



Sharps & Flats



An Official Publication of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs

Theme: Music Raises Us Up

Song: *You Raise Me Up*

CONVENTION NEWS

Ann Stockton, FFMC President

We have made great plans for the 94th FFMC Convention to be held in Miami on May 16-18, 2013 hosted by the Royal Poinciana District. The RP District and Convention Chair, Pat Clarke, have been working diligently to make sure you have a wonderful, unforgettable experience. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. It is deeply appreciated. The convention will be held just across the highway from the University of Miami at The Coral Gables Holiday Inn. Among the special events planned for us is a concert by Ross and Bernice Harbaugh, Cellos and Piano Duo, on Friday Evening after the Banquet. See accompanying article.

You might be thinking "Why should I plan on attending convention? Who should attend?" Each senior club should send the club president and the treasurer. In addition, the club members who are interested in maintaining and promoting their club are also invited. Our FFMC Bylaws state that if your senior club has 25 members or less, your club is entitled to one delegate. If you have 26-50 active members you may have two delegates; 51-75 members allow three delegates and 76-100 are entitled to four voting delegates. This is a wonderful learning experience for clubs that want to learn ways to make their clubs more successful.

We are pleased to have as our honored guests, Drs. George and Ouida Keck. Dr. Ouida Keck is a NFMIC Past President and is currently NFMIC Competitions and Awards Chairman. Dr. George Keck is involved in the NFMIC project of updating the federation archives. Both of our honored guests will be doing workshops on their areas at convention. We will be voting on our new FFMC officers at this convention. The newly elected FFMC officers and the new district presidents will be installed Saturday by Dr. Ouida Keck. This is an honor you will never forget!

Make it a point to attend this convention. The official call is included in this issue. Be prepared to enjoy a weekend of outstanding music performances, informative workshops and terrific company in a beautiful setting! See you there!

For those who wish to come early and stay over on Thursday night the Dranoff Duo Piano Competition is being held at the University of Miami Gusman Hall. Ten piano duo teams from all over the world compete for top prize money and awards.. This marks the 25th year of Dranoff and the 12th competition. This is not a sponsored FFMC event,, but one all musicians should enjoy at \$40 a ticket. Members arriving early may enjoy the competition leading to the finals held at Clark Hall on the UM Campus. More information may be obtained by contacting Pat Clarke, plhclarke@aol.com.

Member of the Year Award

The Member of the Year is someone who is honored by FFMC for going above and beyond in their service for the federation in their local club, district and state work. Clubs were asked to send their letter of recommendation for the candidate to their district president. The names of those who were entered were then sent to the chairman of the award who prepared a ballot. The district presidents then voted on the winner.

Thank you, Sherry Pollock, for chairing this committee. The winner will be announced at the Friday Night Banquet during Spring Convention. Who do you think it will be????

Reports Due for Convention Booklet

We are asking each NFMIC and FFMC officer, division and committee chairman, district president and club president to send in a report of what you have done this past year, sharing your successes and plan of work you would like to accomplish in the coming year. Mention programs, music grant study, and scholarships given. Please send it to the distribution chairman listed in the official call so it can be copied and placed in a convention booklet that is given to each delegate. Please send it by May 9th. You will be given a three minute period to summarize your written report at convention.

NFMIC President Honored Guest at Junior Convention 2013

This year we are honored to have as our invited guests NFMIC President, Carolyn Nelson and Linda Lind, NFMIC Junior Division Chairman at the 76th Annual Junior Convention held at UNF in Jacksonville on May 3-4, 2013. This convention is open to those who received superior ratings in their area junior festivals. We are looking forward to hearing the top winners of the 2012 festival at concerts on Friday and Saturday nights. The official call and list of hotels are in this issue of **Sharps and Flats**.

MUSIC FAMILY NEWS

We were saddened to learn of the recent deaths of several members of our musical family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of:

Howard Bond was the husband of Joan Bond, President of Wednesday Music Club of Central Florida.

Joanne Edwards, who died in December, was the mother of Michael Edwards, past president of FFMC and current vice president of NFMF.

Jim Jeffrey, who died in December, was the husband of Capital District's President, Sharon Jeffrey.

Carolyn Wheeler was a faithful member of the federation, serving as president of the Winter Haven Music Club, as well as serving as a member of the Stephen Foster Memorial Committee, Student Division and Chamber Music Chairman.

We realize there are others who are no longer with us. I am asking each club and district president to send the names of those that have died this past year to me, annsmusic@verizon.net, and Vickie Stake, FFMC Chaplain, vickiestake@gmail.com, so they can be honored at the Memorial Service during convention and their names can be included in the convention booklet.

FFMC Memorial and Recognition Fund

If you are looking for a way to honor someone consider a donation to the FFMC Memorial and Recognition Fund. These gifts can be made in honor of or in memory of members who have died. Please send your donations to Wilma Greenwood, FFMC Memorial and Recognition Fund Chairman, 19 Armbruster Ct., Frostproof, FL 33843. She will accept the donations and will notify the family of the monetary gift.

