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From the
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CCS President



WHAT A GENEROUS WISH!

By Willow Manspeaker

After more than a year, I am pleased to announce that the CCS website, www.ccs-music.org is up and running. This process was a long and complicated one, I won't bore you with the details, but the hope is that the site will increase communication between the CCS Board and the members within our section. At this time the site contains updated contact information and important dates. Over the next several months we will be adding helpful links and important resources. If you have not already done so, please visit the site. We are still working out some of the kinks so please feel free to contact me with any mistakes you see or technical problems you may encounter. Also, if you have any suggestions on how to make the site more user-friendly, please let me know.

Along these same lines I would like to ask you all to take ten or fifteen minutes in the next couple of weeks to visit a great website, www.supportmusic.com. There are programs within our section that struggle each year for funding and some that are even eliminated due to lack of funding. The CCS Board is always here to help in any way that we can. However, if you need additional facts and figures to help keep your program alive, SupportMusic.com is a great resource. They have articles and helpful guides for getting parents involved and impressive guides on bringing the fight to the school board.

I strongly encourage you all to attend the Bay Section Winter Conference held at San Jose State University, January 13th and 14th. This two day event is packed with reading sessions for band and choir as well as interest sessions for choir, band, orchestra, classroom/general music, jazz, and technology. The conference is also a great way to connect with music educators outside of our section. For more details regarding the schedule of sessions and registration information, see page eight of this edition of *Sonata*.

Preparations are underway for the CCS High School Honors weekend. I am delighted to say that this year we are bringing the event to
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Through a wonderfully intricate series of emails I was recently made aware of an amazing story that so deeply shows the lasting effect of music on the lives of our students. I spoke with Mark Bidelman, CCS Treasurer and the Choral Director at Soquel High, and he agreed that this was an important story to share with the music educators of our section.

Former Soquel High School student, Greg Melendy, has leukemia. Battling this disease means coming at it from all angles, including chemotherapy. Through the course
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CCS Calendar 2005-2006

Date	Event	Location	Time
Sept. 14	<i>CCS Board Meeting</i>	Stevenson School	4:30 pm
Sept. 24	CCS General Meeting & Dinner	Green Valley Grill	6:30 pm
Oct. 12	<i>CCS Board Meeting</i>	Soquel H. S.	4:30 pm
Nov. 5	HS Honor Band/Orch Listening*	Seaside H. S.	9:00 am
Nov. 7	HS Honor Choir Auditions	Soquel H. S.	TBA
Nov. 8	HS Honor Choir Auditions	York School	TBA
Nov. 9	<i>CCS Board Meeting</i>	E. A. Hall	4:30 pm
Dec. 3	MS Honor Band/Orch. Listening*	Seaside H. S.	9:00 am
Dec. 7	<i>CCS Board Meeting</i>	Salinas H. S.	4:30 pm
Jan. 11	<i>CCS Board Meeting</i>	New Brighton M. S.	4:30 pm
Jan. 13-14	Bay Section Conference	San Jose State University	Two Days
Jan. 26-28	CCS H. S. Honors Event	Golden State Theater, Monterey	Three Days
Feb. 8	<i>CCS Board Meeting</i>	Carmel H. S.	4:30 pm
Feb. 9-11	CCS MS/JH Honors Event	Pacific Grove Middle School	Three Days
Mar. 4	CCS Jazz Festival	Monterey	TBA
Mar. 9-11	CMEA Coference	Sacramento	Three Days
Mar. 15	<i>CCS Board Meeting</i>	North Salinas H. S.	4:30 pm
Apr. 1	Solo Ensemble • South	Seaside H. S.	TBA
Apr. 8	Solo/Ensemble • North	New Brighton M. S.	TBA
Apr. 19	<i>CCS Board Meeting</i>	York School	4:30 pm
Apr. 28	Large Group Inst. Festival	Hartnell College	TBA
May 10	<i>CCS Board Meeting</i>	Seaside H. S.	4:30 pm
May 13	State Solo/Ensemble Festival	Sacramento	TBA
May 16	CCS Choral Festival	Santa Cruz Bible Church	TBA
Jun. 3	<i>CCS Board Meeting</i>	TBA	4:30 pm
Jun. 3	CCS General Meeting & Dinner	TBA	6:00 pm

* Drop off and mailing information for honor group audition tapes or CD's will be included with the materials you receive in the mail from the event chairs, or posted on our website • www.ccs-music.org

WHAT TEACHERS MAKE

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?" He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers, "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach." To stress his point he said to another guest, "Susan, you're a teacher, be honest, What do you make?"

Susan, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "**You**, want to know what I make?"

"I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could.
I make a C+ feel like the winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor.
I make kids sit through 40 minutes of study hall in absolute silence."

"**You**, want to know what I make?"

I make kids wonder.

I make them question.

I make them criticize.

I make them apologize and mean it.

I make them write.

I make them read, read, read.

