



OCTOBER 2011

The Event of the Season!

Woman of the Year, Dr. Aimee Beckmann-Collier!

October 20, 2011

Hyperion Field Club

7390 NW Beaver Dr
Johnston, IA
278-4711

Menu Choices:

Chicken Picatta with roasted red potatoes and chef's seasonal veggies OR

Beef Medallions Bordelaise with roasted red potatoes and chef's seasonal veggies OR

Salmon Meuniere with roasted red potatoes and chef's seasonal veggies

Dessert choices:

Crème Brulee OR
Brownie Ala Mode

All served with tossed salads, rolls/bread, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert.

Cash Bar (no credit cards or debit cards accepted)
Member event fee: \$25.00

Invite a guest(s) for this fun and special evening!

For reservations:

<http://mwniowa.org/calendar/>

Music to Our Ears!

Dr. Beckmann-Collier is Professor of Conducting and Director of Choral Studies at Drake University, where she has taught since 1989. She is a frequent clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor for high school and college choral festivals, contests, and All-States throughout the

country. She has twice conducted in Carnegie Hall, and Drake ensembles under her leadership have performed in England, Austria, Italy, Germany and the Czech Republic, as well as for conferences of the North Central Division of the American Choral Directors Association. She has also served on the adjudication panel for the ACDA national conducting competition.

Dr. Beckmann-Collier is president of the North Central Division of the American Choral Directors Association and serves on ACDA's national board and as chair of the 2012 North Central ACDA conference, which will take place in Madison, WI. She has served as president of the Iowa Choral Directors Association, chaired the 1992 ACDA North Central Division conference and the 1995 ICDA

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Dr. Aimee Beckmann-Collier, Woman of the Year

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Summer Symposium, was Immersion Day chair of the 2002 North Central Division conference, and was editor of the publications of ICDA and North Central ACDA. Her articles on a variety of topics, including Renaissance performance practices, music of the Classical period, teaching critical thinking skills in the choral rehearsal and the role of music education in a global economy, have appeared in the *Choral Journal* and the *Music Educators Journal*. Dr. Beckmann-Collier is chair of the Iowa Comprehensive Musicianship Project, a mastery teaching program for music educators.

A graduate of Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, which recently presented her with its Distinguished Alumna Award, Dr. Beckmann-Collier received Master's and doctoral degrees in choral conducting from The University of Iowa where she studied with Don Moses. She is the recipient of Drake University's Madelyn Levitt Award for Distinguished Community Service and Stalnaker Lecturer designation, the Iowa Music Educators Association Distinguished Service Award and the National Federation Interscholastic Music Association Iowa Outstanding Music Educator's Award.

Be sure to attend this Woman of the Year meeting on October 20. It's a very special evening for all of us and one that your friends would really enjoy!

Music is what feelings sound like.

~Author Unknown



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Hello, all –

Just got back from a wonderful week in Paris. I'm always amazed at the buildings, cathedrals, and museums in Europe – there is so much history there!

I took a day trip to the Normandy landing beaches and was overwhelmed with patriotism. Standing on the beaches, I felt the sacrifice of so many lives and the heroism of these soldiers. The French appreciation of those efforts is also visible throughout the country, even today.

The artwork at the Louvre and the D'Orsay was spectacular. There were so many other museums as well, but not enough time to visit everything. It was fun to watch the artists in Mont Marte – such talented people.

I think my favorite thing in Paris, corny as it may sound, was the Eiffel Tower. I hadn't realized how big it was. I walked the 10 stories to the second level to have dinner – what a wonderful evening and view of the city.

On Sunday we went to mass at Sacre Coure (top of Mont Marte) in the morning, and ended up going to mass at Notre Dame in the evening! Two beautiful cathedrals . . . we definitely covered a lot of territory that day!

Although I truly love to travel and explore new cities/countries, it's always great to return home! Nothing like sleeping in your own bed . . .

I look forward to seeing everyone at Hyperion on the 20th for our Woman of the Year program! Please invite guests!

Best Regards,

Becky Patton-Quigley

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Metro Women's Network Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting date –10/1/11 - Location – Home of Connie Blodgett

Members Present: Becky Patton-Quigley, Melissa Read, Connie Blodgett, Diana Dubuisson, Lois O'Donnell, Sherry Johnson

President Becky Patton-Quigley called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m...

Secretary's Report:

Secretary's report from the last steering committee meeting was approved.

Treasure's Report:

The bank balance is \$2623. Dianna presented a list of paid members, and members who have dues coming due in the coming months. Becky will send a letter in December to all the members on our list that have not attended a meeting for a while, and encourage those ladies to rejoin at the January membership meeting. Becky is going to work on new name tags that will have membership month on them as a reminder as to when membership fee is due.