UPDATE ON GRANT INFORMATION

Robert Coopman

Robert Coopman, president of the Music Club of Hollywood, is responsible for the idea of giving \$1000 to each district president to award to an area club that co-sponsors a music study series with another non-profit group. This is an update on the music study series conducted by his club.

They have completed their second series of ten Jazz Music Studies. The classes were presented by FIU professor and bass player Bob "Bebob" Grawbowski. The class was a joint effort by the Music Club of Hollywood and the Stirling Road Friends of the Library. Like many of the libraries in the area, the Stirling Road Library has a multi-purpose room that includes an overhead projector so it is possible to both play music and watch films that adds depth to the lectures. The attendance ranged between 40 and 55 attendees of all ages.

I think every music club should consider adding this to their list of things they do to promote music in their communities. Our membership more than doubled due in large part to these programs, and the average age of our members dropped considerably. We also used social media to attract new members.

FLORIDA FELLOWS

Bess Stallings, Chairman

Is it too late? Have I missed the deadline? Can I still become a member?

These are all questions you may be asking yourself if you've ever considered becoming a Florida Fellow. The bottom line is—it is NEVER too late to apply to become a Florida Fellow!

As most of you know, the prestigious group of Florida Fellows came from the creative mind of Dr. Isabella Laude as she thought of ways that she and her fellow FFMC members could help support our state-wide organization. Exactly a dozen years ago at the May convention, the establishment of this fund was approved, with the donors to be known as Florida Fellows. As of today, there are 41 faithful followers who have made a one-time contribution of \$1000 to voice their commitment to FFMC, a vital arm of the National Federation of Music Clubs which is the largest philanthropic musical organization in the world.

We will be inducting more members into this organization at the 2013 Convention in Coral Gables, May 16-18. Members of Florida Fellows will be honored at this time. If you wish to join this group send in your application ASAP to show YOUR support. Applications may be requested by contacting Florida Fellows Chairman, Bess Stallings, by phone at (863)307-7014 (cell) or by e-mailing her at bessstallings2@gmail.com. She's waiting to hear from you!

NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK

Claire-Frances Whitehurst, Chairman

Music- The Colors of Life

May 5-12, 2013

The National Federation of Music Clubs has set aside one week annually to celebrate the importance of music in our nation. This year's theme is *Music- The Colors of Life*. We are asking the clubs to feature special musical events, concerts, or small get-togethers planned around a music theme during the week of May 5-12. The Juniors have had the opportunity to write an essay on this theme. The winning essays will be printed in **Junior Keynotes Magazine**. We will have the opportunity of hearing one of the state winning essays at our spring convention, when FFMC Essay Chairman, Marian Cox, shares one with us.

FFMC NEWS

Nominating Committee Report

Bess Stallings, Chairman

The nominating committee has unanimously chosen the following slate of officers to be voted upon at the 2013 convention. President- *Ann Stockton*; Vice-President- *Bess Stallings*; Recording Secretary – *Philip LeGrand* and Treasurer- *Suzanne Carpenter*.

The nominating committee is charged with the duty of presenting a complete slate of officers to be voted on at the annual convention in odd-numbered calendar years. All of the former officers, except Vice President Barbara Kirby, agreed to serve another two years. We express our appreciation to Barbara Kirby for her faithfulness through the years. In the words of our President, "She has worked hard for us and deserves a rest!"

The committee is made up of representatives from each of the districts. Members of the nominating committee were: Sherry Pollock, Lisa Smith, Peggy Willis, Helen Dingus, Marian Cox, Robert Coopman and chairman Bess Stallings. Thank you for your hard work.

Executive Board Actions

The Executive Committee has taken action on several proposals including:

1. Approval of FFMC paying the entry fees of students representing Florida in NFMC Student/collegiate competition.
2. Approval to grant permission to contract out the job of preparing the newsletter to a relative.
3. Approval of these nominations for the National Federation of Music Clubs Board:
 - National Board Member Representing FL- Peggy Willis
 - Member at Large – Michael Edwards, Suzanne Carpenter & Helen Dingus
4. Approval of nominating committee's slate of FFMC Officers for 2013-2015:
 - Ann Stockton, President
 - Bess Stallings, Vice President.
 - Philip LeGrand, Recording Secretary
 - Suzanne Carpenter, Treasurer

2013-2015 FFMC Slate of Officers Resumes

PRESIDENT: ANN BLOUNT STOCKTON

Education:

BS in Elementary Education, minor in music- Florida Southern College.

Music Education Degree -University of Tampa

Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision -University of South Florida.

Federation Experience:

FFMC President from 2011- 2013

President of the Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland, 2000-2004 & 2008-2010.

