

# Happy New Year!

# BCMTA Newsletter

**January 2008/2009**

## Calendar of Events

- Jan 15, Postmark  
Deadline: *Pompano Beach Piano Competition*
- Jan 16, *Executive Board Meeting*
- Jan 17, *Piano Pedagogy Workshop*, FAU
- Jan 23-24-25 *Musicthon*, Galleria Mall
- Jan 31 Postmark  
Deadline: *Greenspan & FSMTA Community Service Awards*
- Feb 7-8, *FFMC Junior Festival*
- Feb 14-15, *FFMC Junior Festival*
- Feb 21, Postmark  
Deadline: *District VI Concerto Competition*
- Feb 28, *Pompano Beach Piano Competition*

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## Broward County Music Teachers Association

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Happy New Year! I trust that each of you has a blessed holiday season and are energized and excited about 2009.

We, at BCMTA, have prepared many informative and interesting programs for your enlightenment and enjoyment. Read further in this newsletter for details.

The deadline for the Pompano Piano Competition is fast approaching and Musicthon is just around the corner.

Please remember that Musicthon is our only fundraiser for BCMTA. It funds all of our scholarships as well as blesses a local charity. Please make every effort to come out and support this worthwhile event. Remember that your students can get community service hours for their participation.

## President's Message

Again, have a happy and healthy New Year.

Musically yours,

Mary Beth Purchase



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

### March 6, 2009

*Technology & Beginning Composition*  
with Barbara Kaskinen

### April 3, 2009

*Rare Russian Masterpieces: Heard & Discussed*  
with Leonid Treer

## • Musicthon •

**January 23-24-25, 2009**  
**The Galleria Mall, Sunrise**

*The Musicthon event will be located in the Food Court area of the mall. Please contact Mary Beth Purchase or Wanda Wiranis with any questions before the Musicthon weekend.*

**Musicthon information including Student Pledge Forms and a Teacher Information Letter can be downloaded at**  
[www.bcmta.org/newsletter/newsletter.htm](http://www.bcmta.org/newsletter/newsletter.htm).

**If you have not yet scheduled a time for your students to play, please call Wanda Wiranis at 954.587.1967 as soon as possible.**

This event is BCMTA's single fundraiser to support BCMTA Activities. A portion of this year's proceeds will be donated to the local organization, Volunteer Broward. For more information visit [www.volunteerbroward.org](http://www.volunteerbroward.org).

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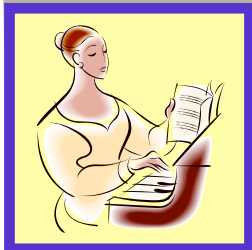
Karola Zehme

#### **Greenspan & FSMTA President's**

##### **Community Service Award**

Joanna Greenspan-Medalie

Please contact BCMTA President, Mary Beth Purchase, if you would like to join a committee or serve on the board!



## Upcoming Event Info & Reminders

***Pompano Beach Piano Competition...*** Information was mailed in December. If you have not received paperwork please contact Mary Beth Purchase. Postmark deadline for entries is January 15, 2009.

***Greenspan & FSMTA Community Service Awards...*** Please consult the yearbook and contact Chair, Joanna Greenspan Medalie for application materials. Postmark deadline is January 31, 2009.

***District VI Concerto Competition...*** Please consult the yearbook for information and contact Chair, Rosalie Gregory with any questions. Postmark deadline for entries is February 21, 2009.

***4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, March 6<sup>th</sup>...*** The program on "Technology & Beginning Composition" will be presented by Barbara Kaskinen at the home of Mary Beth Purchase.

## Teacher & Studio News

**Marjorie Gordon**, International Lyric soprano and teacher, has been nominated for inclusion in the 10th Anniversary edition of *The International Who's Who of Professional and Business Women*.

**Pedagogy Saturday Reminder...** Pedagogy Saturday continues at FAU Boca on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30pm.

Please email Judith Burganger if you would like to bring a student to play in a comfortable Masterclass situation.

**Calendar change...** The 6<sup>th</sup> Pedagogy Saturday of this year planned for Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. Please plan to attend the masterclass on either Jan 17, Jan 31, or March 21.

## In Memoriam

**Dr. Rita Hutcherson**, beloved teacher and friend of many professional and amateur pianists, died at the age of 100 on Tuesday morning, December 9, in the Boca Community Hospital after suffering a broken hip from a fall on December 5. A memorial celebration is being planned for Sunday, January 11, at 3:00 p.m., at the home of Sandra and Greg Greenland, 3220 NW 107 Avenue, Coral Springs. All are invited to attend. There will be a musical performance, followed by an early supper.

