



Sharps & Flats



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Theme & Song: *Find Us Faithful*

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Bess Stallings

Spring 2017

As we are all enjoying the spring weather, we also have a lot of FFMC activity right around the corner. What an exciting time!

Among the upcoming opportunities are the Frances Rands Beery Annual Ballet Audition scheduled for 10 a.m. April 8 in Lakeland at the Highland School of Dance. For years, Dr. Isabella Laude oversaw this ballet competition. I had the honor of assisting her with it for several years, and now her daughter Monica is its capable leader. We look forward to seeing the winners. Maybe some will make it to the national level as in the past.

Next is the Junior Convention May 5-6 on the campus of the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. What a wonderful opportunity for our talented young people! Don't forget National Music Week is May 7-14 with the theme: Music...An Adventure for Life. Many of our senior citizens are realizing just how true this is! We are all looking forward to the 98th annual state convention to be held June 1-3 in Tampa. The committee has worked hard to have a wonderful event planned. Don't miss it!! (Remember, you can come early and/or stay late at the discounted prices.) Tampa is an exciting city with much to see and do.

Following our state convention is the 59th biennial national convention in Dayton, Ohio, June 20-24. Come, "spread your wings" and "expand your horizons" by attending our national meeting under the most capable direction of our own Michael

Edwards, NFMC President. The theme is Music: Our Source of Energy & Motivation.

Concluding the 2016-2017 year will be the SE Regional meeting in Brevard, NC, at the Brevard Music Center July 7-8. This 180-acre campus has become a haven of music for young musicians, beginning at age 14, who go there to train in their various fields of interest and talent. Their concerts are spectacular!

Remember to always keep in touch through our website (www.ffmc-music.org) where valuable state and national information can be found.

As of March 1, 2017, FFMC has 23 senior clubs with a total membership of 1,024. There are 400 junior counselors and over 7,000 juniors. Fortunately, FFMC is financially solvent, thanks to our most competent treasurer, Suzanne Carpenter. Bless you, Suzanne!

For me, as your president, it has been a busy and productive two years. I would like to share several highlights of these past few months.....

I was thrilled to be able to attend all district meetings, concluding with the Suwannee and Capital district, scheduled around the Jeanie/Stephen auditions at White Springs. Husband Jim and I arrived at the final meeting in the Niceville home of Capital District President Loretta Hake amid dark, looming skies which had produced numerous tornadoes along our Panhandle route there and back. Fortunately, the sun

came out just in time for our meeting, giving us an opportunity to meet new friends and hear wonderful music.

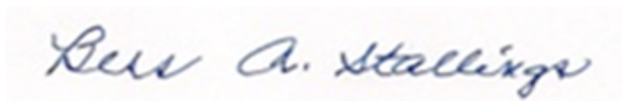
A unique meeting came to fruition last fall instigated by Rob Coopman who arranged for the Royal Poinciana District meeting to be via conference call. I enjoyed participating and found it was an easy way to communicate/meet without worrying about driving a long distance. I foresee this happening again. Thanks, Rob, for the idea.

The report on the Jeanie/Stephen is inside this edition of Sharps & Flats, but I wish to share with you the special evening Chairman Connie Tuttle Lill planned the prior evening. The Golden Slipper Gala was elegant and such an asset to the weekend. Thanks, Connie and Bill, for all your hard work and planning. Hopefully, this tradition will continue.

At the upcoming state convention, we will vote on the nominating committee's recommendations to us, then the new FFMC leaders will be inducted to serve the next two years.

As I complete my two years, I thank you for the confidence you placed in me. It has been a blessing and honor to be able to give back to this outstanding philanthropic organization and the wonderful people therein. My officers have really been there for me, and I appreciate all the assistance and support you members have provided. After these two years together, may we all continue to endeavor to be found faithful in the years to come.

Most sincerely,



PS—I'm looking forward to seeing you in Tampa! (District and club presidents, don't forget that you have an added incentive to be there...\$100!)

Editorial

Now is the time of the year to be putting a budget together for your senior club! Why, this is way too early you say??? Not at all. This is the time that the senior clubs should be planning how to spend the monies at hand. It would be great if the voice competition for students 17 – 24 years would be on your budget priority. The next Jeanie/Stephen Auditions will be held January 19 – 20, 2018 at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center. It is recommended that each senior club sponsor a candidate from their area or from the state to compete. The Dorothy Evans Dress Library has been established so that clubs do not have to have their own dress library. However, the Stephen competitor must rent a cut-a-way tux. The cost involves paying for expenses for the female or male competitor. Those expenses include the hotel for Friday night, meals, car expenses, accompanist, and entry fee. If the student wins, then the sponsoring club will pay expenses for that person to go back and perform a concert and crown the new Jeanie and Stephen the following year. Many clubs have a special fundraiser to provide monies for this event. After having said that, it might be necessary to attract individual sponsors and service organizations to participate. This is said only because not enough of the clubs seem to be on board. Remember this organization runs on volunteerism and philanthropy. This topic will be discussed and voted upon at the FFMC convention in Tampa. If you have an idea, do bring your thoughts to the committee meeting.

*Connie Tuttle- Lill, Chairman,
Jeanie/Stephen Committee*

STATE NEWS

Jeanie/Stephen Foster Competition And the Winner is!

Connie Tuttle-Lill, Chairman



Left to Right: Stephen Winner: Austin Cripe; Jeanie Winner: Christine Honein; Jeanie Maid: Carlie Adams; Stephen Runner Up: Lucas Coura

Once again the Annual Jeanie/Stephen Auditions were held at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center in White Springs, Florida with an annual new date of the third weekend in January beginning this year. The competition was held January 20, 21, 22, 2017. FFMC and the Stephen Foster State Park are expanding the event to include 3 days with the park having a musical program and reception at 2:00 pm in the museum on Sunday.

Christine Honein, an FSU-Tallahassee senior was crowned Jeanie 2017 by the 2016 Jeanie Melaina Cartwright Mills. She is sponsored by the Friday Morning Musicale - Tampa, Dr. Jerome Lowe, President. Lynda Goetz, local Jeanie Chairman from the Tampa Club along with her husband attended the event.

Austin Cripe, an FSU - Tallahassee Junior became the 2017 Stephen. Josiah Martin, 2016 Stephen presented him with his Stephen medallion. The Foundation for the Promotion of Music of Gainesville, Linda Blessing, President sponsored Austin.

FSU - Tallahassee sophomore, Carlie Adams became the 2017 Jeanie Maid. She was sponsored by the Harmony Music Club of Jacksonville, Sonya Prescott-Hilton, President. Luca Coura, Senior at Stetson University is the Stephen Runner-Up. He was sponsored by the Sarasota Music Club, Mary Webb, President.

Many, many thanks to the members of the Foundation for the Promotion of Music - Gainesville for helping to secure auction prizes and being willing to be on the Golden Slipper Gala committee held on Friday night as a "kick-off" to the weekend. Thank you to Cheryl Poe for designing and mailing the written invitations. Thank you to Suzanne Carpenter for printing the event program and securing guests to make up a table for the event. Thanks to President Linda Blessing and Suwannee District President Claudia Brill for table seating, securing guests and setting up the auction. Many thanks to Bruce and Joanne Gimmy for working on the committee for the auction and photographing the event. Thanks to Lisa Smith. The Gary Langford Sextet was a great addition for listening and dancing. This is the first year that this event was held at the Woman's/Garden Club Historical Building in Lake City, Florida.

A big round of applause goes to the event sponsors and donors who appeared in the program. They are Marilyn Fisher, William and Connie Lill, Bay Ridge District, Claudia and Roger Brill, Suzanne and Ron Carpenter, Coral Gables Music Club, Friday Morning Musicale - Tampa, Lake Wales Music Club, Music Club of Hollywood, Bess and James Stallings, Joan B. Weir, Capital District, Choctaw Bay Music Club, Lynda and Gerald Goetz, Gulf Coast Music Club, Sylvia and Haywood Smith.

Right now is the time to be working on club budgets for next year. Include this voice competition in your list of sponsoring events. Remember we have the Dorothy Evans dress library for girls dresses. We also have a video coming out.

Attention Florida Fellows!

Connie Tuttle-Lill, Chairman

Do you know where your medallion and lapel pin are? Find them in the blue velvet box. Wear them to the Friday, June 2, 2017 Florida Fellows Luncheon at the Holiday Inn - Tampa. All **Fifty** Florida Fellows are invited and will be honored. This event will take place during the annual FPMC State Convention. If you are not a Florida Fellow, why not consider becoming one. For a tax deductible donation of \$1,000.00, you can contribute to the operating expenses account of the FPMC. Only the interest is spent. This organization runs on volunteerism and philanthropy!!! So many organizations have paid staff. In order to be cost effective our organization puts our young musicians first with monetary awards, ribbons, trophies, and performance opportunities. Please see what we do by going on our www.ffmc-music.org web site. Questions regarding the Florida Fellows, contact Connie Lill-Chairman.

connielill@cltuttle.com or cell 561-703-7333. See you there. Come, enjoy the music!!!



Bill Pray surprised Ann Pray by awarding her our 50th Florida Fellow.

FFMC Memorial and Recognition Fund

If you are looking for a way to honor someone, consider a donation to the FPMC 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, FPMC Memorial and Recognition Fund Chairman, 19 Armbruster Court., Frostproof, FL 33843. She will accept the donations and will notify the family of the monetary gift.

Notes From Your Chaplain

Vickie Stake, FPMC Chaplain

vickiestake@gmail.com

As FPMC 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 State Convention in Tampa. 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 10:30 am.

FEDERATION CUP REPORT

Lisa Moore, FPMC Festival Cup Chairman

Students earning a 60, 75, or 90 point cup can be recognized for this achievement at the FPMC Junior Convention. After the schedule becomes available, please send an email to Lisa Moore, 123.lisa.more@gmail.com. Please let her know whether student will attend the ceremony on Friday or Saturday. The student should bring the cup back stage at 7:00 pm. Ensure that the cup is labeled with a nameplate. Include an index card with the student and teacher's name, event, and points.

Students earning the Grand Cup or President's Cup should prepare a brief biography to send in to the *Junior Keynotes*. Teacher should email the news and bio with photo (jpeg) to Jennifer Griffin for publication, email: jenniferk@nfmc-music.org

JUNIOR COMPOSERS' CONTEST 2017 WINNERS

Sherry Pollock, Florida State Composition Chair

JUNIOR CLASS 1: Kelly Wilson – 1st Place

Teacher: Suzanne Herman

JUNIOR CLASS 2:

Loren Blumenfield – 1st Place; Teacher: Lucy Warren

Marcos Membreno – 2nd Place; Teacher: Lucy Warren

Honorable Mention:

Samuel Bernbaum, Margaret Conti, Madison Lee:

Lucy Warren, Teacher of all three.

Kayla Troung; Teacher: Suzanne Herman

JUNIOR CLASS 3:

Albert Wang – 1st Place; Teacher: Thomas McKinley

Michael Conti – 2nd Place; Teacher: Lucy Warren

Honorable Mention:

Zoey Thomas, Marcos Membreno, Parker Lee, Mateo Membreno; Teacher: Lucy Warren of all four.

Emily Singleton; Teacher: Stephen Fine

Alison Quach; Teacher: Suzanne Herman

JUNIOR CLASS 4:

Jack Wolfe – Winner, Teacher: Lucy Warren

*CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL
JUNIOR COMPOSERS!*

DISTRICT AND CLUB NEWS

Bay Ridge District

Joshua Sussman, President

Greetings, my name is Joshua Sussman and it is my honor and privilege to be the newly elected President of the Bay Ridge District. Alright, I was elected and installed last November, but between

the holidays, Santa Claus jobs and long lasting upper respiratory problems, I have been remiss in my correspondence. The holidays are over, Santa is back in storage and I am feeling much better. I have been a member of Friday Morning Musicale –Tampa since 2005, to the best of my recollection. I have held various positions on their Board, including President for two years. Since moving to Lakeland, I also joined the Lakeland Music Club, formerly Tuesday Music Club. I support and assist the Jeanie Auditions in White Springs and have attended FFMC conventions whenever possible. About the same time I was elected President of Bay Ridge District, I was asked to co-chair the FFMC Folk Music Committee.

As for my musical background, I am not a music teacher. I am a performer. An actor who sings, to be exact. My first singing part was in a school Christmas pageant when I was five years old. I haven't shut my mouth since. I have over 45 years' experience working as a professional actor and director. I also play Lakota flute, harmonica and hand drums.

In addition to my personal obligations mentioned earlier, this has been a very exhilarating year for FMM. We hosted the Bay Ridge District meeting in November. Held a gala fund raiser later that month and are now planning the third annual Springtime at the Musicale to be held at our club April 8, 2017.

As you may know, the Bay Ridge District will also be hosting this year's FFMC Convention in Tampa at the Holiday Inn Westshore-Airport, June 1, 2 & 3. The Chair Person for this event is Petra Sussman, my wife and Vice President of The Bay Ridge District. To say the least we have been busy putting together an exciting program of events for the convention. We are planning interesting and informative workshops, outstanding musical performances and a spectacular banquet Friday night with a concert by world renowned pianist, Leonidis Lipovetsky. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday Musicale of Wauchula

James, Stallings, President

"Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln" made a visit to Wauchula, Florida in January. "Abe" is Hardee High School graduate Max Daniels and "Mary" is his wife, Donna Daniels, who has worked with him in their many years of reenacting these two historical figures. Of course they are from Illinois but they have presented across the eastern U.S. to school children, Civil War Round Tables, historical societies, and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Their experience includes speaking engagements, fundraisers and dinner-theater performances. With the Wauchula Wednesday Musicale they worked together in sharing their knowledge about the Civil War, looking specifically at "The Genesis of the Gettysburg Address" (Gettysburg cemetery dedication) November 19, 1893)-not your every day event!



When the Musicale's committee began planning they thought in terms of music of the time. But in reading about Lincoln they found that Abe had a bent for music. His taste was eclectic. PBS gave the idea of "If Lincoln Had an iPod!" What WOULD Lincoln choose?

Apparently, Lincoln was not a "singer" but he treasured music. His mother read and sang to her children in the evenings. He played a harmonica and called on the U.S. Marine Band for official occasions. A brass band played Old Hundredth (the

Doxology) at the cemetery where Lincoln gave his address. For the Musicale program Old Hundredth was sung by the audience, accompanied by the pianist. Lincoln liked variety- opera to ballads! Lincoln was criticized for attending an opera during the war. He is said to have replied, "The truth is I must have a change of some sort, or die."

As to other music Lincoln might have chosen? The Wednesday Musicale program was preceded by piano selections that included Blue Tail Fly, Annie Laurie, Rock of Ages, and Listen to the Mockingbird. Lincoln had a sense of humor so "Goober Peas" might be on his list. While the Musicale's audience had fun in helping to sing "Goober Peas" folks were reminded of the desperate need for food by both North and South armies. And certainly "Dixie" was sung with North and South versions and was one of Lincoln's favorites. He declared that it belonged to all! Two members of the Hardee High School Band shared their flute arrangement of "Dixie"! Lincoln was fond of Stephen Foster's music and Hardee's musicians gave their rendition of "Beautiful Dreamer". The Hardee High Varsity Chorus shared a medley of Foster tunes including "Camptown Races", "Some Folks", "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair", "Ring, Ring de Banjo", and "Oh! Susanna".

Chicago and New Orleans were well known for publishing houses during the war. One in Chicago was operated by Cody and Root. Root was a prolific composer. He may have produced the most songs about the war. Lincoln once wrote to Root saying, "You have done more than a hundred generals and a thousand orators." Many songs were written for minstrel shows. But with catchy tunes they were adapted or adopted by the general public. Some tunes of this period were old or ancient and the lyrics were updated. Some tunes became more popular after the war. And then a tune like Annie Laurie may come again with Elvis Presley and "Love Me Tender"!