Past NFMC Southeastern Regional Chairman for Opera

Bay Ridge District President from 2003-2005

Co-Chairman of FFMC 2010 Fall Workshop in Lakeland

Florida Fellow

Life Member of Tuesday Music Club

Life Member of National and Florida Federation of Music Clubs

Committee and Division Work:

Chair of Stephen Foster/Jeanie Auditions

Past Chair of the Achievement Book, Poetry in Music, American Women Composers, Scrapbook Chair and Arts Division Chairman

Experience:

Music Educator in Public School

Adult and Children's Choir Director

Performer in community theaters, community choruses and church choirs

Board Member and Volunteer for Performing Arts groups

Personal:

Married to husband Dave for 19 years this summer. Has daughter, Beth.

VICE PRESIDENT: BESS STALLINGS

A native of Wauchula, music has always been a part of her life. She plays the piano and organ and loves to sing.

She earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Stetson University and taught grades K-2 before retiring to become a full-time mother and volunteer. She has worked for newspapers in Birmingham and Wauchula as society editor, proof-reader, and advertising executive. She now enjoys some freelance writing, plus helping edit FFMC "Sharps and Flats" for the last few years, as well as helping edit the annual convention program.

She joined the Wauchula Wednesday Musicales, becoming a third generation member. She has been instrumental in organizing a junior music club. She has co-founded The Heartland Chorale which is a 100 voice chorus which gives a few concerts each year around the community. She has served as president of WWM for four years. She has been Bay Ridge District President for four years, having made the initial arrangements for the 2010 Fall Workshop held in Lakeland. She is presently Vice President of the WMM.

She has been active on a state level and has served as state chairman for the Scrapbook Committee, Together We Sing, Florida Fellows, Publicity/Photography Committee, Member of the Year, Nominating Committee and Parade of American Music Committee. She has served on the finance committee, "Sharps and Flats" committee and has assisted with the FFMC ballet auditions.

She and her husband, Jim, have been married 45 years this summer, and they are proud grandparents of two to whom she has shared from birth her love of music.

RECORDING SECRETARY: PHILIP LEGRAND

FFMC Experience:

Recording Secretary of FFMC

Treasurer of Capital District and Choctaw Bay Music Club

Assists Festival Chairman in organizing the Festival

2012 FFMC Member of the Year

Previous Positions:

Served 27 years in Air Force Civil Engineering with assignments at all levels of command. Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Assignments took him all over the world.

Education:

BS Electrical Engineering, University of Cincinnati

MS Computer Information Systems, Boston University

Personal:

Married to wife, Karen

TREASURER: SUZANNE CARPENTER

Federation Experience:

Presently NFMC Treasurer & Board Member, FFMC Treasurer

Life Member of NFMC and FFMC

Involved in State Junior Festivals since 1976

State Junior Festivals Chairman 2003-2005

FFMC Member of Year in 2002

Charter Florida Fellow, 2001 Suwannee District:

Member of Foundation for the Promotion of Music since 1977

Named Musician of Year 2008

Gainesville Festival Chairman 2002-Present

Gainesville Area Gold Cup Chairman, 1980-1999

Professional Experience:

Private Piano Teacher 1976-Present

Bookkeeper 1959-1962

Education:

Master of Fine Arts, University of Florida with Major in Music

History and Literature

Bachelor of Science, University of WI with a major in Elem. Ed

and Minor in Music

Personal Information:

Married to Dr. Ronald H. Carpenter

Three children

Jeanie/Stephen Foster Auditions

Ann Stockton, Chairman

The 62nd Jeanie/Stephen Foster Auditions held in White Springs on October 5-6, 2012, was a success. Sixteen talented young vocalists were competing for the \$2000 award and the titles of Jeanie and Stephen. The two Jeanie maids and the Stephen Runner-up were pleased to be presented with their awards of \$1000. The title of Jeanie was given to Jessica Bianca, a graduate of Stetson University who was sponsored by the Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland with Claire-Frances Whitehurst as her Financial Sponsor. Chris Longo, a senior from FSU sponsored by the Boca Delray Music Society, was chosen as Stephen. The Jeanie maids were Courtney Elvira, a senior from USF, sponsored by the Lake Wales Music Club and Heather Daniel, a sophomore at

Hillsborough Community College, sponsored by the Concert Club of Tampa. Alexander Solomon, sponsored by the Friday Morning Musicale of Tampa, was chosen as the Stephen runner-up. Congratulations to the sponsoring clubs and the winning court!

I was so pleased to note that six or our seven districts sponsored candidates for this year's audition. A special thank you goes out to you. In addition to the ones mentioned above these include the Harmony Club of Jacksonville which sponsored Briane Bailey, The Orlando Music Club which sponsored Stephanie Bauer, The Coral Gables Music Club sponsoring Ana Collado and Thomas Ness, The Foundation for the Promotion of Music Club which sponsored Alessandra Feliciano and Dirck Van Clief, the Tuesday Music Club for also sponsoring Siobhan Gale, the Calusa Musicale which sponsored Jayla Gillaspie, the Friday Morning Music Club for also sponsoring Camille Tedesco and Jesse White, and the Boca Delray Music Society for also sponsoring Kathleen White. Without your support and the support of our patrons, we would not be able to have this FFMC project. Thank you again.

