



# Sharps & Flats



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Theme & Song: *Find Us Faithful*

## NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*Bess Stallings*

**Fall 2016**

My, how time has flown since the Spring newsletter! Our FPMC membership has had a busy and productive time.

For your President, it began with a trip to Jacksonville the first weekend of May for the annual FPMC Junior Festival with over 1,160 students, their parents, siblings and teachers on the beautiful University of North Florida campus with state-of-the-art facilities. This three-day event was under capable leadership of Vickie Stake and Lisa Smith.

Our 97<sup>th</sup> State Convention in Gainesville was equally successful. The Suwanee District worked very hard, and it was so evident! We were honored to have National President Michael Edwards as our honored guest with a challenging message! Congratulations to Lisa Moore for being chosen "Member of the Year" and Anne Pray for becoming Florida Fellow #50. Enjoy perusing the pictures in this edition of *Sharps & Flats*.

Michael's talents continued to shine at the National Convention in Tulsa. We were SO proud to claim him as "ours," temporarily on loan to NFMCA. His leadership skills were evident throughout the conference. As Florida President, I was so proud to represent our state and was thrilled to be a part of the Presidents' Day where 30 State Presidents met, and were challenged and given an opportunity to share. What enthusiasm we evidenced!

While in Tulsa, we proudly heard our own Rob Coopman leading three workshops and keeping

everyone's attention, especially when wife Chai shared the microphone with him. What inspirations they are!



*Michael Edwards, Ann Stockton, Dave Stockton, Elaine Knight, and Bess Stallings*

The temperature change in the mountains of Brevard, North Carolina was welcome for our two days hearing talented young musicians who reminded us that after all these years the hills are STILL alive with the Sound of Music!

On a sad note, while at the National Convention in Tulsa, we received word of the passing of Dr. Isabella Laude (April 16, 1931-June 21, 2016). So many in attendance at the convention were her friends and acquaintances, sharing so many happy memories of her endeavors at the local, district, state and national level. Many will remember she was editor of *Music Clubs Magazine* for many years. Her memorial service was held in Lake Wales on June 30, and FPMC was well represented. Condolences may be sent to the family at 444 Seminole Rd., Babson Park, FL 33827. They welcome favorite memories of

Isabella and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Frances Rands Beery Dance Award.

As we look ahead to the fall, we always enjoy district meetings. I will attend them all, and am really looking forward to seeing each of you. Elsewhere in *Sharps & Flats* you will find dates and places listed under "Calendar of Events." Please make every effort to attend!

We will kick off 2017 by traveling to White Springs for the 66th annual Jeanie/Stephen Auditions. I cannot mention this event without giving credit to Connie Lill for "stepping up to the plate" at the last minute when we found ourselves without a chairman. Not only did she accept it, but she and husband Bill made sure all legal "i"s were dotted and "t"s crossed when a large donation (The Rose Marie Genser Memorial Bequest of \$50,000) as well as the Boca Delray Music Society bequest of \$42,042.74 were made, making them contributing sponsors of the Jeanie/Stephen Voice Competition currently held annually at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center. These funds are permanently restricted so yearly interest adds to monies already in place for our annual four awards of Jeanie and Jeanie Runner-Up (Jeanie Maid) and the Stephen and Stephen Runner-Up (second place).

Also, under Connie's leadership, a Dorothy Evans Jeanie Gown Library has been established in an effort to assist future Jeanie contestants with mandatory wardrobe. Dorothy was an ardent supporter of the Jeanie/Stephen Auditions up until her death earlier this year.

These two ladies are examples of the importance of contributions being made to guarantee a legacy for "those who come behind us," as our President's Theme and President's Song stress.

Members, I encourage you to keep your eyes and ears open and be aware of those who just might be willing to support our efforts only if asked. If you are hesitant to approach someone, contact any of our officers, and we'll be happy to help.

In closing, I want to thank each of you who have been so faithful during the 2015-2016 year. You have proven yourselves to be faithful to me as your proud President and to our organization. You have been found faithful in MY eyes, and am

certain in the eyes of others....others of ALL ages. Thank you for your faithfulness and the example you set.

With deep appreciation and gratitude,

*Bess A. Stallings*

## NEWS FROM NATIONAL CONVENTION

*Elaine Knight, Vice President*

*South East Region*

The NFMFC Convention was wonderful! All ten of the Southeast Region Presidents attended President's Day including your President Bess Stallings, and your past President, Ann Stockton. We learned about the Divisions of NFMFC, and how everything works together. We had such a good time, and this Vice President learned things she did not know.

We had a wonderful Federation Days weekend at Brevard Music Center. Mr. Mark Weinstein, President made a presentation about the needs of Brevard. We were able to enjoy the new acoustics installed in the auditorium and a large fan over the audience to move the air!

Ann Stockton became a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow as a surprise from her husband.

Many of the Southeast Region participants are interested in supporting both financially and by our attending other Southeast Region Summer Music Centers. At the Regional Luncheon in Dayton in 2017, more information about prices and facilities for the other centers will be available. Marcia Chaplin from Virginia has been nominated to serve as Southeast Region Vice President. Her duties will begin after the Convention in Dayton in June. There would not be time to move to another music center by July of next year, so we will return to Brevard for July 7-8, 2017.

