

*Raleigh Piano Teachers Association*  
*Affiliate of North Carolina Music Teachers Association*  
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May our words be *Dolce*, Our hearts be *Giocoso*, Our spirits, *Con Fuoco*, and all our teaching, *Con Amore*



**Wed. April 14 9:45 am Full Board Meeting,**  
**Susan Burnette's Home**

**Wed. April 21 9:45 am Monthly Meeting, Carswell**

**Wed. April 21 10:45 am Program**

*Dr. Fogle: Schumann's*

*Album for the Young and the Scenes from Childhood*

**Sunday, May 2 5:30 pm Musicales, Carswell**

### **From the President:**

Snowed in Albuquerque at the MTNA National Conference...twice!! Just beautiful!! One might think that after so many years of playing and teaching piano, it would be difficult to continue to learn new information...this is so not true...there was not a single session that I attended that I didn't learn something new. I gained more insight into composers and musical styles, picked up tons of teaching tips on everything from technique to exciting group games, and listened to lots of new pieces from current composers and past. I enjoyed conversations with Marvin Blickenstaff, Dennis Alexander, Robert Vandall, Helen Marlais, Ed McLean, Tom Gerou, Eugenie Rocherolle, and Chris Goldston (I'm such a name dropper!). Best of all...I connected with old friends and met lots of new ones. Our musical community is expanding with many Canadians attending and now Europeans. It's nice when musicians gather together, at the local, state, national, and international level.

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#### **Referral Program**

Please sign up on the website ([raleighpianoteachers.org](http://raleighpianoteachers.org)) or call/email Ellen Scott (919-831-9167/[ellenscott@nc.rr.com](mailto:ellenscott@nc.rr.com)).

Check the online listings for accuracy, please.

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#### **Proposed amendment to the Bylaws:**

It has been recommended by the RPTA Executive Board to amend Article V, Section 14, d. Current Bylaws: "Refresh the referral section of the RPTA website twice a year." Proposed Bylaws: "Refresh the referral section of the RPTA website once a year in June." This is notification to the membership that a vote will take place on the proposed change at the April RPTA meeting.

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## Hospitality

The Spring luncheon will follow the May 19th meeting, served about 11:15 AM. in the Carswell foyer. The menu will be a choice of sandwiches, salad, dessert and beverage. The Meredith Dining Service will cater this meal as it catered our delicious December brunch. The cost is \$8.50. Please make reservations at the April meeting or by May 14. Checks are the preferred method of payment and should be made payable to RPTA. Please plan to join us as this is a great way to get to know fellow teachers in a relaxed setting!

-Susan Burnette

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North Carolina can be so proud of our 3 National Finalists in the MTNA Auditions! Here are the results...Michael Bennett (teacher Julie Harris) won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Junior Composition. His piano teacher is our own Karen Allred. Anna Darnell (teacher Anthony Taylor) won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Senior Woodwinds, and the Halcyon Winds (teacher Tadeu Coelho) won 2nd place in Junior Chamber Music. Congratulations to all!

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## Notice of the election of RPTA Officers for 2010-2012

The following slate of officers have been nominated and will be voted on at the April RPTA monthly meeting.

President - Margaret Anne Smith  
1st Vice President - Amy Gardner  
2nd Vice President - Marlowe Carruth  
Treasurer - Melissa Jeffreys  
Corresponding Secretary - Dana Mallory  
Recording Secretary - Debra Heath

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## RPTA Monthly Meeting Minutes

No meeting was held in March. There are no minutes to report.

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