I want to thank the judges who served this year who were Dr. Eugene Flemm, Janet Rabe-Meyer and Dr. Richard Owens. They had a difficult time in selecting the winners since the voices of the contestants were exceptional. We hope these young vocalists will return for next year's auditions on Oct. 4-5, 2013 to compete again in this beautiful competition. Information is on the website www.ffmpegusic.org regarding the qualifications, rules and applications.

There were so many of you who went the extra mile to make this event a success. The Lills for monies made available for the Stephen and Runner-up, and Claire-Frances Whitehurst for the Jeanie crown and funding a candidate, the gifts for Stephen from the Stocktons, Barbara Kirby and her wonderful crew for hosting the Friday Night Reception, the committee who were always ready to help when needed with the luncheon or anywhere else, and the wonderful staff at the park who look forward to this event each year. The clubs and individuals who were our donors are so necessary and deserve a special thank you. Thank you one and all!

It is not too early to be looking for a candidate or to set aside monies for this year's competition in your club budgets. I wish you could come and see the audition held at White Springs at the Stephen Foster Folk and Culture Center Park.

I have reserved three cabins at the park for \$100 a night plus tax. The cabins are modern (no outdoor plumbing needed) with wraparound porches with swings and rockers. There are two bedrooms and very nice kitchen in each cabin. I reserved them before another group could get them during our Jeanie week-end., as they are quite popular. If you are interested in getting one of the cabins during the auditions, please let me know.

DISTRICT NEWS

BAY RIDGE DISTRICT

Annetta Graham, District President

A delightful holiday themed luncheon was held in Tampa at the Friday Morning Musicale clubhouse. Reports were given by each one of the senior clubs as well as FFMC Committee Chairmen from the district. District President Annetta Graham presented Tuesday Music Club President Judy McLaurin with a check for \$1000 for a music study grant. The grant was a study on hymns of different faiths, including Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Catholic using the minister of music at the Church where the event will be held. The choirs of the host church helped lead the congregation in a hymn sing. For the last session, the joint choirs sang Carrie Kraft's *And All Who Listen* which had premiered at the National Federation of Music Clubs Conference held in Indianapolis in 2012.

We were entertained by the talented Maio Family who presented Celtic Christmas Music. The family is made up of the parents, two daughters and a son. Instruments played included a keyboard, harp, bass, recorder and guitar. We were also introduced to an Irish bagpipe. The son danced an Irish jig that had everyone on the edge of their seats! Terrific!

New officers were elected. They are *Dave Stockton*, President; *Cecilia Laude*, Vice President; *Sybil Capila*, Recording Secretary and *Marilyn Fisher*, Treasurer. We wish them the very best.

Lake Wales Music Club won the coveted attendance trophy.

SEMINOLE DISTRICT

Marion Cox, President

The Seminole District held its annual luncheon meeting at Der Dutchman in Sarasota. Original compositions by students of area teachers were presented. A special treat was hearing Marian's grand-daughter, Laura Hollis Barrett, sing. She is proud to be a third generation music teacher. Rachel Carrier sang the state song *You Raise Me Up*. Reports were given by the district clubs and information shared about the festivals and composition and essay competitions.

ST. JOHNS DISTRICT

Debra Carter, District President

The St. Johns District held their luncheon meeting at Riverside Park United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. In keeping with the season some of the teachers including Lisa Smith and Gavin Taylor participated in a lively rendition of Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride*, as well as holiday music played by Dan Francabandiero and Rodney Cleveland on the organ. Vickie Stake gave a report on the Junior Convention that will be held there in May. The district president's scholarship has been implemented.

ROYAL POINCIANA DISTRICT

Teresa Coopman, District President

Music Club of Hollywood, Rob Coopman, President

The Music Club of Hollywood would like to share ideas of community outreach that your club can adapt to fit your situation. We have had recent success with these situations and feel secure these ideas could help you.

In the past, we did not hold public auditions and we did not widely publicize that we gave away so much money in scholarships. We have dramatically changed our ways for the better. We now have very competitive auditions, expanded the number of college and summer scholarships, and created an all-day event that the general public loves to attend. We had an overflow crowd at the Piano Music Center last year with more than 60 attendees so we looked for a larger venue. This year's auditions will be held from 10am until 2pm on April 13th at the Ann Kolb Nature Center and will be followed by a performance by Kwan Yi, a NFMC Young Artist who is currently studying at the Peabody Conservatory. Kwan will play from 3-4:30 pm and then we will announce the winners of the scholarships totaling \$25,000. The Ann Kolb Nature Center is a beautiful county facility that has been underutilized in spite of its beautiful setting and Mangrove Hall. By presenting music events at the 300 seat Mangrove Hall, we are creating more awareness in the community for the Nature Center and the Music Club. We would encourage all clubs in the FFMC to make these alliances with parks so that they can enrich their community. Awarding these scholarships in public helps to make the club more visible. Events like these make music clubs relevant in the communities - an important goal for all club leaders.

