



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

Check your calendars now and make sure you have reserved May 15-17 for the 95th FFMC Convention being held in Jacksonville. The St. Johns District and Convention Co-Chairs Lisa Smith and Vickie Stake have been working diligently to make sure you have a wonderful experience. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. The convention headquarters will be located in the Embassy Suites Jacksonville, Baymeadows. The team has worked hard to keep costs down and to provide a high quality experience for the attendees. The hotel has a heated indoor pool and hot spa, complimentary evening reception and offers free parking. I have been fortunate enough to stay there in the past and am excited to be able to share this with you. We have been successful in keeping the meals costs reasonable to encourage your attendance.

You might be thinking, "Why should I go to convention? Who should go?" Each senior club should send the club president and treasurer as well as club members who are interested in learning about what has been happening in the federation and the impact it will have on your individual club. The FFMC Bylaws state how many voting members your club is entitled to.

The club presidents, district presidents, national board member, member of year and Florida Fellows will be honored during the convention. Make an effort to be there to share ideas with other clubs on how to better your club.

Our honored guest is Barbara Hildebrand. She is the NFM Treasurer and past Southeastern Region Vice-President. She will be conducting a workshop called to "The Potato Gang" as well as giving the keynote address "NFM, Our Ever Evolving Organization - the SE Region's Part" after our Saturday luncheon. I know you will enjoy meeting her and hearing her words of wisdom.

In an effort to encourage attendance, we have budgeted \$100 each for the district presidents to help defray convention costs. They must attend the full convention and will receive the check at the end of the convention.

Our workshops this year are tailored to your needs and requests. Vickie Stake will be leading a workshop for the Junior Division on Friday entitled "Creativity and Motivation as a Federation Piano Instructor". Ann Stockton will lead a workshop for the senior clubs entitled "Treasure Hunt," emphasizing the treasures available and how to help keep our clubs alive.

It is important that the Junior Division teachers attend the Friday 8:30 a.m. session. Vickie Stake will be conducting this meeting. This is when problem topics and new policies are discussed and decided regarding the Junior festivals, reports and competitions. If you want a voice in these matters, make it a point to attend.

Please read the articles regarding things that are needed for convention, such as reports, silent auction items, and names of deceased members. This will help the convention will run smoothly and efficiently. Make it a point to attend. The official call is included in this issue. Be prepared to enjoy a weekend of outstanding music performances, informative workshops and fellowship in a beautiful setting! See you there!

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????

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:

Myson Raymond Verheul died February 1st in Sarasota, he was just 49 years old. He was the son of Seminole District President, Marian Cox.

Selma Elizabeth Siebel Reddy, past Royal Poinciana District President in 1985-87. She was president of Miami Music Club and was active in the Junior Division. She was born missing her left hand, yet she graduated from the American Conservatory of Music. She was able to use her stump on the left arm and her right hand to play full arrangements of musical compositions. She was an accomplished pianist and teacher.

Tuesday Music Club is saddened to report that **Robert MacDonald**, artist in residence at Florida Southern College and concert pianist, died in September. He was a well loved artist who promoted the performing arts and was known as Mr. Music. He helped many students prepare for the concert stage, taking them under his wing and giving them free lessons and lodging if money was not available. He is survived by wife Ingrid, an accomplished actress; his daughter, Sona, an actress based in Europe; and his grandson, Skye. He will be dearly missed.

We realize there are others who are no longer with us. Please remember to send the names of those who have died this past year to Vickie Stake so that they can be honored at the Memorial Service during convention and their names can be included in the convention booklet.



NOTES FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

Vickie Stake, FFMC Chaplain
vickiestake@gmail.com

As FFMC Chaplain, I am asking each Club/District Area to send me the following about our dear music lovers and teachers whom we have lost this year.

- Name
- Club
- District
- Date of death
- How they served locally, state, nationally, community and/or church
- Years a member
- Personal Interesting thoughts about personality, style of leadership or particular passion in their service

Please also let me know who could best share about them at our Senior Convention in Jacksonville. It's so special when someone from the area can give a personal glimpse into their life. If any family members happen to live close to our area, please invite them for this special service on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

FFMC Memorial and Recognition Fund

If you are looking for a way to honor someone, consider a donation to the FFMF 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, FFMF 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.

FLORIDA FELLOWS

Bess Stallings, Chairman

We always look forward with anticipation to the Annual FFMF Florida Fellows luncheon held each year during the state convention. This year should be no different. Wonder who will be next?

As proud Chairman, I would like to whet your appetites by telling you that so far, 4 candidates have told me they plan to be inducted as a Florida Fellow at the FFMF Convention this May.

Hopefully, this article will serve as a reminder that it's time for you to return your applications to me, if you have not done so already. Also, I'm "ready and willing" to hear from other candidates ASAP.

I hope we can repeat the support we Florida Fellows gave one another at the Convention in Coral Gables last year. Did you see the picture in the summer publication of Sharps & Flats where we dozen Florida Fellows made the centerfold??

Please consider becoming a true FFMF member by contributing \$1,000 to the endowment fund which helps financially support our organization which gives so much to promote music to all ages. Remember, it is a tax-deductible contribution. Applications may be requested by contacting me by phone at (863)773-3594 or by e-mailing me at bessstallings2@gmail.com. I'm waiting to hear from you!

