



Sharps & Flats



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THEME: Those who wish to sing always find a song—Swedish Proverb

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SONG: "All I Ask of You"—Andrew Lloyd Webber

On a High Note From Your President

This is the season Wishing you a holiday filled with fun, family, great friends, and wonderful music. Enjoy all of the lights and festive events. Ring in the New Year for it will be one of the best!!!

Many thanks to Phil and Karen LeGrand for hosting the FFMC Fall Session in Ft. Walton Beach, September 16-17. Many thanks to all who attended. The Panhandle of Florida is far away for most, but that beach and sunset were beautiful. We accomplished some important changes in the Bylaws and Standing Rules. They are published on the web www.ffmc-music.org.

Many thanks to the Districts for giving me the opportunity to speak at their annual District meetings. I thank Suzanne Carpenter and Shirley Clark for attending the Bay Ridge District meeting on my behalf.

Plan ahead to attend the local Junior Festivals either as a listener or as a monitor. Ask the Festival Chairman what you can do. Then you will be prepared to attend the FFMC Junior Convention May 4-5, 2007, in Jacksonville at the University of North Florida. We are always in need of interested members to volunteer. Looking forward to seeing you soon or hearing from you via e-mail.

*My best,
Connie Tuttle-Lill
President*

Eight Members Attend NFMC Fall Session

The 2006 NFMC Fall Session was held August 1-6, 2006, at the Hotel Sofitel in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Florida was represented by Helen Dingus, Michael Edwards, Suzanne Carpenter, Loretta Hake, Gretchen E. Van Roy, Rose Suggs, Connie Tuttle-Lill and Bill Lill.



From Left to Right - Seated Fran Huetter (North Carolina), Rose Suggs, Gretchen E. Van Roy. Standing - Connie Tuttle-Lill, Bill Lill, Suzanne Carpenter, Michael Edwards, Loretta Hake, Helen Dingus

Mark Your Calendar

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| February – | District Junior Festival Competitions |
| May 4-5th – | FFMC Junior Convention, University of North Florida, Jacksonville |
| May 24, 25, 26th – | Lake District hosting the 89th Annual FFMC Convention in Orlando |
| | NFMC Guest: Carolyn Nelson, North Central Region Chairman |
| | She will install all new FFMC officers including District Presidents. |

Note: From January – June 2007 there will be several deadlines to meet for scholarship applications and club program reports. See NFMC www.nfmc-music.org website for details.

Stephen Foster/Jeanie Audition and Golden Slipper Dinner Dance


Kevin Brown became FFMC's Stephen in our first male voice competition at the fifty-sixth annual Stephen Foster/Jeanie Auditions & Ball, October 6-7, 2006, at the Stephen Foster Cultural Center in White Springs, FL. The new award for \$1,000.00 annually is being funded by the George Lill Foundation. Kevin was sponsored by the Foundation for the Promotion of Music (Gainesville). He also performed in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" in November at the University of Florida. He was the Zero Mostel lead. In addition, Marisa Rivera, one of the 2007 Jeanie maids, performed as one of the courtesans. To quote Suzanne Carpenter, FFMC treasurer, "Our FFMC winners are Tops". She and her husband, Ron, attended one of the performances.

This year's Stephen Foster/Jeanie Chairman was Ann Stockton, who last year co-chaired the Jeanie with veteran chairman, Helen Wooden. Christie Bell was crowned Jeanie 2007. She was sponsored by the Lake Wales Music Club. She received \$1,500.00, a golden necklace, tiara, and appearances. The four Jeanie maids each received \$750.00 and a chance to compete next October if they are not yet 23 years old. They are Catherine Spitzer, sponsored by Tuesday Morning Musicale of Hollywood,

Jennifer Rodney, sponsored by Friday Music Club of Tampa, Meredith Nance, sponsored Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland, Marisa Rivera, sponsored by Wednesday Music Club of Central Florida. The first annual Golden Slipper Ball also took place on Friday night preceding the introductions of the candidates. The Al Maniscalco Quartet played dance music during the dinner as well as at the ball. Marian Cox, Seminole District President, assisted in finding the Quail Heights Country Club to cater the event. Committee members included Joan Bond, Suzanne Carpenter, Anne Cruxent, Helen Dingus, Dorothy Evans, Marilyn Fisher, Dave Stockton, Joan Weir, Connie Tuttle-Lill and Bill Lill.

Many thanks to the following girls and the clubs that sponsored them. Katie Bell, Lake Wales Music Club, Genesis Marichal, South Miami Music Club, Stephanie Newman, Tuesday Music Club, Courtney Poston, Boca Delray Music Society, Whitney Tuggle, Foundation for the Promotion of Music.

Many thanks to the Coral Gables Music Club who sponsored the male contestant, Bryan Martinez.

Remember, be on the look-out for contestants. Women 17-23 and Young men 18-24. 

Michael Edwards— Person of the Year Award 2006

Each year one person is chosen by the members to be the member of the year. The person must show selfless dedication and outstanding service to the Florida Federation of Music Clubs.