The City of Hollywood has a Historical Society. It turned out that some of our board members were also members of the Historical society. The board set about "infiltrating" the Historical Society and offered to have musicians play at three different houses on their annual tour. We got sponsors to pay the musicians. There were about 300 attendees who paid \$25 for the house tour. It was a beautiful day and the music in the homes was a huge success. We created more awareness in the community for musicians and the idea that hiring musicians for house parties can create a wonderful experience. Many Florida communities have a rich heritage with active Historical Societies. We would highly recommend that other music clubs at least consider teaming up with their local historical societies to enrich their communities in this way.



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OFFICIAL CALL

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS, INC.

94th Annual Spring Convention - May 16 - 18, 2013

Host District - Royal Poinciana District

Host District President - Teresa Coopman

Registrars - Betty Walsh and Marielle Montiellopez

Host District Chairman - Patricia H. Clarke

Distribution Chairman – Shirley Anderson

Official Headquarters: Coral Gables Holiday Inn

1350 South Dixie Highway, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Phone **305-667-5611**

Contact: Miguel Hernandez, Sales Mgr.

Fax - **305-665-6691 fax****Directions:**

From North - Take I-95 South onto US-1. Travel about 3 miles to 1350 South Dixie Highway. It is on the South side of US-1 with sufficient parking.

From South - Take US-1 North to 1350 South Dixie Highway. It is on south side of US-1.

From Miami International Airport: Miami Super Shuttle @ \$23 per person. Group of 4-10 persons - \$68. Go to curb at ground level at luggage, see representative in blue shirt for help.

Reservations: Reserve your room with **CORAL GABLES HOLIDAY INN** (305-667-5611). Queen or Single King bedrooms at the rate of \$119.00 + tax with breakfast for up to two people per room per night. If extra persons are in room, a fee of \$10 per person will be charged which will entitle each person to the "Full American Buffet Breakfast". These rates will also apply for a few days before and after convention. Rooms come equipped with free wireless Internet, free local calls and free parking.

Meal Reservations:**Fri. May 17- Lunch and Mini Concert**

(Choice of Veal Piccata or Tilapia w/salad/veg/dessert)

Fri. May 17- Dinner and Gala Concert

(Choice of NY Rib Eye Steak or Mahi Mahi w/salad/veg/dessert)

Sat. May 18- Lunch and Mini Concert

(Choice of Grilled Chicken Breast w/Lemon Sauce or Talapia w/salad/veg/dessert)

Registration: Registration Fee **\$25**. Late Fee **\$30**. Deadline is **May 9, 2013**.

Plans of work: All FFMC and NFMC Chairmen, District and Club Presidents are to submit a report for spring convention including highlights of this year and what you hope to accomplish this coming year. Send an e-mail copy of your report to **Distribution Chairman, Shirley Anderson**, 7251 SW 47th Court, Miami, FL 33143, or e-mail: shirlanderson@gmail.com by April 29, 2013, so it can be included in delegates' packets. You will also be asked to present a verbal report of up to 3 minutes reporting highlights from your printed report. Please bring 2 copies of your written report to be given to the Secretary and Archivist.

Club Report to Chaplain: If any members of your club have died this past year, please send the name and a brief summary of the positions they had held to Vickie Stake at vickiestake@gmail.com and to Ann Stockton at annsmusic@verizon.net. This is to help personalize them when they are honored during the Memorial Service that will be held on Saturday morning. See accompanying article.

District Presidents: Be prepared to sign up for the state president visit for your annual fall meeting.

SUWANEE DISTRICT

Claudia Brill, District President

Foundation for the Promotion of Music

Cheryl Poe, FPM President

The Foundation for the Promotion of Music, Senior Club of the Suwanee District, received the District President's **Music Study Grant** which enabled them to work in partnership with the Senior Recreation Center in Gainesville to offer a FREE 10-week musical journey titled "*A Historical Survey of American Music – Celebrating our Diversity!*" Sessions were held every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00pm from January 22 through March 26, 2013. Dr. David Kushner, retired professor of music at the University of Florida, designed the curriculum and secured outstanding local musicians to present lecture/recitals for each session. Topics included Music of Colonial United States; Moravian Brass Music; Fife & Drum Music of from the Revolution and Civil war periods; The Spiritual; Songs of Stephen Foster; Piano Music of Gottschalk, MacDowell, Joplin; Musical Theater; Blue Grass, Folk & old-time Appalachian music; Jazz; and Music on American Themes by Gershwin, Copland, Ives, Still & Bloch. Approximately 60-75 people attended each session. Participants have requested similar musical seminars in the future.