Florida Fellows was the dream of Past President Dr. Isabella Laude, and it has definitely come to fruition with 43 members to date. Although she is homebound, she is just as eager to watch from the sidelines as more and more of her musical friends add to the coffers of FFMF. Please join us!! Hope to hear from you soon, and we'll see you in Jacksonville.

ARTS DIVISION:

Crusade for Strings

Sherry Pollock, NFMC Chairman

We are pleased to welcome **Victoria Lynn Schlutz** as our Florida State Chair for Crusade for Strings. She received her Bachelor of Music Degree from the Conservatory of Music and Dance at UMKC and a Master's Degree from Drake University with studies in piano and composition, with special studies in harp.

She has received many awards locally and nationally for her music. She was FFMC Young Artist Winner and NFMC Parade of American Music Award winner for vocal/piano compositions. She has performed with many of the professional orchestras in the Central Florida area. She has been an adjunct professor for our local colleges.

She has been a member of the Florida Federation as a student and teacher since the early seventies. FFMC Past President Eleanore Gronlund was her mentor and inspired her to join the Florida Federation of Music Clubs.

Victoria is excited to take this position and wants to encourage all of our senior clubs to take part in promoting Strings throughout our state in our monthly meetings and encouraging our students to participate with their music and orchestra programs in school.

Let's get excited about Crusade for Strings and promote strings every chance we get.

National Music Week

Claire-Frances Whitehurst, Chairman

Music- The Dance of Life

May 4-11, 2014

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 Dance of Life*. We are asking the clubs to send the entry form AR12-1 on any activity during the May 4-11 time period. The deadline to receive the form is no later than June 1. To get credit it is important to make sure all printed materials sent mention both National Federation of Music Clubs and National Music Week. Send forms to me at: Claire-Frances Whitehurst, 3360 SW 18th Street, Miami, FL 33415. Cash prizes available.

Sacred Music

Bess Stallings, Chairman

Fellow FFMC members, I hope this is proving to be your club's best year ever and that you remembered to include Sacred Music in your 2013-2014 programs.

Congratulations are in order for **The Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland** and **The Wednesday Musicale of Wauchula** who each received recognition from the National Federation for "Excellence in Sacred Music" for 2012-2013.

With much pride, in February, as FFMC Sacred Music Chair, I had the honor of presenting 8 Wauchula club members with National Certificates of Recognition for 50 years or more of service to our community's Church Music. (That's not bad for a club of 51 members!)

Does this not challenge us all? Both clubs have set good examples for us!, so let's follow their example. Of course, **ONLY** if these activities are reported will there be any chance of recognition....through FFMC or NFMC.

Please don't miss out! Share how YOUR club shows its appreciation for Sacred Music. I look forward to reading your reports AND giving out awards in Jacksonville! (Due to the late arrival of Sharps & Flats, I am extending the final deadline to April 18th.)

To expedite this procedure, and hopefully make it easier for reporting, I encourage you to do this via the website. Just follow these 5 steps: **1.** Go to www.nfmc-music.org **2.** Scroll to Publications **3.** Click on Arts Division **4.** Scroll down to Sacred Music **5.** Pull up AR 11-1, then download.

Arts and American Music Division Reports

Senior clubs please be sure to send the appropriate forms to the committee chairmen so they can be compiled and sent to the national chairmen. Certificates will be given out at convention for those that have sent in the written reports as requested. The forms can be found on the NFMC website, www.nfmc-music.org. Areas involved include: Chamber Music, Sacred Music, Crusade for Strings, Opera, Together We Sing, Folk Music, Choral Music, Music in Poetry, National Music Week in the Arts Division and Parade of American Music in the American Music Division. We are also asking the Senior Clubs to send the Senior Club Reporting Form (ME-7-1) to Connie Lill as soon as possible. Her address is: Connie Tuttle-Lill, 466 NE 5th St., Delray Beach, FL 33483. This is a report of the club's activities, programs, and scholarships given this past year.

AMERICA MUSIC DIVISION:

Parade of American Music

Pat Clarke, Chairman of American Music Division

Last November, the Coral Gables Junior Music Club entertained an appreciative audience of 110 guests to Jazz, Classical and a Combo, recognizing American Composers and American Music.

Kevin Hoffer-Hawlik, president of the Coral Gables Junior Music Club and Junior at Ransom Everglades High School, organized the third annual Parade of American Music in the chapel of The Historic Coral Gables Congregational Church. Rev. Laurie Hafner, pastor, greeted all guests along with Royal Poinciana District President Patricia H. Clarke who also serves as Chairman of American Music Division of FFMC.

Additional activities included a tea hosted by Coral Gables Music Club President Margaret Seroppian and former President Patsy Shaw. Nancy and Jeff Zavac, a mentor for the Junior Club, won the raffle. Anne Cruxent and Ruthe Howard registered all guests and collected \$970 in donations toward scholarships.

These young musicians have a great future ahead remembering the theme of the year, "Music is the oxygen of Life." It was so proven this very day in November 2013.



