



# Sharps & Flats



An Official Publication of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs

Theme & Song: *Find Us Faithful*

## NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*Bess Stallings*

**Spring 2016**

As I type this greeting to my fellow FFMC members, I am sitting on our screened porch, watching the many signs of spring. In fact, the typical Florida breeze has caused me to go inside for a sweater. Yes, it **IS** spring, and that breeze is evident by the trees swaying as I watch out over the pasture as our cows graze.

I can't help but chuckle, even today, when reminiscing about the time Jim and I hosted the October 2009 Bay Ridge District meeting in our home. The inside was over-flowing and crowded, thus necessitating our utilizing the back porch rockers as we listened to the musical program. Just as the pianist and flutist were concluding their classical number, one of our Mother cows quietly ambled up to the porch, and standing right behind the guests, let out a VERY loud bellow. Scared out of their wits, everyone jumped, many grabbing their hearts. I thought for sure we would have to call 9-1-1 and report multiple heart attacks! The only attendee who didn't hear the cow's musical "contribution" was Petra Sussman who had quietly (and perhaps wisely) slipped out and perched herself on the front porch swing, swinging to her hearts content!

In reviewing our family guest book where everyone "signed in," I noted the signature of Michael Edwards. He was our state president at the time, and had surprised us by driving all the way from Plantation in south Florida to the big city of Wauchula. He was faithful then and remains faithful today.

It is so exciting that our current NATIONAL PRESIDENT is our own Michael Edwards! He really "hit the ground running" after his induction in Fargo, ND. We look forward to seeing him in action June 21-25 in Tulsa. Thanks to his wisdom, as state president, I am looking forward to attending State Presidents' Day the day prior to the convention. What a great (and needed) idea, Michael! Hope you'll see an improvement in me whenever I return. It's not too late to sign up to go to Tulsa. Come, hear the music, the inspirational speakers, and fellowship with fellow music lovers...plus, you get to see another part of our nation!! (See the Spring 2016 Music Clubs Magazine for the Official Call and important info on pages 6-9. Remember, the hotel deadline is **May 30**, and deadline for meal and reservations is **June 1**.)

**Of GREATER importance to FFMC is our own convention planned for June 2-4. Hotel deadline is May 10.** You will find elsewhere in this edition of Sharps & Flats, the invitation to our 97<sup>th</sup> annual State Convention in Gainesville. The committee from the Suwannee District is working very hard to bring about one of our best conventions in years. I can attest that the facilities are wonderful. I just HAD to go and check it out for myself, mainly because the prices are so unbelievably reasonable. Thanks to Vice President Cheryl Poe and Treasurer Suzanne Carpenter for discovering this gem which overlooks a large lake nestled in the oak trees. To top it off, the Wyndham Hotels have purchased the facility AND they are grandfathering in for us the most-reasonable prices!! I think you'll be most

pleased as you read further about all the perks of us having this as our convention site.

We will be honored to welcome Michael to our convention in Gainesville. He will be bringing the keynote address at our noon luncheon on Saturday. Come prepared to be informed and challenged!

DON'T DELAY, peruse this edition for updated State Convention information. With this Sharps & Flats, as well as the Music Club's Magazine latest edition, let me remind you to be faithful to our group meetings. BEWARE enthusiasm can be infectious!!

Do you remember that our theme for 2015-2017 is *Find Us Faithful*? I personally strive to be faithful to my faith, my Musicale, FPMC and my friends and family. How about you?

When I think of faithful, I think of those FPMC members who have passed away since our 96<sup>th</sup> convention in Sarasota. We have lost way too many of our devoted members! I came up with a list of adjectives to describe those special members, including dedicated, talented and philanthropic; in other words, generous with their time, talents and money. Does this describe me? How about you?

Their passing has left a huge void in our personal lives; however, this gives each of us the opportunity to "step up to the plate" and fill in for them. Let's not let them down, but determine to carry on the legacy!

As the challenge from our President's Song and Theme reminds us, *May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe that the lives we lead inspire them to obey. Oh, let all who come behind us find us faithful.* May this be true of each of us.

Have a happy spring and summer!

**Announcement from our NFMC President:**

**Michael Edwards**

Noah Waddell, 15, student of Leonidas Lipovetsky, has been announced as the NFMC first place winner in the Stillman Kelley Competition. The NFMC Stillman Kelley Competition Junior Division is open to all instrumentalists. Noah was awarded \$1,000. Noah was also a recipient of the Irene Muir Award and the Connie Tuttle-Lill All Performance Award at FPMC Junior State Conventions.

***Congratulations Noah!***

**PUBLICATION OF AMENDED BYLAWS**

Four bylaw amendments were approved by FPMC Board of Directors at the 2015 FPMC Convention in Sarasota. Publication herein is in compliance with FPMC Article XXIII:

**Article VII Sec 1.** Add Appoint the three members audit committee. Motion made to change the amendment to Delete Article XV Finances, Section 3 Audit Committee.

**Article VI, Section 2.** Delete parliamentarian.

**Article IX Section 3.** Delete.

**Article X, Section 1. Organization.** Music clubs of the state may become members of the district and the state and national federations for the purpose of bringing them into closer working relationships, and to cooperate in specific plans for the advancement of music. Each club shall provide for a dissolution clause in its bylaws specifying the manner of disbanding and the disposition of club assets. If certain members desire to leave a member club and form a new non-member club, the club name and all funds shall remain with those members continuing as the member club.

**DUES UPDATE**

NFMC Senior Dues will be raised to \$6 for 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. Presently, of the \$6 per Senior Club member, \$3 is retained by FPMC and \$3 is sent to NFMC. Also, NFMC Junior Club Dues will change. Counselors currently pay for a minimum of 20 Juniors; for 2016-2017 that minimum will change to 16. For 2016-2017, NFMC will receive \$22 and each additional Junior over 16 will be assessed \$1. At the FPMC Convention in Gainesville (2-4 June 2016), we will decide if the state portions for both Junior and Senior members must be increased as well.

Suzanne Carpenter, FPMC Treasurer  
Treasurer@ffmc-music.org

## STATE NEWS

### Jeanie/Stephen Foster Competition And the Winner is!

*Connie Tuttle-Lill, Chairman*



From left to right:

Ian Silverman-2016 Stephen Runner Up; Mia Tamburrino-2016 Jeanie Maid; **Melaina Cartwright-2016 JEANIE**; **Josiah Martin-2016 STEPHEN**; Gabriel Hernandez-2014 Stephen; Sara Villa-2014 Jeanie

The Sixty-Fifth Annual Jeanie/Stephen Auditions were held on March 4-5, 2016 at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center in White Springs, Florida. Melaina Cartwright-Mills was crowned Jeanie 2016 by the 2014 Jeanie, Sara Villa. She was sponsored by the Foundation for the Promotion of Music of Gainesville, Linda Blessing President. She is a junior majoring in Voice Performance at Stetson University.

Josiah Martin became the Stephen 2016 when Gabriel Hernandez the 2014 Stephen presented him with his Stephen medallion. He was sponsored by the Miami Music Club, Dr. Jay Hess, President. He is a Junior majoring in voice performance at Florida State University, Tallahassee.

Mia Tamburrino and Ian Silverman both sponsored by the Coral Gables Music, Freda Janney-President, became the 2016 Jeanie Maid and the Stephen Runner-Up. Both attend the University of Miami, Frost School of Music, majoring in voice performance.

The Friday Evening Reception was hosted by the Suwannee District headed by FFMC Vice President, Cheryl Poe. District members lending a helping hand were Claudia Brill, Linda Blessing, and Suzanne Carpenter. Saint John's District assisted with Lisa Smith, Sylvia Smith, and Haywood Smith. Robin Wyche, a Stephen Foster Citizens Support Group member made the centerpiece for the Governor's table in the Museum.

A special thank you to all of the Event Donors who appeared on the program.

They were: Boca Delray Music Society, Marilyn Fisher (in memory of Dale L. Fisher), William and Connie Lill, Lake Wales Music Club, Bay Ridge District, Sarasota Music Club, Coral Gables Music Club, Friday Morning Musicales of Tampa, Orlando Music Club, Helen B. Niedung, Choctaw Bay Music Club, Capital District, Suzanne Carpenter, Gulf Coast Music Club, James and Bess Stallings, and the Wednesday Musicales of Wauchula.

Many thanks are always in order to Museum Guide, Pat Cromer who along with her staff and park volunteers made the event run smoothly. Not to mention the azaleas and camellias blooming in the park.

### Don't Forget the Florida Fellows!

*Connie Tuttle-Lill, Chairman*

Just about this time of year, FFMC puts out a call to ask for members and friends to become Florida Fellows. For a donation of \$1,000, you too can be a proud Florida Fellow. The money goes into the operating expenses account of which only the interest is spent. This is a tax-deductible donation. So mark your calendar to attend the FFMC State Convention held June 2-4, 2016 in Gainesville hosted by the Suwannee District. A luncheon will be held to honor the fellows!

Questions regarding the contribution can be answered by Chairman, Connie Lill.

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## DISTRICT AND CLUB NEWS

### Bay Ridge District

*Dave Stockton, President*

The Bay Ridge District meeting was held at United Methodist Church, Frostproof on October 31, 2015 and hosted by the Lake Wales Music Club. Reports from Club Presidents were given by each club: Lake Wales Music Club, Tuesday Music Club, Friday Morning Musicales Club, Wednesday Musicales-Wauchula.

Entertainment was provided by a string trio performing classical, traditional, and sacred selections. The three musicians were students from Southeastern University.

After lunch, FPMC President, Bess Stallings gave an inspiring talk on her Theme and Song *Find Us Faithful*.

The next annual district meeting will be hosted by Friday Morning Musicales of Tampa.

The **Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland** is proud to announce that we have sold our clubhouse and are now meeting in the United Women's Club Building. The Women's Club has made us feel welcome. We feel very much at home there since our tables and chairs, fire curtain, cabinets, piano, refrigerator and bookshelves have been moved there. Our first meeting in the Women's Club building was in February. Notifications and invitations were sent to members and friends. Bess Stallings, FPMC President, was our honored guest. The transition was seamless. It took months of workdays to clean and sort through the closets, file cabinets and bookcases. We found handwritten yearbooks from our early days in the 1920's, as well as financial records where a piano tuning cost \$7.50. We have had an amazing history in our 95 years!

To remind the community that we are still around we will be awarding eight scholarships this year, with three for college students and five for high school students. We are proud to be able to continue this tradition.

### Wednesday Musicales of Wauchula

*James Stallings, President*

The Wednesday Musicales celebrated music of the bells on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at New Hope Baptist Church on Highway 64. The Musicales presented a program of songs about bells as well as hearing bell choirs present many numbers. Included in the program was the New Hope Quartet made up of Hugh Bradley, Chris Hodges, David Radford, and Susan Robertson. Susan also sang a solo. There was singing of a congregational hymn as well. New Hope's Young Ringers presented a few numbers to enjoy. The Young Ringers are elementary aged students and are directed by Mrs. Charlene Nubern. The featured bell choir was the New Hope Bell Ringers. The choir is under the direction of Ray Gill. It has been in existence since 1992 when it was started with donations given in memory of his mother, Freida Gill. It started with a group of eight with 2 octaves and now has grown to four and a half octaves with 15 members. We encourage all our community support the endeavors of the Wednesday Musicales!



## Capital District

*Loretta Hake, President*

The Capital District Annual Meeting was held on March 6, 2016 at the home of Loretta Hake in Niceville. After refreshments, the meeting was called to order by the president, Loretta Hake. Sharleen Williams gave the invocation and Vice President, Dr. Theresa McRee led the group in singing the Federation Hymn, the March song and The Florida State song. The attendees were disappointed that FPMC president, Bess Stallings, was unable to attend due to illness. FPMC Recording Secretary, Philip LeGrand, read a letter from Bess which expressed her disappointment in being unable to be at the meeting and which gave words of encouragement to the district as well as reminders of state and national activities. Secretary, Annie Roper, read the minutes of the last meeting. Philip LeGrand gave the District treasurer's report and reported on the Capital District Junior Festival which was held in February. Choctaw Bay Music Club president, Lisa Cyr gave a report on the activities of the club. Annie Roper will be leaving the area in June and Sharleen Williams was appointed to finish her term as secretary. A nominating committee for next year's officers was appointed as well as a committee to review bylaws.

A musical program presented by Junior Club members: Sydney Chung, 16, performed the 1<sup>st</sup> movement of Concerto in G Minor, Op. 25 by Felix Mendelssohn; Esther Kim, 17, performed the 1<sup>st</sup> movement of Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18 by Sergei Rachmaninoff.

### Choctaw Bay Music Club

*Lisa Cyr, President*

Choctaw Bay Music Club is the only senior club in Capital District and has over eighty members. Events in a very active year have been:

**November 7, 2015:** 40 Junior Club members prepared Sonatas and Sonatinas for the annual Sonata-Sonatina Spectacular held at the Rocky Bayou Baptist Church in Niceville.

**December 12, 2015:** Opus 1, the select vocal group from Niceville High School, presented a program for the club at the First Presbyterian Church in Niceville.

**January 17, 2016:** Junior Club members performed in the Student Showcase program held at St. Simon's on the Sound in Fort Walton Beach.

**January 30, 2016:** Students entered in the Theory Exam event for Festival took their tests at the First Baptist Church in Niceville.

**February 6, 2016:** Junior Festival was held at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville. Seven clubs participated, entering students in 260 events.

**February 13, 2016:** Choctaw Bay Music Club Opera Brunch was held at the Niceville Community Center. Members of the Pensacola Opera performed selections from *The Merry Widow* and the club made \$3,200 for scholarships and awards in this major money making event.

**April 24, 2016:** Senior members presentation of the 25<sup>rd</sup> annual Piano Duo program, *Stars and Stripes*, A Celebration of American Music, in Tyler Recital Hall at Northwest Florida State College.

**May 7, 2016:** Scholarship and Awards program will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Niceville, featuring solo performances and the presentation of monetary awards for college scholarships, music camp scholarships and graduating senior awards.

Club members have worked very hard to present these very successful programs, and will soon be making plans for the year to come.

## Lake District

*Victoria Lynn Schultz, President*

The Lake District Annual Meeting was held in October. Representatives from six Senior Clubs and the four Area Festivals gave their yearly reports. FPMC President Bess Stallings gave her address with the theme *Find Us Faithful*.

Two of our Junior Lake Scholarship winners, Vanessa Huber Weber and Emily Palmer, performed violin solos for the music program.

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Harpist Victoria Lynn Schultz performed for the reception following the program.

The FPMC Lake District Youth Fiddle Workshop was held in November, sponsored by the South Metro Music Club of Central Florida. The guest artist was American country champion fiddler Jonita Aadland, who has performed in Nashville with Willie Nelson, Chet Atkins and John Hartford, and currently performs for special events and shows at Epcot Theme Park.

Many of our clubs are active with student recitals, member meetings and Founders Day programs. The Orlando Music Club held a Composers' Challenge with the winning students performing a concert in the Timucua Arts White House of Orlando. The District Junior Festivals were very successful, including the Central Festival strings, piano and voice events which filled two weekends in February.

### **Wednesday Music Club**

*Joan Bond, President*

Wednesday Music Club in DeLand is dedicated to keeping the tradition of monthly music programs, following Robert's Rules of Order, and including the Federation Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Star Spangled Banner, State Song, Federation Collect and Hymn in each meeting. Lake District President Victoria Lynn Schultz was invited to perform a harp concert for the Wednesday Music Club in February. Victoria performs for Walt Disney World, and has toured with Josh Groban, Celtic Woman, Johnny Mathis and the Mantovani Orchestra tour of China. We are looking forward to another season of events for Lake District, including the scholarship auditions this spring.

### **South Metro Music Club of Central Florida**

*Sherry Pollock, President*

We have been busy with monthly recitals for our students. Each recital has a theme: American Music, Holiday Music, Jazz, African and spiritual Music, Festival, Celtic and Russian. It has been fun helping our students prepare and learn different kinds of music.

We put on our annual Fiddle Festival at Maitland Presbyterian Church. We had about 45 students participate. We had Jonita Aadland as our guest Fiddler. She worked with the students on the different styles of fiddle playing. Kathy Rodgers brought her students and they enjoyed the workshop and the program.

We are looking forward to having a great year.

### **Royal Poinciana District**

*Rob Coopman, President*

At the last FPMC board meeting we approved an allocation for a Joplin Piano competition to be held concurrently with the Jeannie/Stephen in White Springs. Planning got off to a slow start and although the application and requirements were finally completed, we found ourselves at the eleventh hour without a well-planned event calendar.

The Jeannie/Stephen continued as in past years, but the Joplin was shelved pending further discussions at the next board meeting. One idea that I intend to float is that Senior Clubs should be encouraged to incorporate a Scott Joplin element in their piano competitions. Likewise, the \$1,500 District grants that have been popular should incorporate an element of Ragtime piano. In this way, if these competitions are successful, the pianists will have developed a repertoire that could be used in a future statewide completion, if and when it is constituted.

The timing of this entire Joplin Ragtime piano idea goes with the 100-year anniversary of Scott Joplin's death on April 1, 1917. On May 26-30 in Oxford, Mississippi, the World Championship Old-time Piano Playing contest takes place and on June 1-4 in Sedalia, Missouri will be the Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival. Eventually, I hope that someday our FPMC Joplin competition will be a nice warm-up event for either of these two large events. If you have an opinion regarding this concept, please don't hesitate to call me at 678-516-0500. Rob Coopman

## St. John's District

*Lisa Smith, President*

St. John's District held its annual meeting on December 2, 2015 at The Wine Cellar in historic downtown Jacksonville. FPMC President, Bess Stallings was the honored guest and presented an informative address on the different opportunities available to members of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs. She also expounded upon her theme *let all who come behind us find us faithful*. Following Mrs. Stallings' discourse, attendees were treated to a beautiful rendition of the FPMC president's favorite song, *Find Us Faithful*, performed by soprano Carolyn Snyder-Menke. On April 2, 2016 St. John's District held scholarship auditions and awarded the FPMC District President's Scholarships for piano, strings, and instruments other than piano/strings and voice as well as the Mary Elizabeth Land Scholarship. We look forward to hosting the 79<sup>th</sup> State Junior Convention at the University of North Florida May 6 -7, 2016.

## Seminole District

*Marian Cox, President*

## Gulf Coast Music Club

*Avis Romm, President*

The Gulf Coast Music Club consists of 30 music teachers, and music promoters, in the Sarasota area. WE HAD OVER 550 ENTRIES IN OUR FESTIVAL. Our club encouraged the essay contest by having a local contest first, and then passing the essays on to the state contest. All essays are now in the hands of the national judges, and I wonder which student will win from Florida? We had a number of compositions in the FPMC Junior composition event. Lilly Price, a student of Suzanne Herman, won first place in Class 1. Our club meets regularly with the Sarasota Music Teachers Association.

## Sarasota Music Club

*Mary Webb, President*

Sarasota Music Club continues to build on the 2015 celebration of our 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary year by reaching out into the community in service to young musicians. We have partnered with Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota to create Suncoast Music Scholarships, offering up to \$20,000 in music awards through a competition open to Sarasota and Manatee high school students. The awards are to be used for expenses related to the study of music. The program offers four awards for graduating high school seniors, ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000: two awards of \$2,000 each for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and two \$1,000 awards for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. A total of 41 qualified applicants auditioned on April 2, and senior award winners performed at the Scholarship Awards Luncheon on April 23.

The partnership brings together two outstanding organizations with a solid foundation in the area's music community. Sarasota Music Club has been supporting music performance and education in the Sarasota area since 1930. Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota presents a 9-month schedule of performances by renowned musicians. Since 2002, we have held annual competitions for career-potential young musicians rotating between voice, piano and strings which will expand this year from a state to a national competition.

Sarasota Music Club is excited about expanding our ability to support young musicians through this new partnership program. In addition this year we continue to have outstanding monthly performances for our members and large number of guests. These programs have been instrumental in bringing in new members for the club. One of the programs spotlighted extremely talented young musicians from the area. Also, in addition to the emphasis on the above mentioned auditions, the club voted to award a substantial amount of money toward travel expenses for winners in the District Concerto competition sponsored by the Florida Music Teachers Association and help with expenses for the FPMC Jeanie/Stephen competition.



## Suwannee District

*Claudia Brill, President*

### Foundation for the Promotion of Music

*Linda Blessing, President*

FPM is the only senior club in the Suwannee District of FPMC. FPM has had a very successful year fulfilling its main goals:

- To honor outstanding musicians
- To recognize superior student musicians
- To encourage the study of music and award scholarships
- To bring programs of interest to the community

The year began in **October** with Guest Artist, Gary Langford and his jazz sextet, featuring American jazz. The recital was held at the historic Thomas Center and the room was filled to capacity.



In **November** FPM sponsored the Sonata/Sonatina piano festival with the winners performing for the public the next day at the Thomas Center. Over 60 students participated.



In **January** FPM held the Musical Marathon fundraiser at First United Methodist Church. Performing students and adults raised over \$950. Proceeds are used for FPM projects.

In **March** the club held the annual Stellar Winds and Percussion Recital at the Thomas Center. Twenty-four outstanding student musicians from Alachua and Levy County middle and high schools performed. The audience loved the variety of instrumentation that included oboe, clarinet, euphonium, saxophone trio, flute, brass quintet, marimba and snare drum trio. The recital was a great way to showcase the area band programs and their dedicated teachers



The Annual Meeting and Recital of the winners of the Fouse, Reaves, and Schnell Auditions and the presentation of the Musician of the Year Award will be **April 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Thomas Center. Winners are: Sarah Baird Fouse Wind Award: Seoyeon Balk, flute and Mikayla Nance, clarinet; Dorothy Reaves String Award: Skyer Covert, violin; Betsy Schnell Youth Award Middle School: Kelly Wang, piano and High School: Britton-Rene Collins, piano.

The FPM Musician of the Year Award for 2016 is William F. Dishman.



## **Congratulations: 2016 Florida Essay Winners** **"Music... The Heartbeat of the Soul"**

*Marian Cox, Chairman*

### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Winners:**

First Place (\$150) Daniel Tran, Sarasota

Second Place (\$100) Jonah Garcia, Orlando

### **9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Winners:**

First Place (\$150) Holly Stidham, Clermont

Second Place (\$100) Carolyn Shields, Plantation

## **JUNIOR COMPOSER CONTEST 2016**

*Sherry Pollock, Chairman*

We had a very successful year with 33 compositions entered. We have 8 compositions that have been sent to the Regional Contest.

**Junior 1:** Lilly Price and Sofia Valeria Castillo

**Junior 2:** Albert Wang and Michael Jimenez

**Junior 3:** Jack Wolf and Haley Fishberger

**Junior 4:** Lydia Gifford and Erin DeBoer

Congratulations to all the students that entered the contest. Congratulations to the teachers who inspired these students to compose.

Orlando Music Club featured the students who entered the Omni Composition Contest. It was a wonderful program and was rewarding to hear the students perform their own compositions.

Let's continue to encourage and inspire our students to compose music.

## **A Message from NFMC**

*Elaine Knight, S.E. Vice President*

This year is flying by! We have already received our NFMC conference information for June; and it will be here before we know it!

Be certain to send in your credentials application, even if you are not sure you are able to go. This conference has a bylaws amendment. Next year and every odd numbered year are the conventions when you definitely want to be registered since officers change and often standing rules or bylaws change. Sending the credentials information in early is a good habit to form. The credentials must be sent in by June 1, 2016. Email is the preferred method, or postmarked by June 1.

This Conference (June 21-25) will start with a full day's training for all of the State Presidents. This

Vice President is happy to tell you that all but two of the active Southeastern States will be represented. As the largest region we have an obligation to keep informed and offer support and leadership by example for the other regions. The Regional Vice Presidents will also attend President's Day. During the General Sessions, our NFMC President, Michael Edwards, will be working with Rob Coopman to address the issue of the health and wellbeing of our NFMC Clubs. The Regional Vice Presidents will also attend.

Two sessions are offered by Mr. Coopman for all members with information on the *Making an Old Club New* and *Partnership for Successful Programs* (in our meetings).

Notice the deadlines for Hotel Registration, **May 30**. The meal and activity deadline is **June 10**.

Brevard will be wonderful this year as always (July 22-23). The hotels do fill rather quickly so one is advised to get a room for this Southeast Regional Weekend. Joel Adams, President of North Carolina, has selected Dr. Marie Speece to serve as Brevard Chairman for this year so this Vice President is looking forward to the events! The Business Meeting, as always, will be on Saturday Morning.

Michael Edwards, NFMC President will be our National Guest. Michael has the vision and energy to see the club problems within our group.

The NFMC has some absolutely wonderful Young Artists who would love to come perform at your clubs or events. Nicholas Susi is a splendid pianist; Christie Conover is a wonderful soprano. Matthew Lipman casts a spell with his violin. It was announced he was the first Young Artist Violinist in NFMC History. Tiffany Delgado and Hilary Mauler have agreed to represent NFMC in the Duo-Pianist Category, since no Ellis Duo pianists qualified at the last competition. These artists are all on the way up; their performances are flawless and they have already been sought by outsiders. The Young Artists can be booked through NFMC Presentation Chairman, Melanie Perez, at an extremely low fee. Melanie's email is [benchwarmers2@cox.net](mailto:benchwarmers2@cox.net). NFMC will schedule them for two years.

Hope to see you all soon.

**Official Call Junior Division**  
**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS INC.**  
**79th ANNUAL JUNIOR CONVENTION & AUDITIONS**  
**University of North Florida, Jacksonville May 6-7, 2016**

**JUNIOR COUNSELOR:** Vickie Stake, 904-260-9873, vickiestake@gmail.com

**FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN:** Lisa Smith, 904-886-4188, lisa.ffmc.jrconvention@outlook.com

**REGISTRATION DESK:** All participants must register and pick up materials pertaining to times and room of events. PLEASE advise the Registration Desk if a student drops out of any event, as 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 AM. Auditions begin at 9:00 AM. Warm-up rooms will be available from Friday AM to Saturday PM: 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 [www.ffmc-music.org](http://www.ffmc-music.org).

**PARENTS & STUDENTS:** If you have questions, please ask your teacher or counselor to contact Lisa Smith.

**ALL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**Friday, May 6th 7:30 PM** Concert by 2015 Winners, Lazzara Theatre

**Saturday, May 7th 7:30 PM** Concert by 2015 Winners, Lazzara Theatre

**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 full days at the Junior Convention.

**RULES:** All rules for State Junior Convention can be found in the FPMC Junior Division Procedures Manual. This document is located on the FPMC website [www.ffmc-music.org](http://www.ffmc-music.org) under the Junior Festivals tab.

**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. For those who are not able to stay for the evening ceremonies or make other arrangements to obtain their awards, please contact Lisa Smith at [lisa.ffmc.jrconvention@outlook.com](mailto:lisa.ffmc.jrconvention@outlook.com). The cost for shipping/handling is \$15 per trophy and \$5 per ribbon. All checks are to be made payable to FPMC, Inc. Mail to: Lisa Smith P. O. Box 56977 Jacksonville, FL 32241. Please include the student's name, event/level won, and shipping address.

**URGENT:** All Festival areas that have students enrolled in this event are REQUIRED to provide volunteers and/or pay fees for FPMC to hire workers on their behalf. (For more information, see the FPMC Junior Procedures Manual.) Please provide worker information or make arrangements to pay worker fees to FPMC at least 14 days before the event. All arrangements are made with the Monitor Chairman, Gavin Taylor, at: [gavin.taylor@arlington.umc.org](mailto:gavin.taylor@arlington.umc.org).

**2016 FPMC JUNIOR CONVENTION HOTELS:** Thank you for using the hotels posted hotels on our website [www.ffmc-music.org/junior.htm](http://www.ffmc-music.org/junior.htm). These hotels have been and are extremely supportive of the goals and vision of the FPMC.

**OFFICIAL CALL: 97<sup>th</sup> FFMC SPRING CONVENTION**  
**June 2-4, 2016**  
**Wyndham Garden, Gainesville, 2900 SW 13<sup>th</sup> ST. Gainesville, FL 32608**  
**352-377-4000 or 877-992-9229**

**Host District – Suwannee District: Claudia Brill, President**

Host Committee: Linda Blessing, Suzanne Carpenter, and Cheryl Poe

**Convention Registration Fee: \$25 Late fee: \$35 Convention Registration Deadline: May 10, 2016.**



**Directions:**

**From the North or South:** Take I-75 to Williston Road, exit 382. Turn left onto Williston road, go 2 miles to intersection with US 441, 13<sup>th</sup> St. Turn left onto US 441, proceed north, hotel will be on the left.

**If flying into Gainesville Airport,** the Wyndham Garden offers a free shuttle service.

Call 352-377-4000 when you arrive at the airport.

**Reservations:**

Attendees, please call the **Wyndham Garden at 352-377-4000**, give the date you will be arriving/departing and mention the “Florida Federation of Music Clubs” group when making reservations. The cost for two queen beds or a king bed is \$85 plus tax. Cut-off date to receive this rate is **May 10**. Room rates are applicable three (3) days prior and three (3) days past scheduled group dates.

Each guest will receive a complimentary breakfast buffet in the in-house restaurant each morning. For guests attending the conference but not staying at the hotel overnight, the hotel will offer a 50% discount for the breakfast buffet.

Amenities: 32” HDTV with 50+ channels, ergonomic chairs, microwave, refrigerator, guest laundry, complimentary self-parking, 24/7 fitness center and 24/7 business kiosk, lakefront swimming pool.

**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 Cheryl Poe at 4016 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Circle, Gainesville FL 32605 or [cheryltonipoe@gmail.com](mailto:cheryltonipoe@gmail.com) by May 15, 2016 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 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, holiday wreathes, silver & glassware, collectables, music related items, etc.



**97<sup>th</sup> FFMC SPRING CONVENTION SCHEDULE**  
**Wyndham Garden Hotel, Gainesville, FL**  
**June 2-4, 2016**

**Thursday, June 2, 2016**

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm | Junior Division Committee |
| 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm | Bylaws Committee          |
| 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm | Budget Committee          |
| 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm | Finance Committee         |

**Friday, June 3, 2016**

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 8:00 am – 3:00 pm   | Registration – Wyndham Garden Hotel  |
| 8:15 am – 9:15 am   | Junior Division Committee  |
| 9:20 am – 10:20 am  | Stephen/Jeanie Committee   |
| 10:30 am – 11:30 am | FFMC Board of Directors  |
| 11:30 am – 12:00 pm | Break  |
| 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  | <b>Official Opening of the 97<sup>th</sup> FFMC Spring Convention (includes luncheon honoring Florida Fellows)</b> |
|                     | <b>Concert:</b> Award Winners  |
| 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm   | Break  |
| 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm   | Workshop: Poetry & Music, Louis Rose   |
| 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm   | Workshop: Personalized Music for the Aging, Cheryl Poe   |
| 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm   | Workshop: Registration Online, Lisa Moore  |
| 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm   | Fellowship   |
| 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm   | Banquet honoring FFMC Member of the Year, National Board Members Club and District Presidents                      |
| 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm   | <b>American Music Concert</b>  |
| 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm   |  |

**Saturday, June 4, 2016**

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  | Registration – Wyndham Garden Hotel  |
| 8:30 am – 9:15 am   | Memorial Service   |
| 9:15 am – 9:30 am   | Break  |
| 9:30 am – 10:30 am  | <b>Concert:</b> Award Winners  |
| 10:30 am – 11:45 am | Reports: (3 minute time limit)   |
|                     | National, Regional & State Chairmen--Bess Stallings;                       |
|                     | District & Club Presidents--Ann Stockton, chairman                         |
| 11:45 am – 12:00 pm | Break  |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  | <b>Luncheon Honoring Michael Edwards</b>                                   |
|                     | <b>NFMC President – Keynote Address</b>                                    |
| 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm   | <b>Concert</b> by Josiah Martin, Stephen Award Winner & Mark Irchai, piano |
| 1:45 pm –           | Invitation to 2017 Spring Convention, Bay Ridge District                   |
|                     | FFMC Board of Directors—any unfinished business                            |
|                     | Post Executive Committee Meeting (if necessary)                            |



**FFMC 97<sup>TH</sup> SPRING CONVENTION  
JUNE 2-4, 2016  
REGISTRATION & MEAL RESERVATION FORM**

Mail check payable to: FFMC

Registrar, Linda Blessing  
2625 SW 75<sup>th</sup> Street, #804, Gainesville, FL 32608

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_  
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.

***Complimentary Breakfast Buffet for all registered guests during your stay.***

Friday Lunch \$18 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Request Vegetarian

Friday Night Banquet/Concert \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Request Vegetarian

Saturday Lunch \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Request Vegetarian

Convention Registration: **Deadline May 10, 2016** \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Fee after May 10** **\$35** \_\_\_\_\_

**Room Reservation: Deadline May 10, 2016**

**Contact Hotel Directly: 352-377-4000**

**Indicate group rate for *Florida Federation of Music Clubs***

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTING DELEGATE? CLASSIFICATION (CHECK ONLY ONE)**

\_\_\_\_ FPMC Executive Committee

\_\_\_\_ Club Delegate

\_\_\_\_ FPMC Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_ Junior Counselor

\_\_\_\_ FPMC Life Member

\_\_\_\_ Individual Member

Please check if you are \_\_\_\_ Florida Fellow \_\_\_\_ FPMC Past President

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

May 6-7, Junior Convention, Jacksonville

June 2-4, FFMC Convention, Gainesville

June 21-25, NFMC Conference, Tulsa, OK

July 22-24, Brevard (NC ) Music Center