



NEW ENGLAND

PIANO TEACHERS' Assoc., Inc.

May 2009

Dear Colleagues,

We approach the end of a very fruitful year of activities together, looking forward to hearing our competition winners play for us on Monday, May 18, and to the time of fellowship over our Annual Luncheon that follows. It has indeed been a rich year, filled with Programs by outstanding musicians, the participation of our students in our Recitals, Master Class, and Competitions, and opportunities to share our knowledge and experience in Teachers' Exchanges.

This letter is my last as your president, so I wish to thank all of you at this time for the privilege of serving NEPTA these last two years. My time of working closely with the Officers and the Board has only increased my admiration for this wonderful organization that we all care so much for, and from which we all benefit so greatly.

And now to our remaining business together. If you have not yet sent in your luncheon reservation, please get it to **Jennifer Cope** right away. The form is on the NEPTA website at <http://www.nepta.info/members/newsletters/AnnualLuncheon2009.pdf>. Come and celebrate the year with us and with our guests, **Paul and Jerome Murphy** of Steinert's, Boston, and **Steve Hauk**, the Natick Manager. Steinert's is very generous in providing space for our competitions in Boston, and the Adult, 20th and 21st Century, and Ensemble Recitals in Natick.

We are also very fortunate to continue to have our meetings and recitals at The First Parish of Watertown, and to have the Wellesley Free Library available for some occasions as well.

Many thanks to our Competition Chairs – **Luba Pyatovskaya** for the Senior Competitions, and **Irina Gelman** for the Middle School. The winners appeared in our last newsletter, and are posted online.

Another reminder ... **if you have not sent in your dues yet, please send them ASAP** so you will be included in the yearly Directory and eligible to enter students in recitals next year. The form is online at the NEPTA website.

The Slate of Officers and Board Members to be voted at our May meeting is below:

NEPTA Officers for the two-year term of 2009-2011:

President:	Lydia Reed-Guertin of Arlington
Vice President:	TBA
Executive Secretary:	Colleen Campbell of Wellesley
Recording Secretary:	Linda Vieira of Acton
Treasurer:	Lindsey Robb of Roslindale

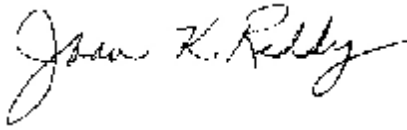
NEPTA Board members for the three-year term of 2009-2012:

Indiana Chalsen of North Billerica
Catherine Costello Hirata of Belmont
Diana Tetzlaff of Sudbury

We thank our Nominating Committee Chair, **Margaret Bachelder**, and her committee, and all who have agreed to take or retain positions for next year.

I look forward to the coming year in NEPTA with our new leadership. I am certain that **Lydia Reed-Guertin** will fill her new role with wisdom and dignity. I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan K. Reddy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Joan Reddy, President