Certainly there were many topics: memories of home, experiences in prison, music in marching, and music at bedside farewells. Soldiers took instruments with them to war. Troops had bands and in evenings with armies camped close by, the troops and bands, blue and gray, might meet across a stream to play and sing together.

One of the community musicians finished the musical part by playing "When Johnny Comes Marching Home". The audience sang along!

Lincoln was no stranger to technology. He had used the telegraph to communicate with troops in the field during the war. That was a first. So, coming forward a few years, "If Lincoln Had an iPod" he would have a wide range of music for his enjoyment and to soothe his soul!

A question and answer period gave people opportunity to talk with "Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln". Refreshments followed giving the full house time to visit with the reenactors and each other.

CALL FOR DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S and MUSIC APPRECIATION GRANTS

At the Spring Convention in Gainesville it was decided that the District President's Scholarship Award will continue at \$1,500 per district; District Music Appreciation Grant will continue at \$1,200. Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2017 in order to be awarded in this fiscal year. A minimum of four (4) Districts must participate this year for the program to continue in the future.

Capital District

Loretta Hake, President

and

Choctaw Bay Music Club

Lisa Cyr, President

The Capital District is home to one senior club which is the Choctaw Bay Music Club and about 28 junior clubs. Our great challenge this year is to reach our vast district with events that will draw members from long distances. Our focus is on our five most popular events.

The Sonata-Sonatina Spectacular held on November 12, 2016 at Rocky Bayou Baptist Church in Niceville wonderfully chaired by Sarah Hatt. Around 40 students of all levels performed on piano. Parents and the community were invited to attend.

On January 22, 2017, the Capital District Annual Meeting was held at the home of Loretta Hake in Niceville. Honored guests were FFMC president, Bess Stallings and her husband Jim Stallings. Those in attendance enjoyed the President's address which she began with the words, "How can FFMC be more faithful to you, your district, and your club?" She presented certificates to Ray Cyr and Loretta Hake for their faithfulness to FFMC. Dr. Theresa McRee, performed an inspiring piano program entitled "Hymns and Spirituals". Newly officers elected district officers are: Ray Cyr as president, Dr. Theresa McRee as vice president, Sharleen Williams as secretary, and Philip LeGrand as treasurer.



On January 28, 2017 a Student Showcase was held at St. Simon's Episcopal Church in Fort Walton Beach. Nine students performed piano solos in preparation for the upcoming Junior Festival. A reception followed.

Festival 2016, was a great success with around 310 student performances. Theory testing was held in

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Niceville and Pensacola on February 4th. On February 11th, Festival performance events were held at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville. It was a very busy day! And both students and teachers were blessed by this opportunity to support each other as they performed. Our growth this year was exciting to experience. In anticipation for next year, we are discussing the idea of offering a Friday evening formal performance opportunity.

The 15th annual CBMC Opera Brunch was held on February 25: This is our major fund raising event for college and summer music camp student scholarships. A delicious brunch, dessert, was served as around 90 people enjoyed the performances by members of the Pensacola Artists in Residence Opera singers. This year's focus was excerpts from John Heggie's opera "Dead Man Walking" plus other arias. Special thanks to: Karen LeGrand for all the floral table arrangements, Lisa Cyr for desserts, Philip LeGrand for hosting a fun raffle, student volunteers provided by Loretta Hake, Amanda Newman from Cricket Wireless, Mr. Fred Semasko of First Command Financial Services, and all our members contributing towards the raffle and supporting this event. We all had a fantastic time.

Piano Duo Program will be held the coming April 30th at Northwest Florida State College. Chaired by Sarah Dieterich, this event is well planned and greatly anticipated by our community. Last year's program was entitled "Stars and Stripes American Patriotic Music" attended around 120 people. Eight of our members gave a stunning performance. As always, a fun reception follows at Loretta Hake's home!

We look forward to our Scholarship and Awards Program this May 6 at the Niceville First Presbyterian Church. This is when scholarships and awards are given to graduating high school seniors and to summer music camp attendees. The program will consist of performances by the senior winners which usually includes piano, voice, wind or brass instruments. This program supports the arts by providing students with a financial jump start into their music college education and for the development of arts in school age children.

Last June, our beloved secretary, Glee Langston, passed away shortly after the state conference. Glee was a dedicated, uplifting, and encouraging member of our club. We miss her greatly.

Spring 2017

Lake District

Victoria Lynn Schultz, President

The Lake District Annual Meeting was held in October. Representatives from five Senior Clubs and the four Area Festivals gave their yearly reports. FPMC President Bess Stallings gave her address with the theme "Find Us Faithful". Hannah Shen, an award-winning piano student of Zalina Gurevich, performed Grieg's 'Lyric Pieces' for the music program. Lake District President, Victoria Lynn Schultz and Vice President, Barbara Browning performed a harp duet, with Victoria performing her composition 'Mystic Waters' to complete the program.

Many of our clubs are active with student recitals, member meetings and Founders Day programs. As part of the Orlando Music Club Outreach Program, students from several studios join to perform monthly Community Recitals in various retirement homes and assisted living facilities. The OMC Founder's Day/Star Student Recital organized by Bette Hunting and Christina Gant, was filled with beautiful music for piano and violin performed by students representing several music studios. Currently teachers are preparing for the OMC Award Competition, chaired by Sherry Pollock and Zalina Gurevich, which is designed to offer a separate competitive event for those students not able to participate in Federation. OMC will also offer Summer Camp Scholarships to students who have contributed their time and talent to the community.