Years of History

The Interwoven Relationship Between the Stephen Foster Memorial Park and FFMC

Lisa Smith, FFMC Archivist

At the 19th Annual Convention of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs held in West Palm Beach, April 15, 1936, Mrs. Leon Whitehurst made the first bold proposal that FFMC sponsor a memorial to Stephen Collins Foster at the Suwannee River Bridge, which would "be a place for folk songs and music festivals." As a result, a committee was appointed to explore this idea. One year later, Mrs. Whitehurst reported on behalf of the committee, that a corporation would have to be formed in order to own land and build the memorial. At that time, she presented pictures of the land, and gave a description of the memorial planned: an amphitheater with a life-size statue of Foster in the center, and works of his songs inscribed in marble. It was decided that the committee would incorporate, but that it should be tied to the Florida Federation of Music Clubs, so another committee was appointed to consult a "disinterested" lawyer and work out the necessary legal details." Resolutions were adopted and sent to the Florida Legislature asking for a charter.

In 1940, Mrs. W.A. Saunders of White Springs was introduced as President of the Stephen Foster Memorial Corporation. This corporation was interwoven into FFMC; so much so that our Constitution was amended in 1944 to include the President of the Stephen Foster Memorial Corporation as a member of the Board of Directors. In 1945, Mrs. Montgomery reported on behalf of the Stephen Foster Corporation that the State of Florida had released \$15,000 to be used in the building of the Stephen Foster Memorial. Finally, in 1948 Mrs. W.A. Saunders, Legislative Chairman, requested that all funds in the Stephen Foster Memorial Corporation (which had been held in the Federation Treasury) be "made immediately available" as work was moving forward in the Memorial Park. A resolution was adopted by both the Stephen Foster Memorial Corporation and FFMC which expressed appreciation to the State Budget Committee in Tallahassee for the release of the money which the 1938 and 1941 State Legislatures had appropriated, and they requested the release of the appropriation of the 1947 Legislature.

The first-event ever held in the auditorium of the new Stephen Foster Museum in White Springs was the FFMC Fall Board Meeting October 5, 1950. The official dedication of the Stephen Collins Foster Memorial occurred the following day. The program read, "Florida's Stephen Foster Memorial – located "Way Down Upon the Suwannee River" at White Springs – was built by the People of Florida in honor of Stephen Collins Foster – the great 19th Century composer whose "Old Folks at Home" known 'round the world as "Swanee River," has become Florida's official State song. It is planned that this memorial will become not only a fitting edifice in honor of Foster, but also a center of music and gathering place for lovers of music from all over the world." The Reverend Edwin F. Montgomery, of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake City, gave the Invocation. There was an address by John Tasker Howard and Miss Gloria Viller, who sang "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair," accompanied by the Florida State University Ensemble. Florida Governor Fuller Warren made the

dedication address, and the service closed with a medley of Foster songs performed by the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College Choir.

In order to complete the erection of an amphitheater on the Stephen Foster Memorial grounds, in 1952 Mrs. Whitehurst recommended that FFMC endorse a proposal that each club pay \$1 per member toward the project so there would be no further assessments. However, this did not completely cover the construction costs, so in 1954 the Corporation had to send a request to the Legislature asking them to once again appropriate adequate funds to complete the Amphitheatre project.

The first Stephen Foster Ball occurred at the Thirty-Fifth Annual Convention held in White Springs April 29 – May 1, 1952 and was held in the Stephen Foster Museum. The "highlight of the evening was the choosing of "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair" from among the beautiful girls who had been sent from all over the State to compete."

By October of 1953, over one million people had visited the Stephen Foster Memorial Museum. The Jeanie/Stephen Auditions held at Stephen Foster Memorial Park have been a FFMC tradition for 64 years and is an important part of its heritage.

Jeanie/Stephen Foster Auditions

Ann Stockton, Chairman

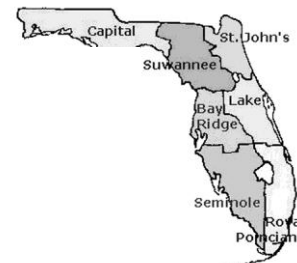
Has your club held its auditions for scholarships yet? This is the time to look for vocalists to compete in the 64th Annual Jeanie/Stephen Foster Auditions on Oct. 3-4 in White Springs. Today we award scholarships of \$1,500 each for Jeanie and Stephen as well as \$750 for a Jeanie maid and a Stephen runner-up. I am encouraging you to find your candidate now as you would be giving them a head start in choosing and preparing their music while still studying with their vocal coach before the summer break.

The winners of the 63rd annual auditions were: Stephen-Alexander Solomon, sponsored by the Friday Morning Musicale of Tampa; Jeanie-Amanda Caban sponsored by the South Metro Music Club of Central Florida; Stephen runner-up-Gabriel Hernandez, sponsored by Boca Delray Music Society; and Jeanie maid- Raphaella Medina, also sponsored by Boca Delray Music Society. Congratulations to the sponsoring clubs and these young people. We were treated to a Friday night concert by the reigning title holders, Christopher Longo and Jessica Bianco. Thanks to Bess Stallings and the Stephen Foster committee for the beautiful reception which followed.

Other clubs and candidates who competed were: Briane Bailey- Harmony Club of Jacksonville, Ana Collardo- Coral Gables Music Club, Louisa Ramirez-Flynn- Friday Morning Music Club of Tampa, Jayla Gillaspie- Calusa Musicale, Rachel Robbins- Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland, and Sara Villa- Foundation for the Promotion of Music.

I am proud of the districts, individuals and clubs who helped sponsor this FFMC project. Your help is deeply appreciated. This competition was created to provide promising vocalists an opportunity to win monetary awards to help them further their music career. This is certainly a way for FFMC to show how "Music raises them up".

DISTRICT NEWS



LAKE DISTRICT

Sherry Pollock, Lake District President

Lake District is pleased to announce the addition of two new senior clubs this year- the South Metro Music Club and Lochwood Academy for the Performing Arts. We now have 6 clubs in our district.

Our Annual District Meeting was held in October. FPMC President Ann Stockton gave a wonderful workshop on all the gems we have available to us as members of National Federation of Music and the Florida Federation of Music.

For our entertainment, we had a wonderful Virtuoso concert featuring Violinist Routa Kroumovich, Alvaro Gomez and pianist Michael Rickman. We are truly grateful to have such world-class artists performing at our meeting. Our Lake District Scholarship winner Stephen Huber Weber played viola and his sister Vanessa Huber Weber played violin. They had the opportunity to study at the Orfeo Festival in Italy.

2014 Jeanie, Amanda Caban, sponsored by one of our newest clubs, the South Metro Music Club, sang beautifully and was accompanied by Victoria Lynne Shultz.

We closed the program with Susan Davison, pianist, and Marla Davison, violist, with their beautiful rendition of the FPMC President's Theme Song "You Raise Me Up." I am looking forward to having a great year with all our clubs.

The South Metro Music Club of Central Florida (SMMC), was formed in July of 2013. Our goal is to develop a Community Outreach Program to benefit our student, teachers and music lovers of all ages. We are dedicated to the purpose of furthering music education and fostering a musical environment in our communities through the sponsorship of musical events and providing performance opportunities to our talented students.

We are pleased to be a part of the National Federation of Music Clubs and the Florida Federation of Music Clubs. We share in the vision to further music education and foster a dynamic music environment in their community.

We are off to a great start with sponsoring the reigning Jeanie for 2014, Amanda Caban, in the Jeanie/Stephen Auditions

We are looking forward to working together in the future.

SEMINOLE DISTRICT

Marian Cox, President

The Seminole District meeting was held in Sarasota on Dec. 14th. Ann Stockton, our State President, was the guest of honor.

All four senior clubs were represented, and gave reports on their activities. It was announced that our district juniors are involved in the composition, and the essay contest. There will be 3 area festivals, including around 800 entries. The highlight of the meeting was 2 young performers-vocal solos by Noelle Aparte, from Calusa, in Ft Myers, and Matthew Falgowski, from Gulf Coast in Sarasota. Matthew is a freshman at University of North Florida. I am proud to announce the birth of my great-son, William E Barrett, born to our youngest senior club member and piano teacher, Laura Hollis Barrett. Congratulations, Laura & Will.

ST. JOHNS DISTRICT

Lisa Smith, District President

St. John's District held its annual meeting on December 4, 2013 at the historic San Jose Country Club in south Jacksonville. FPMC President Ann Stockton was the honored guest and presented an informative address regarding the different "jewels" of Federation. We also enjoyed a program of "Songs of the Season" presented by accordionist Doug Back. St. John's District is in the middle of our FPMC community outreach workshop series, "Music and the Intricacies of the Human Psyche," which has been gaining in attendance and popularity. In collaboration with the Friday Musicale, St. John's District will be having auditions for the FPMC District President's Scholarships for piano, strings, and instruments other than piano/strings and voice on March 29, 2014. On February 28th and March 1st we will have our Junior Festival event at First Baptist Church. We are looking forward to hosting this year's FPMC 95th Spring Convention at the Embassy Suites Baymeadows Jacksonville May 15-17th.



Don't forget to turn in your club news for the Summer Edition of Sharps & Flats. Deadline is August 1st.

OFFICIAL CALL
95th FPMC SPRING CONVENTION SCHEDULE –
May 15-17, 2014
Embassy Suites Jacksonville Baymeadows

Host District – St. Johns District

Host District President – Lisa Smith
 Registrars – Debra Carter

Host District Chairman - Vickie Stake & Lisa Smith
 Distribution Chairman – Sonya Prescott Hilton

Official Headquarters: Embassy Suites Jacksonville Baymeadows
 9300 Baymeadows Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32256
 Phone: (904) 731-3555

Directions:

From I-95 North: Take Exit 341 to Baymeadows Rd. Turn left at bottom of ramp. Embassy Suites is 0.4 miles on the right.

From I-95 South: Take Exit 341 to Baymeadows Rd. Turn right. Embassy Suites is 0.3 miles on the right.

Reservations:

Attendees, please call the **Embassy Suites Reservations Center** @ 800-362-2779, give the date you will be arriving/departing and the group code **"FFM."** The cost is \$89 per night plus tax. The cutoff date to receive this rate is **May 1, 2014**. Embassy Suites offers king or doubles suites, sofa bed, armchair, dining table, wet bar, mini-refrigerator, microwave, and coffeemaker. Hotel also has a heated indoor pool, lush tropical atrium, Steakhouse dining, complimentary evening reception, and free parking.

Meal Reservations: Vickie and Lisa guarantee you will be thrilled with the culinary artistry and tastes provided by Embassy Suites!!! You won't want to miss a meal!

Friday Lunch: Superb Chef's Choice Spread; Delightful Garden Salad w/Assorted Homemade Dressings, Chicken/Beef Entrée, Fresh Vegetable, and Delectable Surprise Dessert.

Friday Night Banquet: Breast of Chicken Duval; Grilled Chicken Breast Topped w/Marsala Sauce, Artichokes, Capers and Mushrooms, Fresh Herb Risotto and Fresh Steamed Broccoli. Field Greens with Plum Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Shaved Bermuda Onions with a Roasted Garlic Vinaigrette.
 Dessert: New York-Style Cheesecake.

Saturday Lunch: Southwestern Buffet; Homemade Chili w/Tortilla Chips, Arizona Chopped Salad, Mexican Rice, Fajita Bar w/Sautéed Chicken and Beef with Peppers, Onions & Lime Juice, Olives, Diced Tomatoes, Guacamole, Sour Cream, Pico de Gallo Salsa.
 Dessert: Cinnamon Crisps.

Registration: Registration fee is **\$25**. Late fee is **\$30**. Deadline is **May 5, 2014**.

Plans of Work:

All FPMC and NFMC Chairmen and District/Club Presidents are to submit a report for spring convention including highlights of this year and plans for the next year. Send or e-mail one copy of your report to **Distribution Chairman Sonya Prescott-Hilton** at 112 Crown Wheel Cir. Jacksonville, FL 32259 Email: hiltonspianostudio@gmail.com by May 8, 2014 so it can be included in delegates' packets. If you will be attending the convention, please be prepared to present a verbal report of no more than 3 minutes in length, and bring two copies of your written report to be given to the FPMC Recording Secretary and Archivist.

Silent Auction:

All Districts are asked to bring "treasures" to be raffled off as silent auction items to help offset the costs of the convention. Suggestions: Baskets of chocolates, wine and cheese baskets, bath and beauty baskets, music wreaths, silver, glassware, music related items.

94th FFMC SPRING CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Embassy Suites, Jacksonville Baymeadows

May 15-17, 2014

Thursday, May 15, 2014

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Junior Division Committee
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Bylaws Committee
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Budget & Finance Committee

Friday, May 16, 2014

8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Registration
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Junior Division – Vickie Stake
8:45 am – 9:15 am	Stephen Foster Committee – Ann Stockton
9:25 am – 9:55 am	Council of District and Club President Reports
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Executive Committee/Board of Directors
11:35 am – 11:55 am	Music Break
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Luncheon Honoring Florida Fellows
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Official Opening of the 95th FFMC Spring Convention
3:00 pm – 3:25 pm	Music and Cookie Break
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm	Workshop: Vickie Stake – Junior: “Creativity and Motivation as a Federation Piano Instructor”
	Workshop: Ann Stockton – Senior: “Treasure Hunt”
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Banquet honoring FFMC Member of the Year, Club and District Presidents, National Board Members
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Concert- Aaron Krosnick, Viola, and Mary Lou Krosnick, Piano

Saturday, May 17, 2014

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration
8:30 am – 9:15 am	Memorial Service – Vickie Stake, FFMC Chaplain
9:15 am – 9:35 am	Music Break
9:35 am – 10:30 am	Reports of National and State Chairmen, Districts, Council of District and Club Presidents
10:35 am – 11:00 am	Music Break
11:05 am – 12:00 pm	Workshop with Barbara Hildebrandt, NFMC Treasurer
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Luncheon Honoring NFMC Treasurer Barbara Hildebrand
	Keynote Address
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Awards
	Finish any unfinished business
3:15 pm	Post Executive Committee Meeting (if necessary)



Pictured at left are the Wauchula Wednesday Musicale's Proud recipients of the NFMC Certificate of Recognition for 50+ years of dedication to the community's Church Music
Pictured from left: Joyce Maenpaa, Jeraldine Crews, Sylvia Ann Barrows, Libby Bradley, Arden Rawls and Dot Bell with Musicale President James Stallings holding the club's NFMC Award of Merit for "Excellence in Sacred Music." Unable to attend were members Carol Myer and Neva Howard.



Upper Left:
Suwannee District Meeting with FPMC President Ann Stockton, Claudia Brill and Cheryl Poe



Upper Right:
Attendees at Royal Poinciana District Meeting

Right:
Bess Stallings, Chairman, honored Maria Laude, as the newest Florida Fellow



Jeanie/Stephen Foster Winners with FPMC President Ann Stockton and NFMC VP Michael Edwards.
Winners: Alexander Solomon sponsored by Friday Morning Musicale, Amanda Caban, sponsored by S. Metro Music Club, Raphaella Medina, sponsored by Boca Delray Music Society and Gabriel Hernandez, sponsored by Boca Delray Music Society.

Junior Festivals Information

FFMC Festivals Chair, Lisa Smith

As the 2014 district festival season comes to an end, excitement grows for those juniors who have qualified to participate in State Junior Convention May 2-3 at the University of North Florida. Applications can be obtained from ffmc-music.org. Please read and be familiar with the rules and guidelines in the Junior Division Procedures Manual that govern the State Junior Convention. Every new and renewing member of FFMC was sent an email containing this document last fall. If you are unable to locate the email, this document can be downloaded from the FFMC website under the Junior Festivals tab. It is important to note that although memorization is no longer required at area festivals for American Patriotic Folk Song event, it is STILL required at the FFMC State Junior Convention.

Also, at the FFMC Spring Convention in May 2013, the Board of Directors passed a new rule concerning FFMC State Junior Convention which states, "Each festival area having entries in the State Junior Convention will provide a full day (minimum of half day for each worker) of monitoring for each day of the competition. If not, they will make arrangement, including funding, to hire an individual to cover that responsibility. Names with contact information will be provided to the Monitor Chairman at least 14 days prior to the start of the convention." This rule has come to fruition because over the years it has become increasingly difficult for FFMC to obtain and secure willing volunteers to assist at the state junior convention. It is crucial that we have enough workers to help audit and monitor audition and practice rooms at the venue so that the event will run efficiently and successfully. FFMC feels this rule will facilitate that goal. Please start planning ahead now in terms of who will represent your area as a volunteer for State Junior Convention.

Many thanks to the wonderful area festival chairs who volunteer their time and expend much effort to ensure all area festivals are conducted capably and with great success!

FESTIVAL CUP NEWS

Consult with your local cup chair on the deadline for forms and fees. Remember to sign and date the form. With your cooperation, we can have cups on their way. Cups are shipped as a bulk order at no additional charge. They take several weeks to process.

Be sure to open cartons and inspect upon delivery and promptly report any missing or damaged cups or nameplates.

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

For students who are earning a 75-pt or 90-pt cup:

Teachers are to use the NEW JR 4-1 form. Enter year-by-year events Solo and Concerto and indicate combining of points where specified. President's Cup is available as ornate "Italian" or standard. Provide student's phone number and email on JR 4-5. Both forms are available for download from NFMFC. Send in forms promptly after Festival to your local chair.



AWARDS AND COMPETITION NEWS

National Music Week Essay Contest National Chairman Mary Ellen Ulmer notified us that **Mark Lyford** was chosen as Florida's winner of the 2014 National Music Week Essay Contest. Entries were submitted by 137 students from 16 states. \$800 was awarded to the winners. Mark is a student of Dr. Lev Gurevich. His essay can be read in the Spring Edition of the **Junior Keynotes Magazine**. Congratulations!!!

2013 National Music Essay Contest

Marian Cox, FFMC Essay Chairman

FFMC has 22 entries in the 2013 National Music Essay Contest. We appreciate the hard work of our judge, Lois Duncan. Lois has written over 50 books including *A Gift of Magic*, *Down a Dark Hole* (soon to be a motion picture) and upcoming release *Written in the Stars* which is coming out this month.

The 7-8th grade winner was **Jordyn Potts**, and the 2nd place winner was **Marisa Potts**, both of Windermere. The 9-12th grade winner was **Rachael Cramer** of Sarasota, and the 2nd place went to **Carolyn Shields**, of Cooper City.

All of the entries have been sent to National and 1 winner will be chosen from Florida. Many THANKS goes to the teachers for encouraging their students to write the essays.

Winners will receive recognition at the Junior Convention, and I hope all of the essays will be read at their local Senior club meetings.

2013 NFMC Dance Award

Fifteen-year old **Alexis Low** is the 2013 first-place winner on the Junior Dance Award in Theater Dance II, Lyrical for her presentation, *The Call*. She also placed second in Ballet II for her performance of *Diana and Acteon*. Alexis also has won first-place awards, including the Frances R Beery Classical Ballet Award and Brevard County Dance Competition. She danced with the Brevard Community College Contemporary Performance Group and as soloist with the Cornerstone Dance Company. Alexis was presented her award on Junior Day at the NFMC Biennial Convention in Greenville, SC.

NFMC Festival Gold Cup Winner

Congratulations to Niceville Sr. High School senior, **Monica Hsiang** who earned the Grand Cup in piano solo this year. She has been a winner in the annual Alpha Masonic Lodge Mozart Piano Competition & the Choctaw Bay Music Club Sonata-Sonatina Competition. She won second place in the high school division of the FPMC Essay Competition. Previous awards include Padaerwski Gold Metal (2011). As a violinist, she participated in the Federation Festivals violin solo and duet and plays first violin in the Northwest Florida Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Alice Yu, valedictorian from Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando, placed 2nd in the state for Senior Concerto and was named state winner of Musically Advanced II Level of the FPMC. She placed 1st in the Orlando Music Club Scholarship Audition Competition three times and 2nd place once. Last year she won the MTNA concerto competition at the state level & this year she received the President's cup from NFMC.

Riverview of Sarasota Junior, **Ashley Vastag** will complete high school in Pfungstadt, Germany where she was chosen for a scholarship to study abroad through the Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange Program. She plans to continue working on the Festival music in Pfungstadt and hopes to receive the 90-point cup in 2014.

Matthew Falgowski won the Florida State Music Teachers Association community service award for Sarasota County. He has been chosen as a national winner in the NFMC Music Week essay contest. Matthew is now attending University of North Florida in Jacksonville and continues the study of both jazz and classical piano.

