



En Chamade

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From the Dean...

I was a bit disappointed at the lack of interest in the Dinner and a Concert event that I proposed for our March event. It's not often that we get together purely on a social basis, though our very successful event at the Garden Room last September was a resounding exception. I continue to hope that we can attempt such face-to-face events in the future, but we can also participate in a different way...

I've started a post on our Facebook page, which I bet not many of you have visited, based on our paltry 4 likes! If you haven't liked us already, please do so! Also, I ask you to comment on the post that I started titled "Share Your Thoughts Here". And since you're already online, why not visit our Website? We even have an Insta page, for those of you who are active there! Here are all the links:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/nwacago>

Web: <https://nwacago.org>

Instagram: [instagram.com/nwacago1](https://www.instagram.com/nwacago1)

Finally, we are not fizzling, even though it may feel like it based on the February and March events being canceled! Our April meeting in Siloam Springs is shaping up nicely. Plus, we're going to have a May meeting, to be announced. It is likely that our Regional Councillor, Vicki Schaeffer, can attend. Regardless, it will be a time to get together, share a meal, and finalize voting for the Executive Committee for 2018-19. Stay tuned!

Additionally, our board meeting March 17 will be open to the membership (see column at right) to incorporate greater involvement. See you there!

Broc

**** CHAPTER BRAINSTORMING * Saturday, March 17, 10:00am***

Although we're not calling this an official event, the Executive Board welcomes you to participate in their March 17th meeting.

It will be held at

Bolder Coffee

4200 W Green Acres Rd, Rogers.

Our rationale in opening the meeting to the entire membership is 1) we want to discuss the current state of the chapter and start tossing around ideas for the next program year and 2) we want to involve more people in the Chapter operations, whether it be running for an office at some point, putting some extra "feet on the ground" for a particular event, or just offering sage input.

**No pressure, but your presence
and your thoughts are highly valued! :)**

From the Sub-Dean...

Well, as renowned Scottish poet Robert Burns famously said: "the best laid schemes o' mice an' man gang aft agley." And sure enough, our February meeting, a visit with Southwest Regional Councillor Vicki Schaeffer, was canceled because of her illness. We are trying to coordinate rescheduling her visit with our end-of-year meeting sometime in May. Election of next year's officers takes place at that meeting, so you won't want to miss it. When a date is confirmed, we'll let you know.

And now our March 9th "Fun Night" Dinner & Concert is canceled. Broc Hite, organizer of this social gathering, says it is canceled due to

lack of response. Please see his message elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

So enough of “ganging agley”! Let’s look ahead to our next event:

**Saturday, April 28th –
Musical Potluck Brunch**

We will gather the morning of the last Saturday of April for a potluck brunch at Grace Episcopal Church in Siloam Springs. Bring a dish and fellowship to share! Longtime member Jan Wubbena will be formally observing his retirement from JBU; perhaps we'll get the chance to toast him and his new chapter in the Book of Life. But what about the "musical" part of the "musical potluck"? Everyone is asked to bring a piece to play for each other during the morning, be it a favorite hymn [We'd love to sing it with you!], a successful service piece, an original composition, or a formal repertoire sample. The point is to enjoy a relaxed morning together! For details concerning brunch, please contact Robbie Hubbard (rwhubba@att.net or 479-640-1982). For details about the organ and practice time, please contact Ernest Whitmore (ewhitmor@jbu.edu or 479-549-8247).

Jeannie

This weekend our dean Broc is giving a presentation to a piano teachers’ group—the one that co-sponsored our event "Just Add Pedals??" The topic is Arrau piano technique, and his presentation starts immediately after a brief business meeting of the group.

Broc says... *I am giving a presentation titled **The Arrau Technique** to the Northwest Arkansas Music Teachers Association (NAMTA), of which I have been a member for the past four years. It will be held in Becker Hall at the First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista on Saturday, March 10, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is open to the public and free of charge.*

I will begin with a brief discussion of the origins of modern piano technique, which evolved along with the instrument at the turn of the 20th century. The focus will be on how Arrau approaches certain passages from the piano literature, which I'll demonstrate using snippets from a recently published book by Victoria von Arx. Since the best demonstration is action, I'll also intersperse my presentation with the performance of several short pieces. I'll be glad to answer any questions throughout the presentation and at the end.

For more information, go to brochite.com/the-arrau-technique

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE
FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2018-19**

by Broc Hite, Dean

The nominating committee is in place. It has traditionally been very difficult to recruit for this task, so I'm glad that it came together so easily this time around, and by the March 1st deadline that's in our bylaws. Yay!

Since **Jeannie Lee** is not running for office in the next term, she asked if she could serve on the committee. She also successfully recruited **Linda Kelly** to serve, and I am the third member, ex-officio.

If you have an interest in serving on next year's board, or just want to help out in any needed but unofficial capacity, please contact anyone on the committee.