The Wednesday Music Club in DeLand invited harpist Victoria Lynn Schultz for a return performance in February. Victoria performs on harp and piano for Walt Disney World and has toured with Josh Groban, Celtic Woman, Johnny Mathis and the Mantovani Orchestra tour of China. The Club sponsored Isabelle and Emily Palmer, students of Routa and Alvara Gomez, to perform a violin concert at the First United Methodist Church of DeLand. The Palmer sisters are winners of numerous competitions, including the FYAC Concerto Competition, FPMC State Competition and the Lake District President's Scholarship Award. Isabelle is a freshman at Stetson University and the sisters perform with their mother, Edit Palmer.

South Metro Music Club is continuing an Active student recital and community events schedule, including an Outreach Program with local Retirement homes. Several of the SMMC teachers are performing and teaching for the Osceola County School for the Arts. Preparations are being done for the Lake District Scholarship Auditions to be held in June. Those interested should contact Victoria Schultz at Victoria@victoriaschultz.com.

Royal Poinciana District

Kathleen Hart, Vice president/Acting President

Music Club of Hollywood

Chai L. Chien, President

There were major changes in RPD this year as the resignation of the President took place in November 2016 and Vice-President, Kathleen Hart took the position of Acting President until 2017. We did not have a physical meeting but a conference call was conducted with several clubs on the call. Most active were Coral Gables Music Club, Ft. Lauderdale Morning Musicales and the Music Club of Hollywood Florida. The Boca Delray Music Society and the Federation Club of Palm Beach are dissolved, but they are regrouping in order to serve their students

The Royal Poinciana North District Festival took place in February. In the string division, there were 529 events and 232 participated. Overall piano, voice and other instruments had 655 events and 406 participated. Festivals went very smoothly with the help of the teachers.

April 1st marks the 100th memorial of Scott Joplin and throughout the months, ragtime was presented by different libraries in Broward County, especially during Black History Month. There will be a local competition on Sunday, March 26 in Hollywood welcoming ragtime, honky tonk and boogie woogie piano players to compete for digital pianos which the WILLIAMS Piano Company has agreed to sponsor. Contact Chai Chien at the Music Club of Hollywood. musicclubhollywood@gmail.com for more information.

Saint Johns District

Lisa Smith, President

Saint Johns District held its annual meeting on November 3-, 2016 at the Wine Cellar in historic downtown Jacksonville. FPMC President, Bess Stallings was the honored guest and presented an enlightening lecture concerning the benefits of membership in the Florida Federation of Music Clubs. Additionally, she thanked several members of our group for their service to the organization

and honored them with very thoughtful gifts. Following Mrs. Stallings' discourse, attendees were treated to a program of Songs of the Season presented by soprano Carolyn Snyder Menke and her daughter Jessica.

On April 1st Saint Johns District will sponsor its annual Greater Jacksonville Federation Competition at Ed Waters College. We also are looking forward to hosting the 80th State Junior Convention at the University of North Florida May 5-6, 2017.

Seminole District

Marian Cox, President

Seminole District held their annual District meeting in December at the famous *Der Dutchman* restaurant in Sarasota. Four senior clubs were represented, including Gulf Coast Music, Calusa Musical, Musical Manatees, and Sarasota Music. Our guest of honor was our State President, Bess Stallings, who delighted the members with her charming words and winning smile. A "thank you" goes to her husband Jim, who adds so much to any meeting. The program included our Junior Members from each club.

Congratulations: 2017 Florida Essay Winners

Theme: "Music-An Adventure for Life"

Marian Cox, Chairman

As the FPMC Jr. Essay contest chairman, may I congratulate our Jr. members, who took the time to participate in this contest. First Place Winner in the 7-8 grade level was Kayla Truong from Apollo Beach, and Second place winner was Joshua Wldjaja from Sarasota. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to the teachers who promoted this event by encouraging their students to participate. The teachers are: Ann Buchholz, Suzanne Herman, Amy Duncan, Linda Rodzinski, Roxanne Stevenson, and Marian Cox.

Suwannee District

Claudia Brill, President

and

Foundation for the Promotion of Music

Linda Blessing, President

FPM has had a wonderful year fulfilling its main goals:

- To honor outstanding musicians in our area
- To recognize and award superior student musicians
- To encourage the study of music
- To provide programs of interest to the community

The year began in **October** with our Guest Artist Recital featuring two Gainesville musicians: Gosia-flute and Ali-guitar playing American folk and pop music. It was held at the Historic Thomas Center and was enjoyed by all!

In **November** FPM sponsored the Sonata/Sonatina Piano Festival as one of our annual fundraisers. The winners performed the next day at the Thomas Center. Over eighty students participated.



At the beginning of **February** FPM held the annual Musical Marathon fundraiser at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Gainesville. Performing students and adults raised over \$1,100 dollars! This money is used for recitals and FPM awards.

At the end of **March** FPM will sponsor the Stellar Wind and Percussion Recital featuring area woodwind, brass, and percussion students from Alachua and adjacent counties. The recital is a great way to showcase the area band and vocal programs and their dedicated teachers. The Annual Meeting and Recital of the winners of the Fouse, Reaves and Schnell Auditions will be on **April 23** at the Thomas Center. The Musician of the Year Award will also be presented.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

Suzanne Carpenter, NFMC ONP Chairman

Outgoing National President Donation

For each National President, a fund is created to endow a scholarship in the name of the Outgoing National President. The NFMC president is our very own Michael Edwards. Over MANY years, Michael has devoted much of his time, expertise and funds to FPMC. At the 2016 FPMC 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. Donations go to FPMC Treasurer, Suzanne Carpenter, PO Box 357275, Gainesville, FL 32635-7275

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."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 8, 10:00am – FPMC Frances Rands Beery

Ballet Audition – Lakeland, Florida

May 5-6, FPMC Junior Convention, Jacksonville

May 7-14, National Music Week – Theme:

"Music...An Adventure for Life"

June 1-3, FPMC 98th Spring Convention, Tampa

June 20-24, NFMC 59th Biennial Convention, Dayton, Ohio

July 7-8, Southeast NFMC Regional meeting, Brevard Music Center, North Carolina

NFMC Southeastern Region

Elaine Knight, Vice-President

The NFMC Convention will take place June 20-24 in Dayton, Ohio. Make reservations for your hotel as soon as you can. Also, one can download the call, voting credentials, meal and activity reservations and memorial paperwork from the NFMC website. With your voting credential, one can vote on many chairmanships and officers which change following the election that will take place on Thursday during the convention. Marcia Chaplin has been nominated to be the Vice President for the Southeast Region, and will do a splendid job. Our Regional Luncheon will be on Wednesday of the convention week.

Think of how you would like to serve, whether a chairmanship or member of a committee. Your expertise can be utilized in a variety of assignments. For instance, this Vice President has been asked to help find members interested in serving in the Competitions and Awards Division. Whatever your interest or expertise we could use your help. Jobs exist with varying degrees of time needed, skill and ability. Get involved with your Federation!

July 7th and 8th the Southeast Region Weekend will be held at the beautiful Brevard School of Music. Our special National Guest will be our own Deborah Freeman from South Carolina. Be certain to go ahead and make your reservations for the hotel in Brevard. We need someone to be elected to be a member of the Southeast Region Advisory Committee, because if, and when Marcia Chaplin is elected Vice President she will need to be replaced. With Sandra Anderson at the helm the Southeast Region Weekend Planner book was revised. Each State President should have one. The State of Mississippi will take charge of arrangements for the upcoming weekend.

The following year, 2018, the Southeast Region Meeting is proposed to be at Sewanee Music Center. Our region has voted to have our regional weekend on a revolving basis between the four music schools in the southeast region recognized by the NFMC, and Sewanee will be the first one. The state of Tennessee will take charge that weekend.

FFMC Nominating Committee

Marian Cox, Chairman

The nominating committee has unanimously chosen the following slate of officers to be voted upon at the 2017 FFMC Convention.

- Cheryl Poe, President
- Lisa Smith, Vice President
- Philip LeGrand, Recording Secretary
- Suzanne Carpenter, Treasurer

2017-2019 FFMC Slate of Officers Resumes

PRESIDENT: CHERYL POE

Current Community/Professional Activities:

Vice President of FFMC

Past President of FPM

President of Friends of Elementary Arts, Inc.

Member, Gainesville Community Band, Clarinet

Member, Gainesville Alumnae Sigma Alpha Iota

Member of Univ. of Florida Friends of Music

Past President of Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville

Volunteer at Grace Marketplace Homeless Shelter

Volunteer at Pineridge Neighborhood Afterschool Program

Previous Positions:

General Music and Chorus Teacher in Alachua County, Gainesville, 1980-2005

General Music and Band Instructor in Oregon, 1975-1982

Band and Clarinet and Woodwind Techniques instructor at Minot State College, 1969-1975

Private Woodwind Studio owner and Kindergarten teacher in Vallejo, School District, California and Sterling School District, Colorado, 1965-1969

Education:

M. M. ED Music Education and Clarinet Performance, University of Portland, Oregon

B. A. in Instrumental Music Education, Clarinet Emphasis, Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado

Narrative:

Cheryl's love of music and children lead her to a lifetime career of teaching music at all levels including pre-school through college age. In addition to teaching she was actively involved in the Florida Music Educators Association where she served as District Chair and later President of the Florida Elementary Educators Association. In 2004 she was awarded the Florida Music Educator of the Year.

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Since her retirement in 2005, she has dedicated her volunteer time to advocating for musical arts in her community and throughout the state. She serves on many organizations that promote and encourage active support of music education and performance.

Cheryl is the proud parent of two sons; the elder son, Lauren, serves a Mayor of the city of Gainesville and the younger, Russell, is an organic farmer residing in Moscow, Idaho. She has the great joy of babysitting her two local grandchildren, Elizabeth (5) and Beatrice (2).