Programs:

Connie Blodgett reported that the October Woman of the Year meeting, to be held on October 20th, will be held at Hyperion Golf and Country Club. Our speaker will be Dr. Aimee Beckmann- Collier, our 2011 Woman of the Year. Sherry Johnson volunteered to obtain the plaque and flowers for our honoree. Irina's will be the location for our holiday social the first Thursday in December. The January membership meeting will be held at the Urbandale Golf and Country Club, with the speaker still to be determined.

Public Relations Report:

Lois O'Donnell will send out press releases about our Woman of the Year, and extend the invitation to join the celebration to colleagues and students of Dr. Beckmann-Collier. A full profile will appear in the newsletter with the announcement of our honoree.

Old Business:

None to Report.

New Business:

The Steering Committee is in need of volunteers to serve on the committee for next year. Lois will mention the need for new volunteers in the newsletter and Becky will also ask for volunteers in the President's letter. Anyone wishing to serve is asked to contact Becky or any steering committee member.

Next Meeting Date: Next full Steering Committee meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 3rd at Gateway Market. All members are welcome to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:47a.m. Many thanks to Connie for hosting the meeting and providing such delicious food and drink.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Read/Vice President and Acting Secretary

Other Interesting Stuff

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Next meeting: December 1, 2011 Holiday Social!

Irina's Restaurant

2301 Rocklyn Drive (Hickman Road and Rocklyn)

Urbandale

331-0399

No speaker – Just dinner, mingling and relaxing before the rush of the holidays

January meeting: January 19, 2012

Urbandale Golf and Country Club

4000 86th St.

Urbandale

276-5496

Annual Membership Drive – Be sure to bring guests!

2011 Steering Committee

President/Past President: Becky Patton-Quigley

Vice President, Acting Secretary: Melissa Read

Treasurer: Diana Dubuisson

Secretary: Volunteer needed

Programs: Sherri Johnson, Connie Blodgett

Publicity & Newsletter: Lois O'Donnell

At-Large: Casey Polk, Janet Seeberger

Annual Dues

Thank you to all members who have renewed their annual dues! If you have not renewed and your dues are set to expire soon, we'll send you a link to renew online - or you may pay cash/check at a meeting or by mail (no cash).

GUEST POLICY

Invite and encourage your guests to join MWN today! Guests may attend two meetings in a 12-month period at the member rate of \$25. Any additional programs attended during that period will be \$35. Annual dues cover a period of 12 months from your sign-up/renewal date. Make new friends and build a strong professional network!



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MEMBER AD-VANTAGES

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Country Club Market: "Eating In Is The New Dining OUT"

Now Scheduling **Thanksgiving Dinners** and **Christmas Parties**...It's not too early!!

The below classes are demonstration and will begin promptly at 6 p.m. until 8 - 9 - ish.

Please arrive with time to get seated and ready to begin...5:50 p.m.

Payment is required in advance to secure your reservation

which includes a full meal, instruction and recipes with bottled water and snack.

Fun entertainment too! Feel free to bring wine or choice beverage for yourself...

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE - Great stocking stuffers, staff gift

Do you have a group, or need a staff workshop? Now scheduling private classes & workshops...

Consider a Bridal Shower with Class...Surprise Birthday Class and bring gifts and wine!

	Private Groups and Workshops	At Country Club Market	At Your Location
Demonstration Class	3 recipes	\$45 - \$60 per person 8-10 +	\$55 - \$70 per person 8+
*Hands-On Class	4 recipes	\$55 - \$70 per person 8	\$65 - \$80 per person 8+

*(Hands-On Classes held for Private Groups only)

Cost is negotiable depending on special requests of private classes.

Luscious and Satisfying Thursday, October 13, 2011 \$50

Registration Deadline Saturday, October 1st.

Porcini Crusted Beef Tenderloin Medallion

Country Club Market Avocado Chop Salad

Fall Harvest Bread Pudding with Brandy Butter

Fall Feast Tuesday, October 18, 2011 \$50

Registration Deadline Saturday, October 15th.

Seared Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin with Apples and Cider Sauce

Autumn Sauced Pasta with Butternut Squash, Crispy Prosciutto, Sage & Aged Gouda Cheese

Luscious Goat Cheese and Honey Stuffed Roasted Pears with Toasted Pine Nuts

Casual Fall Entertaining Tuesday, October 25, 2011 \$45

Registration Deadline Saturday, October 22nd.

Chianti Bolognese alla Pappardelle

Sassy Corn Chowdah with Bacon and Gruyere Crouton

Rustic Apple Dumpling with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream