



Sharps & Flats



An Official Publication of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs

Theme: *Music for Life*

Song: *Music Alone Shall Live*

Reflections and Challenges: Cheryl Poe, FFMC President – ffmc1917@gmail.com

The Mission of FFMC (paraphrased): *Members of Florida Federation of Music Clubs are dedicated to the purpose of furthering music education and fostering a musical environment in our communities through the sponsorship of musical events. And by providing performing opportunities for our talented and deserving young people by sponsoring competitive events in which participating students can win awards and scholarships.*

Yes, this is our mission. This is who we are, and this is what we do! Since its charter in 1917, the members of our Federation have worked to carry out the stated mission to the best of their ability. Today, 2019, we the dedicated members continue to build on the strong foundation established before us. As our membership and scope of activities continues to expand, so does our challenge to maintain, improve, and build upon the outstanding work of our predecessors.

Reflections from very busy activities of FFMC members ...

- 2019 NFMC Biennial Convention, Jacksonville. We are indebted to Past President, Michael Edwards, for his dedicated service to FFMC and NFMC. We wish him the very best that retirement offers. We are indebted to FFMC Vice President, Lisa Smith, and her local host committee for preparing and carrying out thousands of details in order to make sure all attendees were comfortable and enjoyed a productive “Encore” Convention.
- 2019 Southeastern Region Federation weekend, Brevard, NC. FFMC was again the designated host for this weekend. Honored guest, FFMC Vice President & NFMC Festivals Chair, Lisa Smith, presented the keynote address. FFMC Treasurer, Suzanne Carpenter and FFMC President, Cheryl Poe, served as registrars. Parliamentarian, Louis Rose, shared his insights related to conducting meetings according to parliamentary procedure guidelines. Concerts by youth were outstanding. Fellowship with Southeastern Region leaders offered new ideas and inspiration for the future.

Challenges for the future activities of FFMC members ...

- 2019-2020 - Transitions bring opportunities and challenges. New and “seasoned” leaders need our support and encouragement.
 - 2019-2020 Transitional/Temporary FFMC Junior Division Chair: **Marian Cox** – marianc@comcast.com
 - Direct any questions related to FFMC Federation Cups to **Lisa Moore** – lisa.moore@ffmc-music.org
 - Direct any questions related to FFMC Festivals: **Lisa Smith** – lispiano@hotmail.com
 - Direct any questions related to FFMC Festivals online registration to **Lisa Smith** lispiano@hotmail.com or **Lisa Moore** – lisa.moore@ffmc-music.org

- 2019-2020 Transitional/Temporary FPMC State Junior Convention Chair: **Suzanne Carpenter**
 - Direct any questions related to FPMC State Junior Convention to suzanne@ffmc-music.org
- 2019-2020 FPMC/NPMC Composition Chair: **Suzanne Herman** – svhollis@gmail.com

President, Cheryl Poe, is seeking a several volunteers to fill committee responsibilities. More details are included in the “Help Wanted” section of this edition.

- **Bylaws – Review and Revision Requested:** In an effort to be in complete compliance with National Federation of Music Clubs policy, we are asking all District and Senior Club Presidents to review and revise if necessary. Please submit current copy of your Bylaws to Phil LeGrand, Recording Secretary. pilgrand@gmail.com
- **Communicating in the 21st Century –**
 - We are planning to conduct monthly conference calls with FPMC Leaders. Purpose of the conference calls is to stay informed about current activities throughout the state and nation and address current challenges in a more timely manner.
 - We hope to have a more relevant presence on social media. Cheryl would like to appoint one person from each district to serve as administrator on both of our Facebook pages: one is a members only page and the other is a public page.
- **Recruiting and Retaining New Members -** One of our Federation’s biggest challenges is recruiting and retaining new members. Please ponder these questions and offer any insights or suggestions you may have to ffmc1917@gmail.com.
 - Why don’t members volunteer for leadership positions?
 - Why do members resign from leadership positions?
 - How do we recruit and nurture new young leaders?

Keeping our mission in mind, I look forward to working with all of you as we strive for continuing success of our Federation. I am grateful we are all members of the FPMC T.E.A.M. – **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore!

FFMC PRESIDENT’S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TBA	Lake District Meeting – Orlando
September 13, 2019	Suwannee District Meeting – Gainesville
October 4, 2019	Bay Ridge District Meeting – Tampa
October 5, 2019	Seminole District Meeting – Sarasota
October 12, 2019	Royal Poinciana District Meeting – Ft. Lauderdale
January 17-19, 2020	Jeanie/Stephen Weekend – Stephen Foster State Park
February 29, 2020	Capital District Meeting – Niceville
May 1 & 2, 2020	FFMC State Junior Convention – Ocala
June 4,5 & 6, 2020	FFMC State Convention – Ft. Lauderdale
June 16-20, 2020	NPMC Convention – Indianapolis, ID
July 10 & 11, 2020	Southeastern Regional Weekend – Greensboro, NC

NATIONAL NEWS

Frances Nelson, NFMC's 34th President, was installed on June 21, 2019 at the 2019 NFMC Biennial Convention in Jacksonville, Florida.

Her first order of business was to greet all members of our Federation with enthusiasm and pledge to build on the strong foundation of successes achieved by her predecessors.

President's Theme: Create Harmony through Music

President's Song: "Come to Us, Creative Spirit"

2020 National Music Week Theme: *Music... A Magic Carpet*

2021 National Music Week Theme: *Music... is a Storyteller*

Be sure to visit nfmc-music.org to learn more about the new poetry book: *A Year in Verse* and an opportunity to travel with fellow NFMC members to Poland-A *Walk in Chopin's Footsteps*.

Florida Federation of Music Club members are well-represented on the National Federation of Music Clubs Board! Recently elected to serve are:

- Suzanne Carpenter – NFMC Treasurer
- Michael Edwards – NFMC Junior Division Chair
- Lisa Smith – NFMC Member Representing Florida & Festivals Chair

Bookmark the NFMC website nfmc-music.org and visit often. Information about applying for awards & scholarships, poetry & essay contests, student/collegiate opportunities, and young artists are but a few of resources available to all NFMC members. Check out these headings....

AMERICAN MUSIC DIVISION- Karen Bourne:

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ARTS DIVISION- Dr. Ouida Keck: kecko@obu.edu

COMPETITIONS & AWARDS DIVISION –

Dr. George Keck: keckg@att.net

JUNIOR DIVISION -

Michael Edwards: micedwards@aol.com

STUDENT/COLLEGIATE DIVISION – Lucinda Lear:

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AMERICAN MUSIC DIVISION

Ann Stockton, FFMC American Music Chair

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The American music division encompasses areas that lend themselves to wonderful programs for your clubs. This includes jazz, American women composers, and folk music as an example. If you do programs with these themes you are eligible for monies awards. You can find out more about these by logging on to the National Federation of Music club's website. <https://www.nfmc-music.org/?s=american+music>.

November is NFMC's Parade of American music Celebration. We are asking you to do programs consisting of all-American music. This can also earn you monied awards if you complete the application found on NFMC website. If you desire to enter this competition and do a report with pictures, publicity and printed programs please send that report to the national chairman. If you wish to just send in a report saying you have done a program or series of programs, please send this report to Dr. Mira Kruja – mkruja@gmail.com, the SE Regional Chair. Here's hoping you will treat yourself, your clubs and the public to programs featuring the many aspects of American music!

Areas included under the heading American Music Division are:

Jazz: seeking chair for this area.....

Parade of American Music: Chai L. Chien, Chair
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American Folk Music: Matthew Sabatella, Chair-
ms@matthewsabatella.com

American Women Composers: Chai L. Chien, Chair
Contact Ann, Chair, or Matthew and share your senior or junior club's activities related to American Music!

Impressions: NFMC Online Festivals Management System

Lisa Moore, FPMC Systems Administrator
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Lisa Smith, NFMC/FFMC Festivals Chair
lcspiano@hotmail.com.

On Tuesday, June 18th, NFMC offered workshops in conjunction with the annual NFMC conference, this year held in Jacksonville. The presentation was led by Robert Kanter, developer of the new online system. He demonstrated various key features from both teacher and festival chair perspective. Attendees from Florida and our visitors from out-of-town were able to get some hands-on "live" time with the system. We were able to connect to the internet and log into the system (the development platform = demo mode) as sample users. We were able to navigate through many of the basic functions and actions with ease.

Adding a new student meant a quick double-check for previous history. Registering a student was simple: follow step-by-step prompts to locate an exact Bulletin title from the drop-down menu. Built-in help screens were only a click away. We learned that scheduling and reporting will be included in the system. Judges rating sheets are to be downloaded, complete with barcoding for efficient processing of ratings after festival.

The enrollment process will involve the migration of the data to the cloud-based system. The data format in use now by each area will make a difference in the steps needed for the transition into the new system. It will be necessary to fill in missing gaps. We do expect a learning curve as we begin. It will be exciting to discover together how to connect the past to the future. Lisa Smith, FPMC Festivals Chair, and I are very happy to help the festival areas through this enrollment period.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NATIONAL, REGIONAL, and STATE AWARD WINNERS!

NFMC Essay Contest:

- **Kian Redoblado** – Suwannee District

FFMC/NFMC Wendell Irish Viola Award:

- **Laura Caroline Liu** – Royal Poinciana District

NFMC Thelma Adams Robinson Ballet Award:

- **Terri Jean Thomson** – Seminole District

FFMC Frances Rands Beery Memorial Award in Classical Ballet:

- **Alexis Workowski** – Bay Ridge District

NFMC Stillman Kelly/Thelma Byrum Award:

- **Marco Jimenez** – Bay Ridge District

FFMC/NFMC Junior Composition Award:

- **Emily Singleton** – Suwannee District

FFMC Jeanie/Stephen Awards:

- **Devin Eatmon** (sponsored by Sarasota Music Club) and **Grace Lengacher** (sponsored by the Choctaw Bay Music Club)

MARIAN COX AWARDED 2019 FPMC MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Marian was honored as the 2019 FPMC Member of the year at the June 1 FPMC State Meeting. Marian has been a dedicated member of the Seminole District for more than sixty years. One of her colleagues wrote: *She is always congenial, professional and supportive of our goals to promote FPMC and our activities.*

In addition to serving as Chair of the Essay Contest, she currently serves as the FPMC Junior Division Chair. FPMC is grateful for her dedicated service



Marian Cox and Lisa Smith

STATE NEWS

Calling All Clubs to Send a Jeanie/Stephen Candidate

Connie Tuttle Lill, Chair: connielill@cltuttle.com 561-703-7333

FFMC Cash Awards are:

Jeanie Award: \$2,000.00	Jeanie Runner Up: \$1,500.00
Jeanie Maid : \$ 500.00	Stephen Award: \$2,000.00
Stephen Runner Up: \$1,500.00	Stephen Third Place: \$ 500.00

The Sixty-Ninth Annual Jeanie/Stephen Auditions will be held January 17 & 18, 2020. The Best Western of Lake City will be the official hotel with special rates. The competition will be held on Saturday morning at 10:00am in the museum with a Gala Luncheon. On Sunday, the park will have a music program at 2:00pm with a reception to follow sponsored by the Folk Culture Center and the Stephen Foster Citizens Support Group. Our Jeanie and Stephen 2020 will be asked to perform.

At the 98th FFMC convention in Tampa a motion was passed that sponsors of the contestants are extended to include individuals, businesses, and service organizations. Reason: Many of the local clubs are not including the Jeanie/Stephen in their budgets. The cost will include:

- application fee/Friday dinner.....\$ 75.00
- accompanist..... \$ 75.00
- room..... \$ 99.00 +tax
- cut-a-way tux rental..... \$ 150.00 + tax
- Girl's loaned dress - cleaning fee \$ 35.00
- Plus gas money _____

We do have dress patterns for those clubs wishing to start their own dress library.

Our FFMC Dorothy Evans Dress Library contains 6 dresses which includes a dress donated by our 2008 Jeanie, Nicole Estima from Tampa who now resides in Boston. Two dresses will be made to be included in the library for 2020.

We are working with Men's Warehouse to have special pricing for the Stephen candidates to be able to buy a tux for the same or less than renting a tux. The sponsoring club will purchase the tux instead of paying the rental fee. It will be a current style which will enable the contestant to own a tux for future events.

The newly crowned Jeanie and Stephen sing at the Sunday concert sponsored by the park. The expenses of the additional night in the hotel and dinner will be included in the yearly Jeanie/Stephen budgeted expenses. Stephen and Jeanie winners from the previous year will not have to attend the following year to crown, sing on Friday Evening, and sing on Sunday. Reason: Cost. Many of our winners are seniors and will not be in the area or even in the state. However, they will be contacted to see if their schedule would permit and if they are still in Florida. Those expenses would be included in the Jeanie/Stephen budget.

We are looking for more of our clubs to participate by sponsoring candidates and assisting with the event. New committee members and new ideas are always welcome.

Many, many thanks are in order for all of the clubs and individuals who do support the event ! Please include Jeanie/Stephen in your club budget for 2020.

ATTENTION JUNIOR DIVISION COUNSELORS/TEACHERS

Lisa Moore, FPMC Financial Secretarylisa.moore@ffmc-music.org

Did you receive your “pink” Junior dues notice? FPMC mailed them out to Junior Club Counselors in early July. If you have not received the form, please download from the website: ffmc-music.org/juniorbill.pdf. Deadline is October 1. Please include your initial club roster with dues: up to 16 students for \$50. Remember to send in a “final roster” by December 10. Contact your local senior club treasurer for senior dues. Or you may instead choose to pay senior individual dues directly online: nfm-music.org/payment.

Reminder: Please review the Junior Procedures Manual:

<https://www.ffmc-music.org/juniorproceduresmanual.pdf>

Also review the NPMC Junior Division Procedures Manual (JR 3-18):

<https://www.ffmc-music.org/NMPCProceduresManual.pdf>

Federation Cup Report 2019

Lisa Moore, Chair – lisa.moore@ffmc-music.org

We are happy to report strong participation in the NPMC Federation Cup plan this year. Our juniors have earned over 1,350 cups this year. Here is the breakdown for “gold” cups earned, both for composition, essay, and in festival:

Type Cup

1	90-point cup
4	75-point cups
34	60-point cups
119	45-point cups
307	30-point cups
906	15-point cups

1,371 Total cups – 2019 “gold”

Congratulations to our “top cup” recipients, listed below with their event and teacher:

PRESIDENT CUP - 90 points: Melissa Brown: Piano Solo / Wanda Louie



GRAND CUP - 75 points

Elizabeth Agranovsky: Piano Solo / Zalina Gurevich

Rodrigo Castellon: Piano Solo / Sue Colvert

Carol Jiang: Piano Solo / Roxanne Stevenson

Emily Kim: Piano Solo / Lisa Smith

Carol Jiang: Violin Solo / Huifang Chen

Lillian Zhang: Violin Solo / Huifang Chen

60 Point Cups

Rachel Bai: Piano Solo / Jae Eun Jung
 Elizabeth Brown: Piano Solo Doug Evers
 Kenneth (Jay) Borick, Jr.: Piano Solo / Loretta Hake
 Allison Chang: Piano Solo / Ariel Liu
 Eric Chen: Piano Solo / Barbara Young
 Sophia Chen: Piano Solo / Olga Glick
 Glory Coleman: Piano Solo / Diana Heller
 Victor Frederique: Piano Solo / Betty Atkinson
 Nimna Gabadage: Piano Solo / Ivanka Stefanov
 Michelle Huang: Piano Solo / Leonid Treer
 Timothy Huynh: Piano Solo / Jae Eun Jung
 Carol Jiang, violin solo / Huifang Chen
 Roy Kuo: Piano Solo / Ariel Liu
 Sophie Kuo: Piano Solo / Ariel Liu
 Celeste Lachambre: Piano Solo / Nikki Lachambre
 Hailey Larson: Piano Solo / Heidi Larson
 Rebecca Lin: Piano Solo / Ken Hanks
 Kathy Liu: Piano Solo / Vladimir Khoklov
 Meryl Liu: Piano Solo / Zalina Gurevich
 Christine Lyford: Violin Solo / Lev Gurevich
 Hannah Mann: Violin Solo / Sherry Pollock
 Jacquelyn Nguyen: Piano Solo / Priscilla Hefffield
 Tri Nguyen: Piano Solo / Marian Cox
 Molly Pope: Violin Solo / Lev Gurevich
 Kayla Shen: Piano Solo / Oleg Barsov

60-Point Cups Continued.....

Olivia Shore: Piano Solo / Marian Cox
 Theresa Tran: Piano Solo / Priscilla Hefffield
 Kathleen Yang: Piano Solo / Wanda Louie
 Dorizabelle Northecide: Violin Solo / Leana Strouse
 Alyssa Williams: Piano Solo / Jae Eun Jung
 Michael Yevstratov: Piano Solo / Natalya Kushnir
 Kathleen Yang: Piano Solo / Wanda Louie
 Michael Yao: Piano Solo / Olga Glick
 Lillian Zhang, Violin Solo / Huifang Chen

PRESIDENT/GRAND CUP APPLICATION

For 2020, teachers should be sure to use the most current Grand Cup application form.
 (Download Form JR 4-1 from the NFMC website: www.nfmc-music.org).

NOTE: Students who earned the President's cup or their Grand Cup may wish to prepare a brief biography for *Junior Keynotes*. Send to Jeanne Hryniewicki, editor, as word documents along with a high-resolution jpeg picture, email: jfkish@hotmail.com.

Florida Fellows Need You

Before the end of the year 2019, you or club members or friends might need a tax -write off ????. Why not become a Florida Fellow? For a donation of \$1,000.00, you, too, can be a proud Florida Fellow. The money goes into the operating expenses account which only the interest can be spent. **This is a tax-deductible donation.** Sometimes at the FFMC state convention, someone surprises a loved one by donating in their name. This, not only, is an honor, but a huge asset to the organization.

Questions regarding the contribution can be answered by Connie Lill, Chair
connielill@cltuttle.com or
(561-703-7333)

Amazon Smile Charity

Lisa Moore, Membership

Do you purchase items through Amazon Smile? If so, you can designate Florida Federation of Music Clubs as your charity of choice with Amazon Smile! FFMC will then receive 0.5% of the amount you spend on eligible purchases. It's easy to begin with just a quick registration step through Amazon Smile. Visit website: smile.amazon.com. Select FFMC from the list of organizations. Then every eligible purchase you make will result in a donation. Spread the news: the more members and friends that participate, the higher the donation could be. You can find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.

NOTE: Purchases made through the app are not eligible. The purchase price cannot be claimed as tax-deduction. Program costs are not passed on to either Amazon Smile customers or to FFMC, as the charitable organization. Customers are

ensured complete anonymity. Their privacy policy states that Amazon will not share individual customer information with charitable organization.

ATTENTION JUNIOR PIANISTS WHO WILL BE IN 10th, 11th, or 12th GRADE IN 2020!

The Claire Ulrich Whitehurst Piano Solo Award will be offered in 2020.

First Place \$500; Second Place \$250

Application Deadline: 1 March 2020

Because Claire Frances Whitehurst, daughter of Claire Ulrich Whitehurst, was an active member of FFMC and NFMFC, a future Florida winner would honor her memory. Florida teachers, please encourage your gifted piano students to participate in this event.

Requirements:

Upload to the NFMFC website (www.nfmc-music.org/applicant-fileupload) a good quality digital recording (15 to 20 minutes) and a typewritten copy of the recorded repertoire

- Entry fee of \$10 is required to be considered for the award. Payment can be made at www.nfmc-music.org/payment.
- Original piano solo compositions representing various periods of music literature
- At least one composition by an American composer
- Music must be performed by memory
- Applicant must not have reached their 19th birthday as of 1 March 2020
- Be a member of an NFMFC club or hold Individual Junior Membership
- Be native citizen of the U.S. or have received naturalization papers

Application (NFMF Form JR 14-2) and Procedure forms (NFMF Form JR 14-1) are found at <http://www.nfmc-music.org>; use search words Claire Ulrich Whitehurst. *Suzanne Carpenter*, NFMF Chair
Treasurer@ffmc-music.org (352) 373-5049

State Junior Convention Location Change:

With the increasing facility costs for our Junior Convention at the University of North Florida, we have been looking for an alternate location. We have achieved success beyond our wildest dreams! College of Central Florida in Ocala is *partnering* with FFMC to house our FFMC State Junior Convention.



In addition, the MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA Visitors and Convention Bureau is playing an active supportive role!



In fact, if we are able to book enough hotel rooms for the convention, we will receive a grant in proportion to our listings! Available sponsoring hotels will be listed on our FFMC website soon. Please book with the convention hotels as soon as possible. Because the University of Florida graduation is the same weekend many Ocala hotels book the overflow. Be sure to mention FFMC when booking to secure the special rate.

Comparing facility costs between UNF and CCF, we will be saving \$9,483.63!! As FFMC treasurer, for our 2020 Junior Convention which will be held May 1-2 in Ocala, I will recommend a temporary increase to the FFMC Endowed Monetary Awards. Far better to fund awards than facility costs!

HEAD'S UP:

- If juniors will be entering concerti and/or ensembles in the FFMC State Junior Convention, they must have entered a solo in their area festival. Should they get below a superior or just not want to enter a solo at state, please attach a copy of the rating sheet with your application to prove the solo level at the area festival.
- To solve the accompanist problem (accompanist not able to be in more than one room at the same time), be sure to list your accompanist on the application. We will be scheduling by accompanist and giving assigned times to string students.

We have a wonderful TEAM working together to provide a new State Junior Convention Adventure!

Suzanne Carpenter, FFMC State Junior Convention Chair. suzanne@ffmc-music.org

CONGRATULATIONS!
2019 Winners of the Frances Rands
Beery Memorial Award in
Classical Ballet

Dr. Monica Laude, Chair



2019 FIRST PLACE AWARD \$750

Alexis Workowski

(Student of Natalia Glos & Diane Withee)

2019 SECOND PLACE AWARD \$250

Hannah Wiedle

(Student of Natalia Glos & Diane Withee)

2019 HONORABLE MENTION AWARD \$25

Aria Walker

(Student of Hayley Stewart)

CONGRATULATIONS!
Southeastern Region NFMC
Wendell Irish Viola Award.