If Florida members are interested in attending the Brevard Festival next year, this Vice President will be driving and can make travel arrangements for attendees. If necessary a van can be rented. It is urgent that everyone books a hotel by May or June. You will receive the "call" from Lee Ann Cummings, the President for Mississippi, as they will be in charge.

**NFMC: AMERICAN MUSIC DIVISION**  
**Southeastern Regional Report**  
**Ann Stockton, Chairman**

I was pleased to attend NFMC Conference in Tulsa in June. Our divisions presented a skit about the areas covered in the American Music Division to the state presidents on Presidents Day. I told about the Award for the Parade of American Music and the American Music NFMC Award for American Music all year long. I have to choose our top three reports to send to the national, which then chooses the winners from all of the reports submitted. Both of these awards

are monied awards, and worth the effort. I would love to hear from each Florida club, as I know you are doing great programs, but are not taking the time to fill out a report. On the Parade of American Music



form clubs have the option of just filling out a written report or going all out for consideration of a monied award. This would include compiling a notebook with printed programs, pictures, publicity, proclamations and other things that would show what the clubs did to celebrate with American music during the month of November.

The American Women Composers area is also a part of our Arts Division. Please find programs that feature music by American women and fill out the report found in the Publications area of the website.

Folk Music is another area of the Arts Division. Five prizes of \$100 each will be given to the clubs that present the best program and events in the area of folk music. Let's put Florida on the map as winners in all of these areas! Turn in your reports and brag on your club!!!!

**Photos Highlights from NFMC Convention**  
**In Tulsa, Oklahoma**

Delegates at the FFMC Convention show off their patriotic colors!



Native American Dancers in traditional regalia delighted attendees.



**YES! Our Fabulous Florida Delegates:**

Bess Stallings, Ann Stockton, Dave Stockton, Suzanne Carpenter, Peggy Willis, and Lisa Smith





## NFMC CONVENTION: FESTIVALS UPDATE

*Lisa Smith, National Festivals Chairman*

As of July, I am pleased to report 98,788 Juniors and 431 Adults participated in National Federation of Music Clubs Festivals program throughout the nation in 2015 - 2016. The Festivals program is a dynamic part of the National Federation of Music Clubs. During the past NFMC Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Festivals Committee and Junior Division accomplished much policy-making. A special thank you to Sandra Preysz, NFMC Bulletin Editor, for overseeing and producing the new 2017 – 2020 NFMC Festivals Bulletin. This invaluable tool can be purchased through your local area or directly from National Federation of Music Clubs headquarters.

Please see the following updates concerning NFMC Festivals:

- At the June 20, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting, National Federation of Music Clubs President, Michael Edwards, appointed an ad hoc committee to prepare a Junior Division Federation Festivals Procedures Manual. This Festivals Procedures Manual is a compilation of rules and regulations that were readily available but scattered throughout a variety of different and separate NFMC publications. This document exists to streamline and organize the copious amounts of information pertinent to the Festivals program and serves as a tool for all levels of Festivals administrators and teachers. The information it contains is assembled from the NFMC Standing Rules, Bylaws, the NFMC Festivals Bulletin, the NFMC Manual, and JR Forms. Many Festivals procedures and guidelines have been clarified in this document. It was approved by the NFMC Board of Directors in Tulsa and will eliminate the current JR 3-14 “Directives for Conducting Festivals” document. The NFMC Junior Division Federation Festivals Procedures Manual will be available online for free download starting September 1<sup>st</sup> from the NFMC website ([nfmc-music.org](http://nfmc-music.org)) and will be updated annually.
- The NFMC Theory Advisor to the NFMC Bulletin, Cherisse Miller, will be allowed to formulate new practice theory tests which will specifically follow the guidelines contained in the 2017-2020 Bulletin. Formerly, NFMC had been using the prior year’s theory tests for practice the following year which required updating the NFMC website every year. This new procedure will permit the practice tests to be more in depth to give students extra practice with key concepts found in the Bulletin requirements for each level. Additionally, these practice tests will be available for the life of this Bulletin thus eliminating the need to update them online every year.
- The required correlations between Piano Hymn Playing/Piano Solo Event and American Patriotic and Folk Song Piano Event/Piano Solo Event will be suspended and addressed with the next NFMC Bulletin. The correlations listed in the 2017-2020 Bulletin should be considered guidelines or suggestions. For more specific information, please read Sandra Preysz’s Autumn *Junior Keynotes* article concerning Bulletin Adjustments.
- Gloria Lien, Federation Cup Chairman, will investigate the possibility of combining Federation Cup points for the Percussion Events between different percussion instruments.
- Festival entrants may enter Organ Repertoire, Sacred Organ and Hymn Playing Events each year. Entrants are not limited to one organ event per year. Alternating between the three organ events to earn an “Organ” Federation Cup is not an option.
- A task force will be formed to study the guidelines for compliance with the Child Protection Policy for Festival events.

## STATE NEWS

### FFMC JUNIOR 2016 CONVENTION REPORT

*Vickie Ball Stake, State Junior Counselor*

Inspiring and more than wonderful describes the music at our FFMC Junior Convention at UNF May 6-7. Hundreds of students from all over the state of Florida shared in performances, celebrating in one of the few places where music reigns supreme all weekend. Whether a teacher, parent, music lover, family member, judge or volunteer, we all left the University of North Florida overwhelmed with a most hectic and at times, exhausting, yet delightful experience!