If you are a former student of Dr. Hutcherson or one who has played for her or coached with her and would like to perform, please call Sandra at 954-752-0653. All attendees are requested to bring a dish and to RSVP by January 8, giving your name, phone #, the number of persons attending in your party and what dish you will bring.

Rita's life was full of music and joy. We will

honor her with music and joy in celebrating her life.

**Mildred Snyder**, 81 passed away after a brief illness December 17, 2008 in Somerset Kentucky. Mildred was an Honorary Member of BCMTA. Mildred attended the Cleveland Institute of Music earning her B.M. and M.M. in piano performance. She studied under Beyrl Rubinstein and Arthur Loesser. It was here that she met her husband Gerald. They both taught in the Preparatory Department before deciding to move to Florida in the mid 1950's. They both had large piano studios as well as actively performing together as Duo Pianists. Mildred also taught at Florida Atlantic University and the Broward Community College - North. During their twenty-five years in South Florida the "Snyders" produced many award winning students. Many current members of BCMTA were a product of their studios. Mildred is survived by her son Jeff and three grandchildren.

## Membership Update

*Please welcome 2 new members of the FAU Student Chapter of MTNA.  
Please add these names to your yearbook.*

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# Rita Hutcherson

*Article contributed by Donald Waxman*

*Memorial Celebration hosted by Sandra & Greg Greenland on Jan. 11, 2009*

On Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, just two months shy of what would have been her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday, Rita Hutcherson died of complications from a broken hip that she suffered following a fall the week before. Those of us who were present at Rita's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Steinway Gallery and her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Mautner in Delray Beach thought that we and she would continue to enjoy those birthday celebrations every February for years to come.

Rita Hutcherson was born a century ago on a farm in Adair County, Missouri. Her first piano teacher was an older sister. After a precocious musical childhood she continued her music studies at Yale University and the University of Iowa, where she received a Doctorate in Music. She taught piano and piano pedagogy for many years at the University of North Colorado in Greeley, where she was head of the piano department. In 1975, Rita moved to Boca Raton and joined the music staff at FAU, where she also taught piano and pedagogy. After retiring from FAU, she continued to teach a large class of private piano students in her private studio in Boca Raton. An active FSMTA member throughout her long teaching career, Rita was honored as FSMTA Teacher of the



Year in 1994. Many of her former students from Colorado and Florida have gone on to become professional performers and teachers. Notably among these are Robin Sutherland, who has been for many years the pianist of the San Francisco Symphony, and the late Lorraine Hunt, whom many considered one of the finest lyric mezzo sopranos of our time.

A memorial service will be held for Rita at the home of Sandra Greenland, details of which are described below. A Rita Hutcherson blog has been established at [ritahutchersons100thbirthday.blogspot.com/](http://ritahutchersons100thbirthday.blogspot.com/).

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Teachers Association

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For teachers & students: *Rainbow of Sounds: Ten Easy Piano Solos* (Level One) \$10. *Five Improvisations for Piano Solo* (Med. Difficult) \$10. **Free shipping to BCMTA teachers.** Check my web site ([GailSmithPianist.com](http://GailSmithPianist.com)) for a wide variety of other books and four different Christmas books now available.

Gail Smith, 2041 NE 54<sup>th</sup> Court, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308. Contact: (954) 491-6683 or [gailsmith@earthlink.net](mailto:gailsmith@earthlink.net).

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***March 28-April 1, 2009***

***Atlanta, Georgia • Westin Peachtree Plaza***

*This marks MTNA's 123<sup>rd</sup> National Conference and will once again be the largest gathering of independent and collegiate music teachers in the country.*

To find out more about the conference or to register, visit <https://members.mtna.org/Conference2009/index.html>. A full schedule is now available. Remember the early registration deadline is February 16, 2009.

***Yearbook News...***

**08/09 Yearbook Available**

The 2008-09 yearbook is ready. If you have not received yours, send a check for \$2.50 to Barbara Schaap, 7024 NW 101 Ave. Tamarac, FL 33321 and she will mail you the current edition.

There is no charge to stop by her home in Tamarac and pick up your copy. Please call first - 954-597-1856.

Barbara Schaap  
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***Newsletter Editor...***

**Deadline: January 15, 2008**

Please email or mail newsletter submissions to the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for publication in the following month's issue.

Teacher news, event information, yearbook updates, student news, & advertisements are all welcome! Advertising checks are payable to BCMTA & can be sent to Nancy Kenney.

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