Helen Kirklin, Chair

helenkirklin@gmail.com

Laura Liu, from Miami (Royal Poinciana District), was the 2019 Florida winner of the NFMC Wendell Irish Viola Award.

Violists can apply who are FFMC members, and have reached the 12th but not the 19th birthday by February 1, 2020. Audition is by recorded performance, uploaded to the NFMC website at nfmc-music.org, along with application materials, by February 1. Applicant must perform at least two pieces selected from contrasting style periods. For more information, search "Wendell Irish Viola Award" on nfmc-music.org, or contact Helen Kirklin.

Junior Club Achievement

Lisa Moore, Financial Secretary
 email: lisa.moore@ffmc-music.org

Junior Counselors: Summer is over and time to plan your calendar. Consider how your "club" can make a greater impact this year. What goals and achievements do you have you in mind for your Juniors? NFMC offers more than Junior Festival. Check out Form JR 1-1 on the NFMC website for a checklist of areas in which juniors might like to participate. Send in your annual achievement summary form to "get credit" for a busy year! See NFMC Form JR 1-2 for Guidelines to follow for a club junior achievement book.

FFMC JUNIOR ESSAY CONTEST

Marian Cox, Chair

Now is the time to give your students the FFMC ESSAY CONTEST INFORMATION. The 2020 topic is "MUSIC ... A MAGIC CARPET". Find rules and application on our website www.ffmc-music.org. The application & essay must be sent to me by **December 15th 2019**. The application gives the directions for entering the NFMC contest, with a January 10th 2020 deadline. Seminole District is having a district essay contest prior to the state deadline. I hope other districts will consider doing this for our Juniors. For more information contact me at marianc@comcast.net. I encourage every District to have some entries in this event. You can also call me (941)365-6949.

CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR NFMF/FFMC CRADLE ROLL

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

There is always an opportunity to add names to the FFMC/NFMC Cradle Roll! We encourage parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends to make this possible.

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

Send the information along with a \$25 check payable to FFMC to Suzanne Carpenter, FFMC Treasurer, P.O. Box 357275, Gainesville, FL 32635-7275 or download # ME 1-1 at www.nfmc-music.org for the application.

Cradle Roll membership lasts for five years, and the names will be listed in the Directory for that term.



*Liam Barrett – Newest member of
NFMF/FFMC Cradle Roll!
Great Grandson of
Marian Cox*

HELP WANTED!

Together Everyone Achieves More

President, Cheryl Poe, is seeking dedicated, enthusiastic, and willing FFMC members to fill several committee positions. Please review these volunteer opportunities. Do you see an area of which you passionate and have special interest? Please email Cheryl at ffmc1917@gmail.com

Duties: Communicate with Senior & Junior Clubs. Complete reports annually. Add your name to our **AWESOME FFMC T.E.A.M.!**

ARTS DIVISION: Chair is Elaine Knight. She needs committee members who are passionate about –

- Chamber Music
- Choral Music
- Crusade for Strings
- International Music
- Music in Poetry
- Sacred Music
- Together We Sing – **Petra Sussman** (THANK YOU!)
- National Music Weed
- National Music Week Essay – **Marian Cox** (THANK YOU!)
- Opera

FFMC & NFMF COMPETITION & AWARDS:

Chair is Lisa Smith. She welcomes help with Student/Collegiate Music Education Awards & Scholarships and Young Artist Department

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION: Chair is

Cheryl Poe. Cheryl receives and formats Sharps & Flats newsletter. Suzanne Carpenter edits the newsletter. We would like to train and pass on this project by 2020. **Lisa Moore** serves as Social Media Chair. She needs one representative from each District to serve as administrator for our two Facebook Pages (One is members only the other is public).

DISTRICT AND CLUB NEWS

Bay Ridge District

Krysten Richards, President

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Friday Morning Musicale

Laura Hollis, President

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Friday Morning Musicale:

Fall Plans and Beyond.

The Friday Morning Musicale in the Bay Ridge District is pleased to announce not only a continuation of our expansive community programming but also numerous extensions in the future. That is in addition to our normal Senior Club duties and offerings.

Each month, Junior Club members can enjoy by participating or attending monthly student recitals. This fall, the recital dates are September 14th, October 5th, 26th, November 2nd, and December 7th.