We are very thankful for the support of the University of North Florida staff. They were attentive to many details that must be masterfully produced in an event involving hundreds of students. We are most grateful for this Fine Arts Center as it has so many auditoriums and large rooms in one facility to accommodate such tight schedules with so many events. We are supported by four hotels whose staffs were extremely generous with comp rooms for our judges from out of town. We had judges from; Florida State University, University of North Florida, Jacksonville University, and Rollins Colleges as well as judges traveling from as far as Miami to serve us.

Suzanne Carpenter, Lisa Smith, Gavin Taylor, Mike Stoeber, Sonya Prescott Hilton, FFMC President Bess Stallings as well as our National President Michael Edwards, worked tirelessly before and during the event. Volunteers from St. John's District and other districts served in our districts and clubs.

Pianos, so graciously, donated with NO rental charge are not to be taken for granted. Parsley's Piano, Kelly's Piano and Organ and Keyboard Connection charged only what it costs to move pianos. Jason Hilton, our incredible technician, serves faithfully trying to keep our main performance pianos in great shape.

All results and 2016 officers are posted on FFMC website. Scholarship monies were once again increased to honor students. You would be amazed if you, once again, check our website to see the opportunities for monies. This is an amazing way to keep names/memories alive of those dear members who loved FFMC enough to donate monies which continue year after year, to encourage young musicians long after they have departed this earth.

Our dates for next year are May 5-6 and we encourage teachers and students to prepare diligently for District in order to qualify for our FFMC Junior Convention.

Let's continue to spread the word about the wonderful opportunities at FFMC Junior Convention where music is the only game in town, not football! Students sense they are one of hundreds who value music so highly and are inspired to work even harder the next year to rise to higher levels!

### **FFMC Announces 2016 Member of the Year: Lisa Moore**

Lisa Moore received the honor of FFMC Member of the Year for her unselfish contributions in all four levels of service to FFMC at the 97th FFMC Spring Convention in Gainesville, Florida.

- Locally, Lisa works tirelessly in the Orlando area. She obtained several grants for Orlando Music Club. She served as its President from 2011-2013 and is the current treasurer. She helps promote OMC musical opportunities for local young musicians.
- At the District level, Lisa has been a vital part of Lake District. She served as the Festival Cup Chairman and as the Area Festival Chairman of the Altamonte Festival.
- At the State level, Lisa wears many hats: She serves as FFMC Festival Cup Chairman with great diligence. She is our New Member Liaison, guiding potential new members through the membership process. She serves as the FFMC Webmaster.
- At the national level: Lisa attended the Portland Conference. She has graciously agreed to be the FFMC Technology Consultant, facilitating Florida's entry into the mandated NFMC Festival Online system.

## 2016 FESTIVAL CUP PROGRAM – Student Success!

*Lisa Moore, Chairman*

Florida is proud to have so many students active in the NFMC Federation's Junior Festival and the festival cup program. Here are the students who earned top cups with their teachers and events:

<b>President's Cup (90 points)</b>		
Callie Delaney	Vickie Stake	Piano Solo
<b>Grand Cup (75 points)</b>		
Beverly Ge	Carol Cohen	Violin Concerto
Chen, Claire	Olga Glick	Piano Concerto
Dewitt, Parker	Marian Cox	Piano Solo
<b>60 Points</b>		
Nicholas Abrahams	Huifang Chen	Violin Solo
Melissa Brown	Wanda Louie	Piano Solo
Sydney Chung	Loretta Hake	Piano Solo
Grace Coulter	Priscilla Heffield	Piano Solo
Parker Dewitt	Marian Cox	Hymnplaying
Justin Han	Joanna Han	Piano Solo
John Hogarty	Vickie Stake	Piano Solo
Steven Xinyi Jia	Judith Burganger	Piano Solo
Paulina Kovalenko	Kamila Shahtakhtinski	Piano Solo
Alice Lee	Jae Jung	Piano Solo
Phil Lee	Pietro Iannotti	Piano Solo
Savannah Mills	Ron Porch	Piano Solo
Minerva Nong	Olga Glick	Piano Solo
Nicole Pekarek	Marian Cox	Piano Solo
Shehani Perera	Trudy Hom	Piano Solo
Skylar Powell	Sonnhild Kitts	Piano Solo
Samuel Riddle	Laurent Boukobza	Piano Solo
Antonio Romero	Ruth Lewis	Piano Solo
Carolyn Shields	Diana Heller	Piano Solo
Jacob Skiles	Vickie Stake	Piano Solo
Tara Tovkach	Roxanne Godwin	Piano Solo
Christine Tao	Maria Gomez	Piano Solo
Zachary Verzwylvelt	Loretta Hake	Piano Solo
Cassia Wang	Kamila Shahtakhtinski	Piano Solo

## FFMC Junior Festivals Information, *Lisa Smith, Chairman*

**Congratulations** to all Area Festivals Chairmen, Junior Counselors, and Juniors for another successful Florida Festivals year! In 2015 – 2016 Florida once again had the most participants in the Junior Festivals program in the United States, boasting 9,439 entrants representing 459 Junior Clubs. **Thank you to all volunteers** who devoted countless hours to help with our district and state events. Without your assistance, we could not have provided our Juniors with numerous musical opportunities such as the FFMC State Junior Convention.

As we begin a new Festivals season, it is vital that all Area Festival Chairmen, Junior Counselors, teachers, and Juniors be knowledgeable concerning national guidelines and deadlines. Please make sure you are familiar with the rules found in the NFMC Festivals Bulletin; there are important guidelines both in the “General Rules” section and in the introduction of events. Also, I cannot stress the importance of regularly checking the National Federation of Music Clubs website ([nfmc-music.org](http://nfmc-music.org)) for 2017 – 2020 Bulletin adjustments. New this year is a NFMC Junior Division Federation Festivals Procedures Manual which will be available September 1<sup>st</sup> for free download off of the NFMC website. Lastly, in Florida we annually update and send to all members the FFMC Junior Procedures Manual that contains the rules which govern our FFMC State Junior Convention competition. It is every teacher and Junior Counselor’s obligation to read, comprehend and observe all procedures in order to ensure positive festival experiences for all participants.

During the FFMC Spring Convention, many adjustments were made in the guidelines for district and state Festival events. Please note that although NFMC has suspended the American Patriotic Folk Song, Piano Hymn Playing required correlations with Piano Solo Event, Florida still requires the correlations requirements contained in the FFMC Junior Procedures Manual. Only students who wish to participate in APFS and/or Piano Hymn Playing Events at State need to adhere to the required correlations with Piano Solo Event.

Please see below for the new guidelines for the FFMC Junior Procedures Manual.

1. Page 5: Amend statement under section titled “Junior State Convention” to “Entrants who have not reached 19 years of age as of the date of their Area Festival event and who...”
2. Page 6: Eliminate #3 on “General Checklist.”
3. Page 9: Under section titled “Selection to be Performed” after sentence 3 add statement “If the required edition listed in the Bulletin does not have an accompaniment, no accompaniment can be added or improvised.”
4. Page 10: Amend years for NFMC Festivals Bulletin to “2017 – 2020.”
5. Page 10: Concerto subdivision lists have been revised for piano.
6. Page 11: Violin Solo/Violin Concerto Correlations are now required in new NFMC Bulletin.
7. Page 11: In the Ensemble Events section eliminate first sentence and amend second sentence to “In all ensemble events solo partners must be within two classes.”
8. Page 12: Piano Hymn Playing /Piano Solo correlations remain the same for State Junior Convention participation requirements.
9. Page 12: Piano Solo/American Patriotic Folk Song Event change title to American Patriotic Folk Song Piano Event; correlations remain the same for State Junior Convention participation requirements.
10. Page 14: Add statement, “FFMC Scholarships are not awarded to the same Junior more than one time.”
11. Page 15: In Awards Ceremonies section; add “Presentation of 12+ Consecutive Superior National Certificates.”
12. Page 15: In Interrupting Auditions section add statement “Any student, parent, or teacher who exhibits disruptive behavior at State Junior Convention will be immediately disqualified and future participation suspended until further notice.”
13. Page 15: Under “Interrupting Auditions” section add new section “Warm-Up Rooms” and statement “No warm-up rooms will be provided at FFMC State Junior Convention.”
14. Page 21 & 22: Dues chart revised.

Unfortunately, practice and warm-up rooms will be eliminated due to several incidents of aggression and belligerence towards FFMC volunteers and UNF staff by a few parents of the entrants this past year. As a result we were told by UNF that we would have to hire Jacksonville Sheriff’s Officers @ \$55 per hour per officer next year if we wished to have warm-up rooms. It is regrettable that the negative actions of a few must consequently impact so many others.

**FL FELLOWS' FABULOUS SURPRISE!***Connie Lill, Chairman***William Pray Gives a Surprise Gift**

Sometimes at the Annual FFMC convention, a surprise honor is bestowed to a FFMC member. This year was no exception. Even the Florida Fellows Chairman had no idea!

Mr. Bill Pray honored his wife Elizabeth Anne Pray who became #50 Florida Fellow in Gainesville at the Ninety-Seventh Annual FFMC Convention at the Wyndham Garden Hotel on June 3, 2016. What a pleasure to have her join the ranks the Florida Fellows. She has always been involved in the Friday Musicale of Tampa. She has served on committees, chaired committees including the Jeanie/Stephen Committee of the Tampa Club. Many times we see her sitting at the piano as an accompanist. We are so very proud to have you on board, Anne !!!!!

Any questions on how you too can be a Florida Fellow, contact Chairman Connie Lill, (561) 703-7333 or [connielill@cltuttle.com](mailto:connielill@cltuttle.com)

**JEANIE/STEPHEN UPDATES***Connie Lill, Chairman*

**Weekend to Remember - January  
20,21,22, 2017 !!!!**

Plan now to mark your calendar to get in the Jeanie/Stephen spirit of the Stephen Foster Weekend being held at a new time of the year. The 66th annual Jeanie/Stephen Voice Competition will take place as it always has at the

Stephen Foster Folk Cultural Center in the Museum on Saturday Morning, but in January not in October. Please see their website with pictures of the museum, carillon tower, craft square/gift shop, and activities.

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Stephen-Foster](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Stephen-Foster)

The park has always had a Stephen Foster Day in January to commemorate the death of Stephen Foster. Our reigning Jeanie and Stephen would perform. The thought was to combine the events to expand it to a weekend to remember. January is a great time for college voice students who do not have recitals and other performances. The park has its winter volunteers to assist Museum Guide, Pat Cromer.