VICE PRESIDENT: LISA SMITH

Federation Experience/Activities:

- 2001-2011 Harmony Senior Music Club & St. Johns District Recording Secretary
- 2003-2013 Co-Chairman FPMC State Junior Convention Monitors & Student Runners
- 2007-2013 St. Johns District & Harmony Sr. Music Club Membership Chairman
- 2011-2013 Harmony Senior Music Club President and Treasurer
- 2011-present FPMC State Festivals Chairman, State Archivist, Executive Board and Board of Directors
- 2012-present FPMC Florida Fellow
- 2014-present NFMC Life Member
- 2013-2017 St. Johns District President
- 2013-present FPMC Bylaws and Finance Committee Member
- 2015-present FPMC Budget Committee Member; Jeanie/Stephen Committee Member
- 2013-2015 NFMC SE Region Festivals Chairman
- 2015-present NFMC Festivals Chairman

JMTA/FSMTA Experience/Activities:

- 2011-2015 JMTA Ethics Committee Chairman
- 2014-2015 JMTA Recording Secretary
- 2015-2017 JMTA Constitution & Bylaws Committee Chairman
- Adjudicator FSMTA District III and IV Student Day
- Adjudicator FSMTA District III and District V Competitive Concerto Competition Events

1993-present private piano teacher

Education:

1995 graduated *cum laude* with a B. M. in Piano Performance (Jacksonville University)

Spring 2017

RECORDING SECRETARY: PHILIP J. LeGRAND

Currently:

- Serving as FPMC Recording Secretary
- Currently serving as Treasurer of Capital District, FPMC and Choctaw Bay Music Club.
 - Organized financial records and produced an accurate report after several years of incomplete information.
- Active member of the local club, sending out information about the meetings to members, organizing the setup and refreshments for meetings.
- Assists Festival Chairman in organizing the annual Festival by providing lunch for the workers and judges and “anything else” that needs to be done to make the event successful.
- Program Manager for Atkin North America in Pensacola responsible for providing construction inspection service for North Florida.

Musical Experience: Enjoy listening to good music, especially when performed by young musicians. Played the baritone in Junior High and High School Band.

Previous Positions:

Served 27 years in Air Force Civil Engineering with assignments at all levels of command. Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Assignments included an Electrical Engineer at K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI; Site Civil Engineer at Thule AB, Greenland; Chief of Operations at Rhein-Main AB, Germany; Chief Family Housing Build Lease Branch, Headquarter United State Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany; Chief of Family Housing Requirements Branch, Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon; Chief of Operations, Scott AFB, IL; Base Civil Engineer and Commander, 16 Civil Engineering Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL; and Chief Engineering, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command.

Education:

B.S. Electrical Engineering, University of Cincinnati
M. S. Computer Information Systems, Boston University.

TREASURER: SUZANNE CARPENTER

National Federation of Music Clubs:

NFMC Treasurer 2011-2013

NFMC Board Member Representing Florida: 2009-13

NFMC Board Member At- Large: 2014-16

NFMC Committee Member:

Finance, Budget, Citations, Policy Resolutions

Chairman: Whitehurst Piano Award, ONP 2015-

Life Member since 2001

Region: Southeastern

SE Chairman: Wendell Irish Award

State: Florida Federation of Music Clubs, 1976-

Treasurer, 1999-2003; 2005-present

State Junior Festivals Chairman, 2003-05

Member of the Year Award, 2002

Charter Florida Fellow, 2001

Financial Secretary, 1993-99

Local Club: Suwannee District:

Foundation for the Promotion of Music 1977-

Vice President

Named Musician of the Year 2008

Gainesville Festival Chairman, 2002-present

Gainesville Area Gold Cup Chairman, 1980-99

Riverland Music Club, 2000-07

Educational Background:

Master of Fine Arts, University of Florida

Major: Music History and Literature

Bachelor of Science, University of Wisconsin

Major: Elementary Education, Minor: Music

Professional Experience:

University of Florida Teaching Assistant:

Music Appreciation

Private Piano Teacher 1976-present

Elementary School Teacher

Bookkeeper

Music Teachers National Association, 1978-

Florida State Music Teachers' Association, 1978-

Personal Information:

Married to Dr. Ronald H. Carpenter, Professor

English and Communication Studies, UF

Three children: Dr. Malinda Carpenter (Dr. Josep Call); Leipzig, Germany; Nicole Carpenter Owens (Jason Owens); Atlanta, Georgia and Ronald H. Carpenter Jr.; Tampa, Florida

**2016 GAINESVILLE CONVENTION
MEMORIES**



Florida Fellows



Host Committee, Gainesville



Gary Langford Sextet

MAKE 2017 CONVENTION MEMORIES IN TAMPA!

**Official Call Junior Division
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS INC.
80th ANNUAL JUNIOR CONVENTION & AUDITIONS
University of North Florida, Jacksonville May 5-6, 2017**

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. **NO** warm up rooms will be available due to the problems caused by some parents and students towards UNF personnel monitoring in 2016. 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.

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

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Friday, May 5th 7:30 PM Concert by 2016 Winners, Lazzara Theatre

Saturday, May 6th 7:30 PM Concert by 2016 Winners, Lazzara Theatre

JUNIOR OFFICER ELECTIONS: Interested eligible Juniors grades 9,10 & 11 may get an application to 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 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. 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

2017 FPMC JUNIOR CONVENTION HOTELS: Thank you for using the hotels posted on our website www.ffmc-music.org/junior.htm. These hotels have been and are extremely supportive of the goals and vision of the FPMC.

