suzuki teacher, Ingrid Tung Wieler, we are now ready to make a step forward in the process. The benefits of the Chapter Affiliation status are outlined on the SAA website <suzukiassociation.org> In a nutshell; we will receive support and materials to help us maximize our efforts as Suzuki teachers in our state. For the benefit of all children, this is a wonderful and forward moving step by our association.

And of equal importance, you will notice a suggested name change to create a more inclusive Suzuki community in North Carolina. The name "North Carolina Suzuki Association" was suggested by SAA and heartily agreed upon by founding members, Mrs. Joanne Bath and Dr. Mary Frances Boyce. I hope that you will vote affirmatively to that change.

Please read the proposed amendments, which will be found on this website, and plan to vote at our Annual Meeting on March 18, 2006 at Duke University as we celebrate Suzuki teaching and learning at the Statewide Play-In. If you are unable to attend, you may request a proxy form from our Secretary, Lisa Randolph lrandolph@nc.rr.com See you in Durham!



Announcement: Hickory Suzuki School of the Arts, Nan Freeman, Director

Suzuki Workshop March 31 and Apr. 1, 2006

Opening for a violin teacher-- call 828-322-2694 or 828-308-0118.

A Celebration of Music: NCSTA Statewide Play-In, Duke University East Campus, Durham

We are delighted to announce the North Carolina Suzuki Statewide Play-In, "A Celebration of Music," at Duke University on March 17, 18, 2006.

The weekend will open on Friday afternoon with informal Play-Ins and a very special concert featuring young musicians from the area. On Saturday, children will enjoy classes and electives with wonderful teachers, families will have opportunities to dance, socialize, and learn as they observe. There will even be a class for the very youngest members, *Musik for Babies* taught by Jenny Hancock. International Folk Dance will be open to all members of the family and taught by Chapel Hill dance instructors, Bob and Anne DeMaine. You may remember them from the 2000 Play-In in Hickory. Jane Waddell will lead an intergenerational Suzuki "Sing." These and more will be available as electives at no extra charge.

As always, classes will be taught by some of the best teachers in the country, who happen to reside in our communities! Every student will have a small group repertoire class in addition to a large group class. The finale concert will offer a sampling of the day's work -- you won't want to miss the thrill of the big sound in beautiful Baldwin Auditorium. Coordinators are taking special care to plan the best ever concert!

For families who might be arriving early on Friday, we have arranged a tour at the Duke Primate Center at 1:30 p.m. Details about the tour and all the weekend activities are described in the brochure. If you need extras, you will find information on the NCSTA website: ncsuzukiteachers.org/ click on "play-in."

Brochure and registration forms are available on this website. Just click on "Play-in." We look forward to seeing you in Durham!

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News from Suzuki Talent Education at Durham, Karen Moorman/ Durham

In response to the catastrophic event this fall, Durham area Suzuki students collected "Pennies for Practice" and mailed a check to SAA for a hurricane relief effort with their earnings. We also participated in partnership with Chapel Hill Cooperative Suzuki Project in the Fall Suzuki Workshop featuring clinician, Terry Durbin, an event that we look forward to each year. Students performed at a local assisted living facility for a wonderful Holiday Performance and we auditioned for the Durham Bulls to perform the National Anthem this baseball season. STEAD teachers and families are looking forward to graduation recitals this month. And, of course, we're excited to be the host community for the NCSTA Statewide Play-in in March. Join us for a weekend of music-making and having fun together. Karen, Lisa, Lyssa, Jennifer and Betsy

PLAYING PIANO

by Meredith Allen

The notes tickle my fingertips, while my hands move freely and loosely over the keys.
It just feels so right.
Every time I practice, it comes so naturally.
Then, it's the day I put all my work into being ready for.
My hands are nervous, though, and can't stay still.
They become cold and numb, or hot and sweaty,
and I get an anxious feeling in the pit of my stomach.
It's my turn to play, and as I walk on stage, I feel the adrenaline rush.
I sit down and nervously move the seat to a comfortable position.
I place my hands above the keys and they start dancing out the tune I know so well.
The only problem is they're moving fast and carelessly, a few wrong
notes are hit, making the music flow come to a stop and then start abruptly again.
When my hands manage to finish with a flourish,
the applauding audience warms my face up, and I have to smile.

Meredith is a student of Ms. Mary Ann Heym, Chapel Hill

Teachers Retreat 2007: Send Your Ideas. Karen, Lisa and Betsy/ Durham

Teachers, our major event for 2007 will be the Bi-Annual Teachers Retreat. The possibilities are endless and we are interested in hearing from you. If your community of teachers would like to host the retreat, please let us know right away so that we can discuss it at the 2006 Annual Meeting which will be at Duke University on March 18. Some of our members would love to have a date set a year in advance. So talk to your colleagues, and send on your ideas! moorman@mindspring.com



Dates to Remember & Community Events

Suzuki Talent Education of Wilmington
Winter Workshop
February 10-11, 2006
Contact: Rachel Brunjes 910-262-8595
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North Carolina Suzuki Institute, Joanne Bath, Greenville

Every Child Can, Teacher Training, and North Carolina Suzuki Chamber Music Institute

We will offer ECC on Monday, July 3 2006, and it will be taught by Joanne Martin from Canada.

The dates of the North Carolina Suzuki Institute are July 2 to July 7 for ECC (July 3), Violin Unit 1 Teacher Training (July 3 to 7 and July 9 to 14) and the North Carolina Suzuki Chamber Music Institute; and July 9 to 14 for the North Carolina Suzuki Institute, the North Carolina Suzuki Chamber Music Institute, and the continuation of the Violin Unit I Teacher Training.

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