On Friday evening, the contestants, escorts, guests, and FFMC members will be invited to the Golden Slipper Dinner being held at the Historic Lake City Woman's & Garden Club building having just completed its multi-dollar renovation. Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Country Inn and Suites in Lake City.

FFMC clubs are asked to budget and to send contestants to enter the competition.

Thanks to the Boca Delray Music Society and the Miami Music Club, The Dorothy Evans Dress Library has been established. The library has eight (8) dresses which will be loaned to the sponsoring clubs who do not own their own dresses. Official dress patterns are available to clubs. Stephen contestants will rent cut-a-way tuxedos.

Further information and applications are on the website. [www.ffmpegusic.org/jeanie](http://www.ffmpegusic.org/jeanie)

All members interested in being on the committee, underwriting, making dresses, please call or email Chairman Connie Lill (561)703-7333 : [connielill@cltuttle.com](mailto:connielill@cltuttle.com) or on the website.

**Mark Your Calendar, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, January 20,21,22, 2017!**



**FROM YOUR FFMC TREASURER**

Welcome to our new FFMC fiscal year 2016-2017!  
Time goes by when you are having fun ☺

**SENIOR CLUBS:** All Senior Club Treasurers should have received by snail mail, a 2016-2017 dues form and liability insurance information. As announced after the 2015 NFMC Convention, it was necessary to increase 2016-2017 Senior dues to \$10.00 a member (\$100 minimum for 10 members or less).  
<http://ffmc-music.org/seniorbill.pdf>

**JUNIOR CLUBS:** In July, Junior Club dues forms were mailed to those who were previously members. For 16 students (juniors) or less, the dues are \$50; \$2 is required for each additional junior over the minimum of 16.

<http://ffmc-music.org/juniorbill.pdf>

**LIABILITY INSURANCE:** All FFMC events *must* have NFMC liability insurance. The annual disclaimer form has been sent to all District and Senior Club Presidents and Treasurers. The notarized signature on this form ensures that each event under FFMC auspices will have liability insurance. If choosing to *not* purchase this liability an event cannot be considered as having any connection to FFMC. That request form is on our website at:  
<http://www.ffmc-music.org/liabilityinsurance.pdf>.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Phillip LeGrand, FFMC Secretary, has sent the FFMC Board Members a Conflict of Interest to sign and return to him by September 1, 2016

Suzanne Carpenter, FFMC Treasurer

[Treasurer@ffmc-music.org](mailto:Treasurer@ffmc-music.org)

**OUTGOING NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
DONATION**

For each National President, a fund is created to endow a scholarship in the name of the Outgoing National President. Our new NFMC president is our very own Michael Edwards. Over MANY years, Michael has devoted much of his time, expertise and funds to FFMC. At the FFMC convention in Gainesville, we honored Michael by passing the recommendation that each district contribute a minimum of \$100 a year for four years toward the scholarship in his name. Senior clubs and individuals are encouraged to contribute as well.

Michael's scholarship will be for a Graduating Senior Performance Award: "The recipient must be a graduating high school senior who pursues a degree in performance at an accredited music school. Applicants must have earned at least one NFMC Federation Festival Cup by their senior year."

**IMPORTANT NOTE FROM****MICHAEL EDWARDS, PRESIDENT NFMC**

*Please make sure that you use the current NFMC forms. All forms are being updated. Make sure your form is dated **August 2016**.*

## CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR CRADLE ROLL

*Bess Stallings*

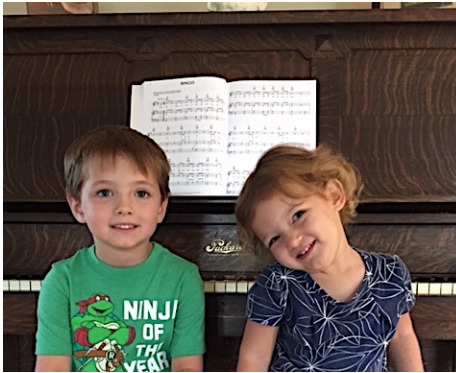
Don't parents and grandparents like to brag about their little ones??...especially those who are carrying on their family's love of music? Looking for the perfect, lasting gift to give in honor of the birth of a little one?

There is always an opportunity to add names to the FPMC/NPMC Cradle Roll!

In the 2016-2017 year, President Bess Stallings and fellow officers are encouraging parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends to make this possible.

For a \$25 donation, any child from birth to 5 may be added to the Cradle Roll list. A picture with a brief cutline is always welcome.

Send the info with a \$25 check made out to FPMC to Suzanne Carpenter, FPMC Treasurer, P.O. Box 357275, Gainesville, FL 32635-7275 or download # ME 1-1 at [www.nfmc-music.org](http://www.nfmc-music.org) for the application. Cradle Roll membership lasts for five years, and the names will be listed in the Directory for that term.



New Cradle Roll members pictured above are Cohen Thomas and Eden Claire Bolinski, ages 5 and 2, who are seated on the bench of their maternal great-great-grandmother's piano. The youngsters are the grandchildren of FPMC President Bess Stallings and husband Jim, President of the Wauchula Wednesday Musicales. Their parents are Meredith and Brandon Bolinski of Peachtree Corners, GA. The children represent the fifth generation of their family being involved in Music Clubs in Florida, as well as Georgia.