In November sixty-five students from fourteen teacher studios participated in the **2nd Annual Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival**. There were nine categories based on age and difficulty of music. Judges, Dan Francabandiero and Nancy Hochstetler, awarded a 1st place, 2nd place and honorable mentions for each category. The winners in each division performed on the Stellar Student Recital held at the Thomas Center on Sunday, November 17, 2012.

We sponsored the **3rd Annual Musical Marathon** in January featuring talented musicians from ages 6 to 60+. The day-long event was held at the Doris Bardon Community Cultural Center in Gainesville. Students from the studios of Christine Alicot, Wanda Louie, Barbara Young, Suzanne Carpenter, and Helen Kirklin performed along with several adult musicians. More than \$1400 was raised to help support Friends of Elementary Arts, Inc. and FPM Music Scholarships.

In our Music Outreach journey in the community, we are sponsoring monthly musical soirees at the Doris Bardon Community Cultural Center. These **Doris Bardon Sunday Soirees** continue to grow in popularity. From humble beginnings of 2 or 3 in attendance, the event is often "standing room only". FPM sponsors these Sunday musical gatherings in honor of Doris Bardon who was a major influence in the arts community of Gainesville. Many prominent local professional and amateur musicians share their musical talents at 4PM one Sunday a month. The performances are followed by a reception giving musicians and the audience an opportunity to get acquainted.

Photo Highlights of Suwanee District Events



Uptown Swing to perform on Sunday, April 21



Fife and Drum Music Seminar



Above: FPM's Musical Marathon Performers from Helen Kirklin's Studio

Right: Winners of the Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival





2013 Jeanie/Stephen Court



**Jeanie, Jessica Bianco, and
Stephen, Chris Longo**



**Boca Delray President, Bill Lill and wife,
PPFFMC, Connie with Cait Frizzell, Kathleen
White and Chris Longo**



**Performance by 3rd
Generation Music
Teacher, Laura
Hollis Barret, great
grand-daughter of
Seminole District
President, Marion
Cox**



**Mr. Maio and his
Irish Bagpipe
perform for the
Bayridge District
Meeting**



Capital District Annual Meeting



St. Johns District Meeting



Royal Poinciana District Meeting

AWARDS AND COMPETITION NEWS

Marilyn Caldwell Piano Award

Florida has done it again!! **Gabrielle Chou**, a former FPMC Irene Muir Award recipient is the winner of the 2013 Marilyn Caldwell Piano Award. Gabrielle is also the winner of the 2013 NFMC Southeast Region Stillman Kelley Award. Gabrielle is currently a piano student of Ory Shihor at the Colburn Young Artists Academy. Gabrielle is graduating this year from the Academy and has been accepted to study next year at Juilliard, Oberlin, Manhattan School of Music and the Royal Academy of Music in London. Congratulations!

National Music Week Essay Contest

Congratulations to **Matthew Falgowski**, pupil of Betty Bridges, who has been chosen as Florida's winner in the 2013 National Music Week Essay Contest. Entries were submitted by 100 students from 11 states. Florida sent 64 essays to be judged. Matthew's essay will be printed in the upcoming issue of *Junior Keynotes Magazine*. Great job!

NFMC Student/Collegiate Biennial Competition

Congratulations to **Christopher Longo** and **Caitlin Frizzell** as Florida's entrants in the NFMC Student/Collegiate Biennial Competition. Christopher is the reigning Stephen in the Jeanie/Stephen Competition and Caitlyn is last year's Jeanie. Ana Collado also entered as a contestant. Auditions were held by CD and were judged by Dr. Larry Sledge, Diane Willis Stahl and Dr. Robert Boulware.

Each state may send one candidate per category (male voice, female voice) to this competition. Florida is proud that the 2011 Student/Collegiate Biennial winner in the category of male voice, Chris Kline, is from Florida and the runner-up in the area of female voice, Jenna Siladie, is also from here. We wish Chris Longo and Cait Frizzell the very best!

Junior Division Composition Committee

Judy Gerlach, Chairman

I am proud to announce the winner of the 2013 composition competition. They are:

- LEVEL 1:** 1st - Nadia Main Patel, pupil of Lisa Moore
2nd - Amy Cohen, pupil of Pat Morse
- LEVEL 2:** 1st - Kelly Sylvester, pupil of Suzanne Hollis
2nd - Lorelei Gifford, pupil of Lucy Warren
3rd - Grace Beck, pupil of Suzanne Hollis
- LEVEL 3:** 1st - Felipe Herrera, pupil of Nightingale Ngo
2nd - Javmar Perez, pupil of Jamilla Espinosa
3rd - Lydia Gifford, pupil of Lucy Warren
- LEVEL 4:** 1st - Geoffrey Stamen, pupil of Daniel Nagy
Tie 2nd - Matthew Falgowski, pupil of Marian Cox
Tie 2nd - Joseph Prior, pupil of Lucy Warren
3rd - Savannah Vasquez, pupil of Suzanne Hollis

Congratulations to all of you! We are proud of you.

