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A monthly compendium of news and notes from the Cowichan Valley Music Teachers Association meeting.

## Meeting Notes from Feb. 25th, 2006

The meeting was held at Judit Kabath's in Westholme. We're continuing with the new format and events and items included:

**9:30** - coffee, goodies, and chat. Thanks for your contributions!

**10:00** - Music !! Bernie accompanied Judit who sang a Kodaly song, Nausikaa. Bernie and Ann Mendenhall played 3 Rachmaninoff duets from Op. 11: Russian Theme, Romance and Slava (Glory.) They also played the first Hungarian Dance by Brahms.

Bernie Brown is in charge of music, and though next month has been determined, the field is open for future meeting. Please call her if you are willing to share your music with the group.

**10:30** Presentation topic. Judit began an introduction to the work of Kodaly. We began learning a short piece using solfeggio syllables. The idea is to practice it between now and next time, and actually get it up to tempo in two parts! As Christine commented, it is like doing a tricky puzzle! I To be continued next month, and Judit would be happy to email the music to anyone who doesn't have it.

**11:00** Business meeting. Action and decision items from Friday's meeting will be found in their own sections on this page.

Judith M. will send a sympathy card to Neil Burn on the loss of his wife (the Burns donated \$1000 to our scholarship fund 2 years ago)

Also noted: Congratulations to Annette Lampson on the birth of her child.

The trophies and gift certificates were duly admired and most were taken home by Trisha, who will give them to the teachers involved (mostly Brenda; also Iris and herself.)

Treasurer's report: our bank account stands at \$2191.47 as of Feb. 16.

A letter drafted by Ann withdrawing our membership from CVAC was read and approved.

A letter to Joan Wilson thanking her for chairing the piano department this year and asking her to please stay on will be written by Judith M. We will also invite Joan to attend the Pianofest in April.

## Next meeting -

**Friday March 31, 9:30 am Kim Sylvester's.** Regular monthly meeting . Coffee at 9:30, music begins at 10! Everyone is welcome.

## Ruth Hill Memorial Recording-

Ruth Hill's family expressed their appreciation at our singing for the gathering last month and asked us if we could record the songs we sang for the family film they're making as a memorial to Ruth. We'll do that as the music portion of our next meeting.

## Pianofest April 28 & 29 -

Registration opens March 1 on the website [www.cowichanmusicteachers.com](http://www.cowichanmusicteachers.com) Paper forms are available for those without Internet access - Call Ruth at 748-8314.

All the details of the classes, fees and general regulations are on the website as well. Paper brochures were distributed at the meeting on Friday, and will be attached to this newsletter mailing.

**Deadline for registrations** is April 1, with fees due at that time. Thanks in advance for making this a 2nd annual success story!

**New password system** will be implemented shortly. You'll receive your password by e-mail. It is possible to change it if really necessary.

## Website Project

As part of the service to our members, we are working on a website that will include a *Find a Teacher* section, with biographies and photos, as well as contact information for all member teachers.

The main "search for a teacher" area should be up by next week, but the linked teacher info pages will follow next month. April 30th is the deadline for inclusion - ask Judit for more information if you don't know what to send her. If you need a digital photo taken, please contact Judit and she will come out and take your photos.

## Upcoming Concerts and Events

**Mar 19th** - Chemainus. The Goldenberg piano/violin duo of Kansas City, 246-9102 or [shelagh@shaw.ca](mailto:shelagh@shaw.ca) .

**April 2 -Port Theatre** in Nanaimo. the Polish Canadian pianist Krzysztof Jablonski 754-8550.

## Let's build the Cowichan Valley Music Teachers Association

E-mail this newsletter to a music-teaching friend, and invite them to the next meeting! There is fun and friendship to be had - See you there!