Also recently added to the FPMC Cradle Roll are the grandchildren of FPMC Vice President, Cheryl Poe.

Elizabeth pictured on the left is now 5!

Beatrice on the right is 18 months.

Grandfather, Gerald Poe, and great-grandfather, Chester Poe, rebuilt this old upright piano in the 1970's.



## FFMC JR. ESSAY CONTEST

*Marian Cox, Chairman*

Now is the time to give your students the NPMC & FPMC ESSAY CONTEST INFORMATION. The 2017 TOPIC IS: "Music – an adventure for life".

Find rules and application on the website

[www.ffmc-music.org](http://www.ffmc-music.org). Two applications (one for the state and one for national) should be sent to me, along with a photo, by December 15, 2016. After judging is complete at the state level, essays are sent to National where one winner from each state will be chosen. For more information, contact me at

[marianc@comcast.net](mailto:marianc@comcast.net).

## DISTRICT AND CLUB NEWS

### Bay Ridge District News

*David Stockton, President*

The clubs within the Bay Ridge District are busy preparing for the year ahead. Programs have been planned, yearbooks being prepared and committees are being formed to help the meetings run smoothly.

The **Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland** has an interesting variety of programs planned. In an effort to involve other 501 © 3 groups, we are planning joint ways and means projects with the United Women's Club of Lakeland this coming year, as well as several on our own. The monies earned will help us supply scholarships to students who plan a musical career.

The **Friday Musicale of Tampa** is hosting the Bay Ridge District meeting this year on Friday, November 4, 2016. They are also working on finding the perfect venue for our 2017 FFMC Convention. There is a lot to do and see in Tampa, such as the Stratz Performing Arts Center, Busch Gardens, MOSI, Aquarium and the original Columbia Restaurant. Plan on staying a few extra days to see these sights and more!

### Lake Wales Music Club, Inc.

*Lois Lucas, President*

On June 21, 2016 Lake Wales Music Club, Inc. lost a very influential member when Dr. Isabella Laude passed away. She had been our president, a Bay Ridge District President and a Florida State president. Isabella served as our Parliamentarian and made sure we conducted our meetings as they should be.

During the years she served on many different state committees as well as our club committees. Isabella founded the FLORIDA FELLOWS which now has 50 members.

We will all miss Isabella very much.

### Wednesday Musicale (Wauchula)

*James Stallings, President*

On **February 6, 2016**, members and guests celebrated the **90th anniversary** of the Wednesday Musicale. The Wednesday Musicale is the local senior club in Wauchula, FL and is a club within the Bay Ridge District.

It was federated in 1924, the same year that the original DeSoto County was broken up into two counties: Hardee County to the north (county seat is Wauchula) and a new, smaller DeSoto County to the south (county seat is Arcadia). Cary Hardee was governor in 1924 and the new county of Hardee was named after him.

The celebration was attended by over 130 members and guests. Food, desserts and drinks were available to all during the entire program with recognitions of former members, out-of-town guests and new members. A special cake was made by a local baker and presented to all in attendance.

The focus of the celebration was upon the legacy and traditions left by those "who have gone before us." Guest performances featured inspirational music, in particular from those who have won scholarship awards presented each year by the club to high school seniors who qualify and audition before the club in May of each year.

The roll call of former presidents was read and the years of their service. The roll call of the founding members was also read. The Wednesday Musicale is one of the oldest music clubs in the state of Florida. Its current membership is 68 paid members. It meets the second Wednesday of each month October - May. For more information, please call [863-412-4379](tel:863-412-4379).

The Wednesday Musicale opened its stage for junior high and senior high music students once again in **April and May, 2016** for music presentations and scholarship auditions. The club was pleased to announce that over 20 local students were given the opportunity to perform before club members and guests.

April and May each year have become noted locally for emphasis upon end-of-year recitals, concerts and then graduation, culminating in performances after year long practices and rehearsals. The Wednesday Musicale has become a destiny of choice for many of the students who wish to perform before a live audience before taking their music skills to the next level.

April 2016 saw 13 students perform before the Wednesday Musicale featuring classical, gospel and country selections. Band directors from both the junior and senior high also performed, along with their students. Over 60 club members and guests were in attendance.

May, 2016 saw 10 seniors apply for annual scholarship awards offered by the club - the largest number of students ever to apply. Eight of the applicants auditioned before 45 members and guests. A committee of 5 members judged the auditions and afterwards met to select the winners. The students who audition are judged on 5 criteria:

- (1) Musical Presentation
- (2) Personal Presentation
- (3) Appropriate Attire
- (4) Completeness of Application
- (5) Essay

The Wednesday Musicale is the only scholarship program for local high school seniors where applicants must perform. They are restricted to no recorded accompaniments allowed. Vocalists, instrumentalists and composers may apply.

## Lake District

*Victoria Schultz, President*

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The 2016 Lake District Annual Meeting will be held October 30, 3:00 PM at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Orlando. We are looking forward to hearing an address from FFMC President Bess Stallings and reports from our six Senior Clubs and four Area Festivals. We

are inviting State Winners from the Florida Festival to perform.

On November 5th, South Metro Music Club of Central Florida will sponsor another FFMC Lake District Youth Fiddle Workshop.

Many of our clubs are active with student recitals, member meetings and Founders Day programs. The Orlando Music Club has planned another year filled with performances and activities. The Wednesday Music Club has invited Lake District President Victoria Lynn Schultz to perform a harp concert for their February meeting as part of their monthly program series.

We are looking forward to another season of events for Lake District, including the scholarship auditions in 2017.

Officers for the coming year are:  
President-Victoria Lynn Schultz, Vice President-Barbara Browning, Treasurer-Sandy Kuptez, and Secretary-Nancy Jontz.

## South Metro Music Club of Central Florida

*Sherry Pollock, President*

We are starting our 3<sup>rd</sup> year this fall with our monthly and quarterly recitals. Each recital has a different theme for each month. November is a special American Music Presentation.

We are looking forward to our annual South Metro Fiddle-Fest at Maitland Presbyterian Church. We invite teachers from all of Central Florida to join us for our workshop followed by a concert.

We will celebrate Founders Day in January with teachers and students sharing their love for music.

We encourage our students to take part in Junior Composer Contest, Essay Contest and Festival.

We look forward to a successful year.



## **Saint John's District**

*Lisa Smith, President*

On April 2, 2016, St. John's District presented three scholarship awards of \$500 each to deserving young musicians in the greater Jacksonville area who will be pursuing music performance degrees in the fall semester of 2016. We are very grateful to FPMC for making these scholarships possible so our districts can reach out to the community and support talented young artists. Cassia Wang won the scholarship for piano, Ana-Sofia Pozo won the scholarship for strings, and Hamza Abouelhouda won the scholarship for instruments other than strings or piano. We held our scholarship auditions in partnership with the Friday Musicale of Jacksonville. Also, on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. John's District and Harmony Senior Music Club held auditions for the Mary Elizabeth Land Scholarship for piano students majoring in music. Viann Yu, student of Peggy Edwards, won the \$500 award this year and will be attending Mannes School of Music in pursuance of a Piano Performance degree. On April 9, 2016 St. John's District held its annual Greater Jacksonville Federation Competition at Edward Waters College. This year, 198 students from 19 teachers participated in 451 events. We had the honor of hosting the 79<sup>th</sup> annual FPMC State Junior Convention May 6 -7, 2016 at the University of North Florida for approximately 1,160 Juniors who competed in over 2,500 events.

## **Seminole District**

*Marian Cox, President*

Greetings from Seminole District, LET'S ALL HAVE A GOOD MUSICAL YEAR!!!!

Our 5 senior clubs are making plans for some great musical events this year. Our District meeting will be held December 10 at the Der Dutchman restaurant in Sarasota. The program will include performances from all our senior clubs, plus some important words from our state president, Bess Stallings. Please put the date on

your calendar, and come and meet our state president. I encourage all teachers to promote the opportunities and contests available through our organization. The composition, essay, and Junior Festival are there for ALL our juniors. The Gulf Coast Senior Club has a local essay contest, and all the entries are then sent to the state contest. Please go to the state website for all the information and deadlines. The three Junior Festivals in the Seminole area are Calusa (Ft. Myers) February 10-11; Manatee-February 4; and Sarasota-February 24.

## **Suwannee District**

*Claudia Brill President*

### **Foundation for the Promotion of Music**

*Linda Blessing, President*

The Suwannee District had the privilege of hosting the 97<sup>th</sup> FPMC Convention in May at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Gainesville on June 2-4 2016. Our local club, the Foundation for the Promotion of Music, served as the planning committee consisting of Linda Blessing, Cheryl Poe, Claudia Brill and Suzanne Carpenter. Districts and local clubs presented their reports and a memorial service honored 27 members who died during the past year. The Friday evening banquet recognized the FPMC Musician of the Year, Lisa Moore, as well as national board members and district presidents. Several musical interludes were presented by local high school and college students as well as a special performance by the Stephen Foster Competition winner, Josiah Martin. Excellent workshops were presented by Louis Rose, Dr. Michael Plaut, and Cheryl Poe.

We are busy planning our 2016-2017 events which include a Guest Recital, a Sonata/Sonatina Festival, a Music Marathon Fundraiser, a Stellar Wind and Percussion Recital and a Scholarship Recital featuring the winners of the Sarah Baird Fouse Wind Award, the Dorothy Reaves String Award, and the Betsy Schnell Youth Awards. It should be another exciting and rewarding year as we strive to fulfill our goal of supporting the musicians in our area.

**2017 FPMC FRANCES RANDS BEERY  
BALLET AWARDS  
LIVE AUDITIONS**

**Saturday, April 8, 2017 10:00 A.M.  
Lakeland, Florida**

Ballet students between the ages of 12 and 18 are invited to apply for the 2017 FPMC Frances Rands Beery Ballet auditions.

**Awards available:** First \$750, Second \$250, Honorable Mention \$25

Students must perform at least two dances including one combination *en pointe* from classical ballet performed in leotard and one variation in costume (contemporary, or original) plus demonstration of basic techniques.

Winners also receive a plaque and a sketch of the career of Frances Rands Beery, an international premier ballerina, who was a member of the Lake Wales Music Club and Dance Chairman of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs. The awards were endowed in her memory by the Lake Wales Arts Council.

Entry fee and completed application must be sent to the chairman, Dr. Monica Laude, **postmarked no later than March 1, 2017**. Address can be found on form on FPMC website: <http://www.ffmc-music.org/ballet.htm> Contact Dr. Monica Laude (863) 455-9941 or email: [ballet@ffmc-music.org](mailto:ballet@ffmc-music.org)

Auditions will be held at the Highland  
School of Dance  
6929 Old Highway 37  
Lakeland, FL 33811

**THE DR. ISABELLA LAUDE DANCE  
PLAQUE AWARD**

The Dr. Isabella Laude Dance Plaque is awarded biennially at the state convention to the senior club doing the most to promote dance. Congratulations to the 2015 Winner: Lake Wales Music Club, Inc.!

Schedule a dance program for your senior club now and become eligible TO WIN this plaque PLUS \$100 CASH! So please include dance in your club programs! (Next award given in 2017.)

Eligible programs include international, classical, folk, or modern dance programs; awarding prizes or scholarships to dance students, having dance exercises, book reviews or other types of programs promoting dance.

**DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2017**

Send report of your dance program to FPMC Dance Chairman, Dr. Monica Laude, before April 15, 2017:

Dr. Monica Laude  
444 Seminole Road  
Babson Park, FL 33827

Or via email:

[monicalaude@comcast.net](mailto:monicalaude@comcast.net)



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Application Deadlines (Fall 2016)

FFMC Conflict of Interest Form: September 1  
 FFMC Junior Composer's Contest: November 15  
 FFMC Junior Festivals: December 10 ( or local deadline)  
 FFMC Essay Contest: December 15, Theme: *Music ... An Adventure for Life*

### FFMC District Meetings 2016-2017

Bay Ridge	4 November 2016
Capital	22 January 2017
Lake District (Orlando)	30 October 2016
Royal Poinciana	TBA
Saint Johns	7 December 2016
Seminole	10 December 2016
Suwannee (Gainesville)	19 January 2017, 11:30 am

### WINTER/SPRING 2017

Founders' Day	January
FFMC Junior Festivals	February (Check with District)
Jeanie/Stephen Auditions	20-21 January 2017 (66 <sup>th</sup> annual)
Frances Rands Beery Ballet Auditions	8 April 2017
The FFMC Dr. Isabella Laude Dance Plaque	April 2017
National Music Week	May 1-8 (NMW Theme: <i>Music ... An Adventure for Life</i> )
FFMC Junior Convention	May 5-6 at Univ. of North FL, Jacksonville
FFMC 98 <sup>th</sup> Spring Convention	1-3 June 2017
NFMC 59 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention	20-24 June 2017, Dayton Ohio
Southeastern Region Meeting-Brevard	7-8 July 2017

## WITH REVERENCE, WE REMEMBER

*Vickie Stake, Chaplain*

### BAY RIDGE DISTRICT

#### Friday Morning Musicale:

Merrill Blau, June Coe

#### Lake Wales: Annetta Graham, Dr. Isabella Laude

#### Wednesday Musicale of Wauchula:

Charles DeLoach, Claudette Kemen,  
 Vica Tomlinson

### CAPITAL DISTRICT

#### Choctow Bay:

Gene Bernstein, Tilman Singleton

### LAKE DISTRICT

#### East Coast: Jo Ann Helen Reif



*For those who come behind us, find us faithful.*

### SEMINOLE DISTRICT

**Sarasota Music Club:** Robert Ashley,  
 Marilyn Hyson, Dorothy Boothroyd,  
 Margaret (Peggy) Clow

### ROYAL POINCIANA DISTRICT

#### Boca Delray Music Society, Inc.:

Floss Keesley, Helen Walker

#### Miami Music Club: Dorothy Evans

#### Music Club of Hollywood:

Benn Burr, Teresa Coopman,  
 Cecilia Rongren, Sue Mayer,  
 Harper Davidson, Bosie Foote,  
 Claire-Frances Whitehurst,  
 Julio (Jay) Clarke, Artie May Henry

### SUWANNEE DISTRICT

#### Foundation for the Promotion of Music:

Dorothy Kotwica





# 97th Florida Federation of Music

## Florida Fellows

### Front Row (left to right):

Bess Stallings  
Violet Mandese  
Marilyn Fisher  
Ann Pray  
Ann Stockton  
Dave Stockton



### Back Row (left to right):

Connie Lill  
Lisa Smith  
Chai Chien  
Bill Lill  
Suzanne Carpenter  
Jerome Lowe  
Michael Edwards



Jerome Lowe, Ann Stockton,  
David Stockton



Lisa Moore,  
FFMC Member of the Year



Bess Stallings, FFMC President



Britton-Rene Collins and Skyler Covert



FPM Host team: Wanda Louie, Cheryl Poe, Suzanne Carpenter,  
Claudia Brill, Linda Blessing, Michael Plaut

# Clubs Convention Highlights



left to right: Suzanne Carpenter, James Stallings, Bess Stallings, Phillip LeGrand, Cheryl Poe



R. Gary Langford Sextet: Ed Legare, Ed Anderson, Gary Langford, Ben Grier, Dave Hutchings, Rob Pelick



Mark Irchai, piano soloist



Westwood Saxophone Trio:  
David Dixson (Director) Darius Galloway,  
Marico Brasom, Carlos Nelson,



Josiah Martin,  
Stephen Award Winner

Barry-Suzanne Collins, Collin Kane,  
Abbie Ringdahl, Alex Janell, Kelly Wang



Michael Edwards, NFMC President