Furthermore, all are welcome to the Friday Morning Musicale's free monthly performances, featuring local and regional sensations from a variety of genres and ensembles. Our first performer this season will be Billy Lindsay, an Elvis Presley impersonator, a crowd favorite! You can catch him on October 4th at 11am. Other concerts include everything from Opera soloists, local university dance teams, composers and more. Fall concert dates are November 1st and December 6th. If you would like to coordinate a large audience, please contact us; the more the merrier!

In other exciting news, the Friday Morning Musicale will be bringing back our Spring Fundraiser, complete with live music, bubbly, a silent auction and open doors to our beautiful concert hall. Please contact us for more information.

Lakeland Morning Musicale (Tampa)

Sheila Arthur, President

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Lakeland Music Club, formerly known as Tuesday Music Club, was awarded \$100.00 by NFMC Folk Music Committee! January 8, 2019, LMC was blessed with a very rich performance in folk music by Rochelle School of The Arts. Under the superb direction of Dr. Mark Smith, these middle school age students provided beautiful folk melodies with harmonies and allocation far beyond the scope of 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. This award will be directed toward our scholarship fund to further promote other young, enthusiastic artists.

Capital District

Sharleen Williams, President

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Capital District is looking forward to a fun, productive year through the activities of Choctaw Bay Music Club.

Both organizations are excited to go forward under the leadership of new officers.

Capital District officers elected for 2019 - 2021 are President - Sharleen Williams; Vice President - Julie Crucian; Secretary - Ingrid Roberts; and Treasurer - Phil LeGrand. Choctaw Bay officers elected for the same years are President - Loretta Hake; Vice President - Julie Crucian; Secretary - Ingrid Roberts; and Treasurer - Phil LeGrand.

The annual NFMC Festival will again be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Northwest Florida State College. Entry deadline is December 10, 2019.

Choctaw Bay Music Club

Loretta Hake, President
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Choctaw Bay Music Club met in August to finalize plans for the coming year's programs. Events for 2019-20 will be:

Saturday, November 2, 2019: Sonata/Sonatina Spectacular in Tyler Recital Hall at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville. Students at all levels perform Sonatas or Sonatinas in groups receiving a certificate, medallion and a rating and critique from judges.

Saturday, January 25, 2020: Student Showcase at Crosspoint Church in Niceville. This is an opportunity for performance for students from each studio.

Saturday, February 8, 2020: NFMC/FFMC Festival in the music wing at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville. This is a full day event with many students, teachers, judges and volunteers.

Saturday, February 29, 2020: Opera Brunch at the Niceville Community Center. CBMC's money-making event for scholarships features a brunch and raffle and performances by leading singers of the Pensacola Opera.

Sunday, April 26, 2020: CBMC Duo-Piano Program, Tyler Recital Hall, NFSC. This will be the 29th year that the senior members of the club will present a program of duo-piano music, competing for the Helen Hartman Dingus Duo Piano Award.

Saturday, May 9, 2020: Scholarship and Senior Awards Program, Tyler Recital Hall, NFSC. Scholarship and awards are presented with performances by the seniors and scholarship winners.

We appreciate the chairs who are working hard to present these programs which so deeply enrich the musical enjoyment and education of our students, our teachers and our community.

Royal Poinciana District

Catherine Gavin, President
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Coral Gables Music Club

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The world is full of opportunities, large and small, to enjoy the feeling of being of some use. We all know from personal experience the personal benefits that come to those of us who give of ourselves. Miami affords us many opportunities to give of ourselves: we have the Everglades to save, historical sites, luscious gardens, museums, children with disabilities. All are good efforts and all provide the joy of being of some use. The Coral Gables Music Club remains strong and active in Miami's philanthropic community.

This fiscal year 2018-19 year featured monthly concerts for the membership. We were all treated to a Spanish soprano, a noted cellist, piano concerts by scholarship stars, professional musicians on the piano and a local academy chorus and violin/ flute ensemble. Of special note this year we honored the services of Patricia Clarke and Jan Gardiner with memorials to celebrate their significant contributions over many active years to the success of this club.

Echoing last year's entry into the evening concert area, the Coral Gables Music club teamed up musicians from Alcala La Real in Andalusia, Spain with the City of Coral Gables to present solo violists and piano artistry in an historical celebration of our joint musicianship with a program entitled "La Convivencia". We enjoyed cocktails and, of course, tapas to rave reviews from our Spanish brothers and sisters.

We approach the new year with 20 scholarship students to help and enjoy their blossomly growing talents with pride.