I make them show all their work in math and perfect their final drafts in English.

I make them understand that if you have the brains, and follow your heart, and if someone ever tries to judge you by what you make, you must pay no attention because they just didn't learn."

Susan paused and then continued. "**You**, want to know what I make?"

'I MAKE A DIFFERENCE.' What do **you** make?"

THIS IS WORTH SENDING TO EVERY TEACHER YOU KNOW.

"Teachers make every other profession possible."

Help CCS stay current...Update Your information

Keeping all of our information current requires diligence and persistence. The CCS Board and the chairs of our events are working at the ongoing task of keeping our contact information current. We want to ensure that our mailings are sent to the correct set of people for each event.

Thank you. Jon Christian, CCS Data Base Manager

WE NEED A SEPARATE RECORD FOR EACH SCHOOL WHERE YOU TEACH. PLEASE FILL IN THE DOTS FOR SCHOOL LEVEL AND SUBJECTS TAUGHT

Once you have updated your information below, mail it to:
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downtown Monterey. The newly renovated Golden State Theater will be the site of the Saturday concert and there could not be a more fitting location. This beautiful theater recently underwent several years of improvements to restore the interior to the original look and feel. Since parking is limited, I recommend that you arrive early and encourage parents to do the same. We will send home more detailed informa-

tion with the ensemble members the weekend of the event. Also, maps and directions will be available on the CCS website as the event approaches. I hope to see you all there!

I wish you all the best through this holiday season. As always, please feel free to contact me if you need anything. • wmanspeaker@rlstevenson.org

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of his chemotherapy rounds, Greg fell very ill. That's when the Make-A-Wish foundation came to visit him at the Lucille Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto.

Patricia Wilson is the executive director of the organization which grants wishes for kids with critical illnesses. The wishes of most kids are for family trips to places they have always wanted to visit, or to meet someone famous. Only rarely do they make the type of wish that Greg made. His wish was to help the Soquel High School Music Department.

As a music student, Greg was a strong member of the choral program. His director, Mark Bidelman immediately recognized him as a leader. Over the course of his years at Soquel, he was a member of the Men's Chorus, the Concert Choir and was accepted into the award-winning Jazz Choir. Greg was also to be President of the Choral Program his senior year. When Greg told Mark what he had decided to do with his wish Mark said, "I spent the first 20 minutes trying to talk him out of that. My first thought was that he should come up with something he really wanted to do for himself." But when Greg persisted, Mark suggested something that would leave a legacy. The school's upright piano was close to 20 years old. "A new piano would help thousands of students," he told Greg.

The piano is a beautiful baby grand that was given to Make-A-Wish at a huge discount from Colton Music in Walnut Creek. They were so touched by Greg's selfless gift that they felt compelled to participate in making his wish come true. The shiny, new Cline piano now sits in Soquel High's multi-purpose room with a plaque that reads, "This piano is a gift from student Greg Melendy."

"That's cool," was Greg's light-hearted reaction to seeing the piano for the first time.

Mark reminds him of the legacy this instrument will have. "This is going to touch 30 years worth of kids at this school," he said.

What affects me most about this story is something Patricia Wilson of Make-A-Wish said.

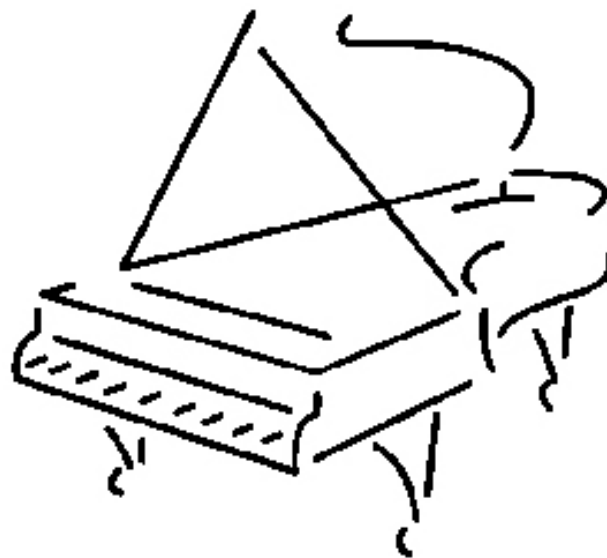
There are four kinds of wishes youngsters usually make. There's the "I wish to go" wish, where kids ask for things like trips to Disneyland, and the "I wish to have" wish which is when children want bedroom sets and stereos. There's the "I wish to meet" wish where kids ask to spend a few hours with Lance Armstrong or the members of Coldplay. But sometimes, just twice in the 20 years Wilson has worked for the organization, a kid will say something else. They'll say, "I wish to help." When Greg told her he wanted a piano for the music department at his high school, Wilson got goose bumps.

"I'm going to remember this wish for my whole life," she says.

So will the thousands of future students who pass through the Soquel High School Music Program.

For more information or to make a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit www.wish.org.

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