FFMC Junior Essay Contest

Marian Cox, FFMC Essay Chairman

Thank you to the 58 students who, with the help of their teachers, entered NFMC Junior Essay Contest.

The **7th & 8th grade contest winners** were: Nicole Pekarek, of Sarasota, 1st place, Amanda Gonzalez-Piloto of Miami, 2nd place, and Emily Roles-Fotso, of Miami, 3rd place.

The **9th thru 12th grade winners** were: Sara Preast, of Dover, 1st place, and Monica Hsiang of Niceville, 2nd place.

A big applause goes to Dr. LA Denning's South Miami Middle School Wildcat Music Club, for entering over 40 essays. The other teachers included Alan Caves, Marian Cox, Peggy Edwards, Suzanne Hollis, Loretta Hake, and Linda Rudzinski.

Dr. Sylvia Reynolds Eckes, Professor Emerita of Piano from Ohio University, was the judge. Since moving to Bradenton, she is very active in many music organizations including, the Sarasota Concert Association and the Music Archive. We certainly appreciate her willingness to be our judge. She chose her winners looking for quality of writing, adherence to the topic, ability to hold attention, and clarity of expression. Thank you for helping make this a success.

All entries have been sent to the national committee, where a winner from each state will be selected. All our Florida winners will be recognized at the Junior Convention, in Jacksonville. I am looking forward to sharing one of the winning essays at the spring convention.

Junior Dance Award

The NFMC 2012 Dance Award winner in the Junior I level is **Makeena Ortiz** of Lakeland, Florida from Highland School of Dance. She had been an Honorable Mention Winner in the 2011 FPMC Ballet Auditions. She was featured in the winter 2013 issue of *The Junior Keynotes Magazine*.

Jeanie/Stephen Foster Audition Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the Jeanie/Stephen Foster Auditions:

Jeanie- Jessica Bianco, Sponsored by the *Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland* and co-sponsored by *Claire Frances Whitehurst*.

Jeanie Maids- Courtney Elvira, sponsored by *Lake Wales Music Club* and **Heather Daniel**, sponsored by the *Concert Club of Tampa*

Stephen- Christopher Longo, sponsored by *Boca Delray Music Society*

Stephen Runner Up- Alexander Solomon, Sponsored by *Friday Morning Musicales of Tampa*. See accompanying article.

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76th ANNUAL JUNIOR CONVENTION & AUDITIONS
University of North Florida, Jacksonville
May 3-4, 2013

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From I-95 (North of Jacksonville): Take I-95 South. Merge onto SR-9A N. Exit at the UNF / St. Johns Town Center exit. Stay in your right-hand lane and merge right into the campus.

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REGISTRATION DESK:

All participants must register and pick up materials pertaining to times and room of events.

All students and teachers participating at the audition and convention must be pre-registered on the "Entrant and Performance Form".

All other guests attending are free.

Check-In and Auditions will take place in the Fine Arts Building: Check-in begins at 7:30 am. Auditions at 9:00 am.

Practice rooms will be available from Friday morning to Saturday night for 5 minute intervals.

Meals: On your own.

Achievement Book: Leave at the Registration Desk for judging.

Summer Scholarships: Information and Application forms are at the Registration Desk available to High School Students currently in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Junior Officer Elections: Interested eligible Juniors may pick up an application and apply for the office of their choice at the Registration Desk all day Friday. All applications must be submitted by 10:00 am Saturday at the Registration Desk. Time and place for the elections will be posted at the registration desk.

Rules: All rules for the Junior Convention can be found in the FPMC Junior Division Procedures Manual. This document is located at ffmc-music.org under **FPMC Junior Convention**.

Important: If a student drops out of any event and this information was not available prior to the convention, please report this to the Registration Desk.

Events are open to the public.

FRIDAY, May 3, 7:30 pm

Concert by 2012 Scholarship Winners

Lazzara Theatre

Announcement of Fridays' 2013 Winners

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 7:30 pm

Concert by 2012 Scholarship Winners

Lazzara Theatre

Announcement of Saturdays' 2013 Winners

* **NOTE:** A daily parking permit for \$5.00 (CASH ONLY) is required per day. Parking attendants will be stationed at the entrance to the parking lots/garage to collect parking fees and distribute permits.

2013 FPMC JUNIOR CONVENTION HOTELS

When making reservations make sure that you inform the reservation agent that you are attending a Florida Federation of Music Club Event sponsored by the University of North Florida. Rooms fill quickly.