Music Club of Hollywood Florida

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The Royal Poinciana District has a new club, the North Broward Preparatory School in Coconut Creek, Florida. This was the new location of the RPD North festival in February 2019, thanks to Erika Venerable, violin teacher at the school and President of the newly formed club. Music Club of Hollywood welcomes new board member, Matthew Sabatella, a Folk musicologist who will lecture in October at the Stirling Road Branch library the "American Songbook". He also will perform live music as part of the lecture. Mr. Sabatella will be heading the Folk Music Division of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs.

Upcoming Free Community Concerts sponsored by Music Club of Hollywood:

"Music in the Mangrove" Performances are held inside Anne Kolb Nature Center.

All concerts start at 2pm.

September 15: Let's Go! Baroque! featuring the Camerata di Magdalena student ensemble performing Renaissance and Baroque music. **October 20:** Folk Music: Joe Bones, Old-Time Mountain Music.

November 17: American Parade of Music: The Broward County Murmurs, banjo band performing patriotic, 1920's and musical theater hits. **December 15:** Holiday Jazz Concert featuring the Jazz Education Community Coalition (JECC) student jazz band led by Nicole Yarling.

North Broward Preparatory School

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North Broward Preparatory School of Music Club grows!

The NBPS Music Club is very excited about our upcoming year. We are looking into expanding our junior club to include wind instrumentalists, vocalists and musical theater students. Hosting the piano and vocal categories of the Junior Festival has been a great way to meet others in our district and share our facility.

At the FPMC State Junior Convention this past May we were very proud of all of our students who participated and won awards, especially branching out into bass solo, piano trio and other ensembles. Our very own Shayna Singer won the Vocal Solo Art Song Musically Advanced III category. She also received the **CONNIE TUTTLE-LILL ALL PERFORMANCE AWARD** after winning the Piano Solo Musically Advanced II *Robert Smiddy Award* (2018). Tong Wu was invited to play in the showcase recital after winning in the Piano Solo Musically Advanced I category 2018.



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Our annual Seminole District Meeting will be held Saturday, October 5, 10:15 am at “Der Dutchman” Restaurant, 3713 Bahia Vista St. Our State President, Cheryl Poe, will be our guest speaker, She has so much FFMC information to pass on to all our members from Bradenton down past Ft. Myers. The business meeting will be followed by a delicious luncheon, concluding with musical entertainment from our four senior clubs.

Seminole District will have two area Junior Festivals in February. Our teachers are preparing their students for the state composition contest in November, the Essay Contest in December plus the many events provided during the Junior festivals in February. Call me at (941)365-6949, for more information.

Saint John’s District*Debbie Carter, President*debbie@ddmlc.com**Harmony Club***Connie Lill, President*connielill@cltuttle.com

The Harmony Music Club of Jacksonville is celebrating its Forty-second season! Events will include our District Luncheon in October with FFMC State President, Cheryl Poe and NFMC and FFMC Treasurer Suzanne Carpenter as our honored guests. We are planning our Saint John’s District Festival and Greater Jax Piano Competition. Many of our winners will also be attending the FFMC State Junior Convention.

We are looking forward to sponsoring two candidates at the Jeanie/Stephen auditions in January. A fundraiser is being planned plus luncheons and concerts featuring talented musicians from the Jacksonville Symphony and students whose teachers are our members.

Suwannee District*Claudia Brill, President*brillclaudia@gmail.com**Foundation for the Promotion of Music***Linda Blessing, President*musicbless@aol.com

The Suwannee District has another exciting year planned for 2019-2020.

Our district meeting and luncheon on Friday September 13 will include information about FFMC Junior Festival. FFMC president, Cheryl Poe, will share news of upcoming challenges and opportunities. Current and prospective FPM members will learn about our fall activities, the Gainesville area Junior Festival, and the State FFMC Junior Convention on May 1-2, 2020, in Ocala. FPM members are coordinating the convention event at the College of Central Florida.

FPM will sponsor the Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival, November 23. Winners in each age group perform in the Stellar student “Honors Recital” on Sunday, November 24.

Once again we will be busy planning the Jeanie/Stephen auditions at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park which will be held on January 17-19, 2020. We hope each district will sponsor a candidate for this stunning event!

The FFMC Junior Festival for the Suwannee District is held each February in Gainesville. All of our members help with this special event! In the spring we are planning a Guest Artist Recital honoring a Musician of the Year award and an Award Recital featuring the winners of the Sarah Baird Fouse Wind Award, the Dorothy Reaves String award, the William Dishman Brass Award, the Betsy Schnell Youth Piano Award.

We are looking forward to all of these activities as we strive to fulfill our goal of supporting musicians of all ages in our district!

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