OFFICIAL CALL: 98th FPMC SPRING CONVENTION

June 1-3, 2017

Holiday Inn Westshore Airport
700 N. Westshore Blvd. Tampa, FL 33609
813-289-8200



Host District - Bay Ridge District: President, Joshua Sussman

Host Committee: Chair – Petra Sussman, Co-Chair – Margaret Prosser, with the assistance of the Members of Friday Morning Musicales – Tampa

Convention Registration Fee: \$25 Convention Registration Deadline: May 8, 2017 Late fee: \$35

Directions:

From the North or South: Take I-75 to I-4 West Bound to Tampa. At I-275, use left 2 lanes to exit onto I-275 South towards Tampa International Airport. Take exit 40 B toward Lois Ave. Merge onto Cypress St. Turn left onto Westshore Blvd. Hotel will be on the right.

If flying into Tampa International Airport, The Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore Airport offers a free shuttle service. Call 813-289-8200 when you arrive at the airport.

Reservations:

Attendees can book by calling The Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore Airport at 813-289-8200 and mentioning the group name Florida Federation of Music Clubs and group dates. The 3 letter code is JHG.

The cost for a 2 double bed guestroom is \$99.00 plus 12% tax/per night. The guestroom rate includes a breakfast buffet voucher for up to 2 guests per day/per room. Room rates are available 2 days pre and post event.

The cutoff date to receive this special group rate is May 15, 2017. Guests calling to reserve a room after this date will be offered the hotel's best available rate.

Remember:

As an incentive, FPMC has arranged to offer all District and Club Presidents \$100.00 each to attend the entire convention. If the President cannot attend, the Treasurer may receive the \$100.00. You must attend the entire three days of the convention to be eligible.

For guests attending the conference, but not staying at the hotel, the regular breakfast buffet price is \$14.95, or you may order from the menu.

Amenities:

32" Flat Panel TV • Refrigerators • Single Serve Keurig Coffee Machines • Complimentary WiFi • Complimentary Guest Parking • On-site Restaurant and Bar • 24/7 Marketplace Café • 24/7 Fitness Center • 24/7 Courtesy Business Center • Complimentary Transportation Within 3 Miles Including International Plaza and Westshore Plaza

Plans of Work:

All FPMC and NFMC Chairmen and District and 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 23rd Circle, Gainesville, Florida 32605 or cheryltonipoe@gmail.com by May 8, 2017**, 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 FPMC Recording Secretary and Archivist.

Silent Auction:

All Districts are asked to bring "treasures" to be raffled 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 wreaths, silver & glassware, collectables, music related items, etc.



FFMC 98TH SPRING CONVENTION
JUNE 1-3, 2017
REGISTRATION & MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Mail check payable to: FFMC

Mail to: Marilyn Fisher
2027 Capps Road
Lake Wales, Florida 33898-8462

Name _____

Address _____

Phone #: (home) _____ (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 Bar-B-Q Luncheon honoring Florida Fellows \$12.95 _____

_____ Request Vegetarian

Friday Night Banquet/Concert \$30.00 _____

_____ Spinach Gorgonzola Salad or _____ Garden Salad

_____ Prosciutto Wrapped Chicken Saltimbocca w/Asiago Herb Risotto & Roasted Vegetables

_____ BBQ Grilled Shrimp over Creole Mustard Cream & Bacon Cheddar Grits & Roasted Vegetables

Vegetarian:

_____ Coriander Rubbed Grilled Cauliflower Steak w/Smoked Apple Cheddar Grit Cakes

Saturday Taste of Tampa Lunch \$20.00 _____

_____ Request Vegetarian

Convention Registration: **Cutoff Date May 8, 2017** \$25.00 _____

Late Fee after May 8, 2017 \$35.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Room Reservation: Cutoff May 8, 2017

Contact Hotel Directly: 813-289-8200

Indicate group rate for *Florida Federation of Music Clubs*

VOTING DELEGATE? CLASSIFICATION
(CHECK ONLY ONE)

_____ FFMC Executive Committee

_____ Club Delegate

_____ FFMC Board of Directors

_____ Junior Counselor

_____ FFMC Life Member

_____ Individual Member

Please check if you are _____ Florida Fellow

_____ FFMC Past President

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98th FFMC SPRING CONVENTION SCHEDULE
Holiday Inn Westshore Airport, Tampa, Florida
June 1-3, 2017

Thursday, June 1, 2017

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 2, 2017

8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Registration – Holiday Inn Westshore
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 noon	Break
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm	Official Opening of the 98th FFMC Spring Convention (Includes Luncheon Honoring Florida Fellows)
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Break
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Workshop: Strengthening the Singing Voice – Cara Bryan with Charles Dugan
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Workshop: The Art of Handbell Ringing – Lynne G. Marks
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Musical Interlude – Alex Lopez
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Workshop: Fundraising with a Purpose – Kerron Reid
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Fellowship and Prepare for Banquet
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Banquet honoring FFMC Member of the Year, National Board Members & District Presidents
8:15 pm – 9:00 pm	Concert: Leonidis Lipovetsky

Saturday, June 3, 2017

8:00 am – 12:00 noon	Registration – Holiday Inn Westshore
8:45 am – 9:45 am	Reports: (3 minute time limit)
	National, Regional & State Chairmen
	District & Club Presidents
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Musical Interlude – Daniel Joiner
10:30 am – 11:15 am	Memorial Service
11:15 am – 12:00 noon	Break
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm	Luncheon Honoring: Mystery NFMC Guest – Keynote Address
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Musical interlude – Jeanie / Stephen Christine Honein & Austin Cripe
1:45 pm –	Invitation to 2018 Spring Convention, Capital District FFMC Board of Directors – any unfinished business, Post Executive Committee Meeting (if necessary)