Serena Tan has earned NFMC's 90-point gold club for 12 consecutive Superior ratings in Piano Solo & Senior Concerto. She has also been involved with Sign Play and Patriotic and has been awarded FPMC's State Competition 1st place trophies in 5 events and Honorable Mention Ribbons in several events. Serena was presented her 90-point cup at the 76th annual FPMC's State Competition held May 4, 2013. She is a 2013 Honors graduate of Stoneman Douglas High School in Coral Springs & will attend New York University this fall with a major in business or law.

FFMC Composition Competition

We are pleased to announce the following winners of the Composition Competition:

Junior Class 1

1st Place - Kayla Troung, teacher Suzanne Hollis
2nd Place - Sophia Valeria Castillo, teacher, Monica Nordelo

Honorable Mention - Nia Koehn-Haskin, teacher Laura Woodside

Junior Class 2

1st Place - John Lowndes, teacher Lucy Warren
2nd Place - Kirby Conner, teacher Suzane Hollis
Honorable Mention - Loreli Gifford, teacher Lucy Warren; Susana Lowndes, teacher Lucy Warren & Alex Fullerton, teacher Suzanne Hollis

Junior Class 3

1st Place - Michael Stauffer, teacher Josh Ewing
2nd Place - Haley Fishberger, teacher Monica Nordelo
Honorable Mention - Lydia Gifford, teacher Lucy Warren; Jack Wolf, teacher Lucy Warren; Kaitlyn Harp, teacher Lucy Warren; Hannah Scrivens, teacher Yun-Ling Hsu; Erin DeBoer, teacher Lucy Warren; Jessica Metzger, teacher Joanna Han

Junior Class 4

1st Place - Matthew Reichenberger, teacher Donald Waxman

Official Call Junior Division
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS INC.
77th ANNUAL JUNIOR CONVENTION & AUDITIONS
University of North Florida, Jacksonville - May 2-3, 2014

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CONGRATS TO TEACHERS/JUNIORS for those Junior Convention Qualifying Superiors!!

REGISTRATION DESK: All participants must register and pick up materials pertaining to times and room of events. PLEASE advise Registration Desk if a student drops out of any event, and this information will not be available prior to the convention. All students and teachers participating at the audition and convention must be pre-registered on the "Entrant and Performance Form". Other guests attending are free.

CHECK-IN AND AUDITIONS will take place in the Fine Arts Building: Check in Begins 7:30 A.M. Auditions at 9:00 A.M Practice rooms will be available from Friday A.M to Saturday P.M: Intervals of 5 minutes. Please be courteous to others as all need to warm up. Please leave **Achievement Book** at Registration Desk for Judging.

DIRECTIONS TO UNF: Available on the University of North Florida web site.

MEALS: You are on your own: St. John's Town Center is less than 5 minutes from UNF.

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS: Information and Application forms are at the Registration Desk for High School Students currently in 9, 10 and 11 grades to receive money for Summer Camp.

JUNIOR OFFICER ELECTIONS: Interested eligible Juniors grades 9,10 & 11 may get 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 A.M Saturday at the Registration Desk. Time and place for the elections will be posted at the registration desk. Juniors of all ages may vote for the candidates of their choice. Each person running for an office shares a short speech as to why they wish the honor of being a junior officer. Junior officers are required to work at Junior Convention.

RULES: All rules for the Junior Convention can be found in the FPMC Junior Division Procedures Manual. The document is located on our website www.ffmc-music.org under FPMC Junior Convention.

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friday, May 2nd
7:30 PM

Concert by 2013 Winners
 Announcement of Friday's
 2014 Winners

Saturday, May 3rd
7:30 PM

Concert by 2014 Winners
 Announcement of Saturday's
 2014 Winners

TEACHERS, you are responsible for securing all your awards for students not present at this assembly. You may secure them at the end of the evening. Make arrangements with a friend/parent if you will not be present.

URGENT: All Festival areas that have students enrolled in this event are REQUIRED to provide one worker for each day of the competition. Two Full days of work from each Festival Area could also be taken care of by having four people, each working one-half day. Times can NOT be split smaller than ½ day, and it is MOST DESIRABLE to have someone for the entire day. Please provide no later than 14 days before the event the contact information for your area's workers. Our event is so huge it requires we make this a requirement to continue to be professional and successful. Send to gavin.taylor@arlington-umc.org, Monitor Chairman 2014

2014 FPMC JUNIOR CONVENTION HOTELS

Thank you for using our posted hotels if possible. These hotels have been and are extremely supportive of the goals of the FPMC.

Embassy Suites Jacksonville-Baymeadows 9300 Baymeadows Road (Exit 341- Baymeadows Rd.) 904-731-3555 \$85/Night <i>Includes: King or Double Suites, Complimentary Hot, Cooked-to-Order Breakfast</i>	Four Points by Sheraton Jacksonville Baymeadow 8520 Baymeadows Rd. (Exit 341 – on Baymeadows Rd. at Bayberry) 904-562-4920 \$73/Night <i>Includes: Private Continental Breakfast</i> Go to: www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/FFMC2014	Wingate by Wyndham-Southpoint 4681 Lenoir Ave. South (Butler Blvd. and I-95, West on Butler, right on Bonneval) 904-281-2600 \$67/Night Ask for FPMC Group Block <i>Includes: Free Full Hot Buffet Breakfast</i>
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Updated 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. Thank you for getting this information to me as soon as possible. My e-mail address is: annsmusic@verizon.net.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Deadline for Plans of Work