Embassy Suites Jacksonville-Baymeadows 9300 Baymeadows Road (Exit 341- Baymeadows Rd.) 904-731-3555 \$84/Night Cutoff date: April 19th or until group block is sold out. Includes: King or Double Suites, Complimentary Hot, Cooked-to-Order Breakfast	Wingate Inn Southpoint 4681 Lenoir Ave. South (Butler Blvd. and I-95, West on Butler, right on Bonneval) 904-281-2600 \$67/Night Cutoff date: TBA Subject to Availability Includes: Free Full Hot Buffet Breakfast	The Four Points by Sheraton 8520 Baymeadows Road (Exit 341- Baymeadows Rd.) 904-562-4920 \$72/Night Cutoff date: April 21, 2013 Includes: Private Breakfast
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Deadline for Plans of Work	April 29
FFMC Jr. Convention, Jacksonville	May 4-5
NFMC National Music Week	May 5-12
Music, The Colors of Life	
FFMC Convention Registration Deadline	May 9
FFMC 94 th Spring Convention,	
Miami	May 16-18
NFMC 57 th Biennial Convention,	
Greenville, SC	June 25-29
Deadline for next newsletter:	August 1

Help Needed

Ann Stockton, FFMC President

I received a letter from Carolyn Nelson, NFMC President, asking for all of the senior clubs' date of organization and/or federation. Beginning this year a certificate of recognition, a Centennial Club certificate, will be given to junior and senior clubs upon their 100th anniversary of founding. There are over 50 senior clubs that will be considered charter members because they have already celebrated their 100th birthday. A complete database of all senior and junior clubs is needed. I am asking each of the club presidents to send me their date of organization. Thank you for helping out with this project. Please send to annsmusic@verizon.net.

New Directory Information Needed

Many of the clubs and districts will have new officers this coming year. I am asking each district president to get the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of your district and senior club presidents and treasurers. This information is needed for the 2013-2015 FFMC Directory. The Sharps and Flats mailing list is also compiled using the directory information. Thank you for getting this information to me as soon as possible. My e-mail address is: annsmusic@verizon.net. New district presidents will be installed at convention by Ouida Keck, past NFMC President.

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May 19 Sunday Afternoon 3:00 pm Post Convention Concert- ticket price TBA

Friday, May 17th, Gala Concert

Featuring.....



Ross Harbaugh is Professor of Cello at the Frost School of Music, University of Miami, and cellist of the well-known American Bergonzi String Quartet. His distinguished teachers include Janos Starker, Leonard Rose, and Peter Howard in the United States and Andre Navarra at the Paris Conservatory, and chamber music study with the Juilliard Quartet. As a founding member of the New World Quartet he won the Naumburg Prize, a Prix du Disque, and recorded 14 records and CD's for Vox, MCI Classic and IMP Masters, CRI, Centaur, Fleur de Son, and Musical Heritage labels. Performing throughout Europe and the United States, he has appeared in concerts at the Kennedy Center, Alice Tully Hall, and Wigmore Hall in London, and has concertized with such artists as Leonard Rose, Bill Preucil, Richard Goode, Jeffrey Kahane, Raphael Hillyer, Joel Krosnick, Jerome Rose, Gil Kalish, and the Guarneri Quartet. He has soloed with the Atlanta Symphony, Cincinnati and Toledo Symphonies, among many others, and appears nationally in recital each year. He was Principal Cellist of the Grand Rapids and Toledo Symphonies, and has performed under the direction of Erich Leinsdorf and Max Rudolf. In the pop world, he has appeared on recordings with Michael Jackson and Busta Rhymes. His teaching experience includes stints at Harvard University, University of Michigan, and Interlochen, with master classes at Yale & Brown

Universities, and the Royal College of Music in London. Mr. Harbaugh presents workshops in ensemble communication, Tai Chi for Cello, and gives cello workshops throughout the country at such venues as the 7th American Cello Congress in Tempe and the ASTA National Conventions. He has authored numerous articles for American String Teacher, The Strad, and appears regularly on National Public Radio. He has served as a judge for the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition and the Stulberg Competition, and the Fulbright Competition for Graduate Music Study Abroad. He performs and teaches each summer in music festivals including Cabrillo, Interlochen, Madeline Island, Pine Mountain, Hamden-Sydney, the Margess Institute in Switzerland, Music Mountain, and the Rocky Mountain Summer Conservatory. This summer he will be teaching and performing at the Orfeo Music Festival in Italy.

Bernice Harbaugh received Bachelor and Master of Music Degrees *cum laude* from the Indiana University School of Music, where she was a student of Gyorgy Sebok. She has served on the faculties of the University of Miami, University of Vermont, University of Oklahoma, North Carolina School of the Arts, and the Music Academy of the West. As a collaborative pianist, she has performed throughout the United States, Canada, and Eastern and Western Europe. She served as Artist-in-Residence and Principal Keyboardist of the Grand Rapids Symphony for fourteen years, as Principal Keyboardist of the New Haven Symphony for five years, and toured Europe as Keyboardist with the American Sinfonietta. She studied harpsichord and Baroque performance practice with Edward Parmentier at the University of Michigan. She performs every summer at the Pine Mountain Music Festival in Michigan, and appears regularly in recital with her husband, Ross Harbaugh.

