

## New Members

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Welcome, Susan and  
Ellen!

**Do you have students preparing for Fun Fair?  
The Young Artists Competition?  
They might appreciate another opportunity to  
perform!**

Now is the time to begin selecting and preparing your best students for the **OMTA General Honors Recital**, to be held **January 31, 2:00 PM at Schmitt's Music**. This recital is exclusively for students Level 3 (per Jane Magrath's Pianist's Guide to Standard Teaching and Performance Literature) and higher. Music must be performed from memory and pieces are to be in their original form only – no abridgements and no arrangements.

**Deadline for recital applications is January 16, 2010.** Each teacher may enter one or two students. For more information please see the OMTA website or contact Lori Reckling (697-9830).

**Continue to look for  
updated forms on our  
website.**

**Please e-mail any changes in your  
address, phone number or e-mail  
address to Kaye Haar at  
dkhaar@cox.net**

## **FUN FAIR 2010**

Remember that the registration deadline (12/14) is fast approaching. Please print legibly in black ink because many copies have to be made.

Check your calendars making sure that 1/21 is saved for Packet Day held at Pacific Hills. There will be a short General meeting at 9:30 and a Judges and Packet meeting at 10:00.

Each teacher will need one door monitor for each session he/she has students entered. Each teacher also needs one volunteer for each eight students entered.

Please practice for the Sight Reading event with your students. Explain to them that they can look over the example while they are waiting in the hallway. Going over the Treasure Hunt is also a good idea.

Call Jan Zimmerman (572-7654) if you have any questions.

### **Event Updates**

#### *Senior Scholarship*

This scholarship is a tremendous opportunity for High School Seniors. Teachers entering students must have paid dues by September 1, 2009. The students need to have studied with their current OMTA teacher for at least one year. Entry deadline is January 11, 2010. Chairperson is Eileen Leichner (691-8650).

#### *Edna Taylor Composition Contest*

The registration deadline is January 16, 2010. The updated forms will be on our website soon. Chairperson is Laima Starcic (734-1458).

#### *Young Artist*

The entry deadline should be postmarked by January 30, 2010. The location will be St. Paul Methodist Church, 5410 Corby St. Chairperson is Jerri Niver (334-0129).

#### *Trophy Festival*

This is a great spring event that is popular with students and parents. The event will be held on April 24, 2010. The location will be St. Paul Methodist Church. Chairperson is Lisa Batten (445-0202).

#### *NMTA District Festival*

The festival will be held on May 1, 2010. Festivals provide non-competitive performance opportunities for students who will play for experience, ratings and comments. Chairperson is Diane Hill (330-1899).