FFMC Jr. Convention, Jacksonville	May 2-3
NFMC National Music Week	May 4-11
Music, The Dance of Life	
FFMC Convention Registration Deadline	May 8
FFMC 95 th Spring Convention,	
Jacksonville	May 15-17
NFMC 58 th Biennial Convention,	
Portland, OR	June 24-28
SE Regional Meeting	
Brevard, NC	July 11-12
Deadline for next newsletter:	August 1



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REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION FORM
FFMC 95th SPRING CONVENTION
May 15 – 17, 2014

Make checks payable to: **FFMC**
Mail to: **Registrar - Debra Carter**
2716 Flynn Cove Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32223

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Club Name: _____

Title(s) for Badge: _____

If you have any special dietary restrictions, please notify the hotel as well as indicating it on this application form.

Friday Lunch: Chef's Choice Buffet \$16.00 _____

Friday Night Banquet: Breast of Chicken Duval \$21.00 _____

Friday Night Concert: Adult Ticket \$20.00 _____

Student Ticket \$15.00 _____

Students (10 or more tickets - \$10 each) _____

Saturday Lunch: Southwestern Buffet \$23.00 _____

Registration Deadline: 5/5/14

Registration Fee: \$25.00 _____

Late Fee (after 5/5/14) add \$5.00 _____

Room Reservation Deadline: 5/1/14

TOTAL\$ _____

☒ Check One if Voting Delegate:

☐ FFMC Executive Committee

☐ FFMC Board of Directors

☐ FFMC Life Member

☐ Club Delegate

☐ Junior Counselor

☐ Student Organization

☐ Individual Member

Please check if you are a:

☐ Florida Fellow

☐ FFMC Past President

OFFICIAL CALL
95th FFMC SPRING CONVENTION SCHEDULE - May 15-17, 2014
Embassy Suites Jacksonville Baymeadows

Host District – St. John's

Host District President – Lisa Smith
Host District Chairmen – Vickie Stake & Lisa Smith

Registrar – Debra Carter
Distribution Chairman-- Sonya Prescott-Hilton

Official Headquarters: Embassy Suites Jacksonville Baymeadows
9300 Baymeadows Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32256
Phone: (904) 731-3555

Directions:

From I-95 North: Take Exit 341 to Baymeadows Rd. Turn left at bottom of ramp. Embassy Suites is 0.4 miles on the right.

From I-95 South: Take Exit 341 to Baymeadows Rd. Turn right. Embassy Suites is 0.3 miles on the right.

Reservations:

Attendees, please call the **Embassy Suites Reservations Center** @ 800-362-2779, give the dates you will be arriving/departing and the group code "**FFM**." The cost is \$89 per night plus tax. The cutoff date to receive this rate is **May 1, 2014**. Embassy Suites offers king or doubles suites, sofa bed, armchair, dining table, wet bar, mini-refrigerator, microwave, and coffeemaker. Hotel also has a heated indoor pool, lush tropical atrium, Steakhouse dining, complimentary Evening Reception, and free parking.

Meal Reservations: Vickie and Lisa guarantee you will be thrilled with the culinary artistry and tastes provided by Embassy Suites!!! You won't want to miss a meal!

Friday Lunch: Superb Chef's Choice Spread; Delightful Garden Salad w/Assorted Homemade Dressings, Chicken/Beef Entrée, Fresh Vegetable, and Delectable Surprise Dessert.

Friday Night Banquet: Breast of Chicken Duval; Grilled Chicken Breast Topped w/Marsala Sauce, Artichokes, Capers and Mushrooms, Fresh Herb Risotto and Fresh Steamed Broccoli. Field Greens with Plum Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Shaved Bermuda Onions with a Roasted Garlic Vinaigrette.
Dessert: New York- Style Cheesecake.

Saturday Lunch: Southwestern Buffet; Homemade Chili w/Tortilla Chips, Arizona Chopped Salad, Mexican Rice, Fajita Bar w/Sautéed Chicken and Beef with Peppers, Onions & Lime Juice, Olives, Diced Tomatoes, Guacamole, Sour Cream, Pico de Gallo and Salsa.
Dessert: Cinnamon Crisps.

Registration: Registration fee is **\$25**. Late fee is **\$30**. Deadline is **May 5, 2014**.

Plans of Work:

All FFMC and NFMC Chairmen and District/Club Presidents are to submit a report for spring convention including highlights of this year and plans for the next year. Send or e-mail one copy of your report to **Distribution Chairman Sonya Prescott-Hilton** at 112 Crown Wheel Cir. Jacksonville, FL 32259 Email: hiltonspianostudio@gmail.com by May 8, 2014 so it can be included in delegates' packets. If you will be attending the convention, please be prepared to present a verbal report of no more than 3 minutes in length and bring two copies of your written report to be given to the FFMC Recording Secretary and Archivist.

Silent Auction:

All Districts are asked to bring "treasures" to be raffled off as silent auction items to help offset the costs of the convention. Suggestions: Baskets of chocolates, wine and cheese baskets, bath and beauty baskets, music wreaths, silver, glassware, music related items.