Michael Edwards was presented the member of the year award at the annual FFMC State Convention in May. He is the FFMC Junior Counselor and FFMC Board Member. Michael is the Morning Musicale of Ft. Lauderdale's treasurer and past club president. He is also the Royal Poinciana North District Festival Chairman. Currently he sits on the NFMC Board of Directors as Board Member representing Florida. He has his own piano studio and helps run the family business. As a young man, Michael was given a scholarship by the Morning Musicale of Fort Lauderdale to attend Brevard Music Camp in Brevard, North Carolina.

Dedication.....Michael Edwards, Member of the Year 2006.



Bylaws Changes

The following bylaws changes have been approved unanimously at the Seventy-ninth Annual Fall Session held on September 15-16, 2006, in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.

ARTICLE IV. Meetings

Section 1. Annual Convention, FFMC shall hold an annual convention in the spring, to be hosted by the districts in rotation as specified in Section 3. The convention shall be held for the purpose of receiving reports from officers, the Board of Directors, and department chairmen and for the election of officers in odd numbered calendar years. A six weeks notice shall be given to all voting members.

Section 2. Annual Fall Session and Workshop. FFMC shall hold an annual fall session and workshop in September, to be hosted by the districts in rotation as specified in Section 3. This meeting shall be held for the purpose of planning for the current year. A six weeks notice shall be given to all voting members.

Section 3. The Annual Convention and the Annual Fall Session shall be hosted by the districts according to the following schedule, and the schedule shall be extended indefinitely to all future Conventions and Fall Sessions unless the Executive Committee for reasons of an emergency nature grants an exception.

2006-2010 Schedule (to be extended into the future)

BayRidge	-----2006.....	Convention
Capita	-----2006.....	FallSession
Lake	-----2007.....	Convention
Royal Poinciana	-----2007.....	Fall Session
Saint Johns	-----2008.....	Convention
Seminole	-----2008.....	Fall Session
Suwannee	-----2009.....	Convention
Bay Ridge	-----2009.....	Fall Session
Capital	-----2010.....	Convention
Lake	-----2010.....	Fall Session

Section 4. Special Session. A special session of the Federation may be called by the president upon a majority vote of the Board of Directors. A six weeks notice of a special session shall be given. The purpose of the session shall be stated in the official call and no other business shall be transacted. ♪

ATTENTION

Recommendations from the Junior Division were passed by the Board of Directors at the FFMC Seventy-ninth Annual Fall Workshop, September 15 -16, 2006. To download please go the web site www.ffmc-music.org. In addition please download the current FFMC Bylaws and Standing Rules. They are up to date with current changes.

Approved Junior Division Motions

- To raise the annual festival cup fee to \$3.50 for each event in which a student participates except the senior concerto which will be \$4.00.
- To accept the proposal from Steven Adams Award Gallery to produce 1000 tee shirts and sell tee shirts at the Junior convention.
- To change the logo on the state convention trophy to the state logo instead of the National logo.
- To change the deadline for district area festivals to December 10 of each year.
- To enhance junior convention awards by \$200.00.


Senior Club Name Changes

- Wednesday Music Club of Orlando & Winter Park has been changed to: Wednesday Music Club of Central Florida
- Gainesville Musicale has been changed to: Foundation for the Promotion of Music

On a Sad Note

Russ McCorkle, President of Calusa Musicale in Fort Myers passed away suddenly in August. He was 44 years old and was assistant music director of the McGregor Baptist Church. One of his accomplishments was directing the Christmas pageant which included elaborate scenery and costumes. He is survived by his wife. He will be missed by all who knew him in FFMC. ♪


NFMC 2009 Convention

NFMC Vice President Lana Bailey accompanied by her husband Zuill were met at the Orlando airport by Connie and Bill Lill on November 29, 2006, to visit five prospective sites for the National Federation of Music Clubs 2009 convention. Michael Edwards and Robert Moore are co-chairing the convention. They will be asking for volunteers from all parts of the state to assist them. 


Member of the Year 2007

Marian Cox is the chairman of the Member of the Year Award. The committee is comprised of each of the district presidents:

Bay Ridge – Annetta Graham
Capital – Karen LeGrand
Lake – Elizabeth Fullington
Royal Poinciana – Wanda Wiranis
St. Johns – Vickie B. Stake
Seminole – Marian Cox
Suwannee – Barbara Kirby

Each district president shall notify the club presidents in their district of the Award and that the names and qualifications of those considered must be selected by the membership of all clubs throughout the state. The chairman (Marian Cox) shall prepare a ballot, listing all names submitted and send it to the committee members for voting by March 15, 2007. The qualifications determining the selection shall include outstanding accomplishments on behalf of the Florida Federation, dedicated to the goals of the Federation and unselfish work for the Federation beyond the call of duty. 

Fund Raiser Ideas

- Boca Delray Music Society, Inc., President Bob Moore was presented with a \$10,000 check for the second year from the Sigfield Girls of Florida, Inc., for scholarships. He is also working with the Sunshine Pops who will give \$15.00 back to the club for every concert ticket that is purchased by a club member. Way to Go Boca Delray Music Society!
- The Orlando Music Club is working with Albertson's to receive money for scholarships.
- Annetta Graham, Bay Ridge District President, and Dr. Isabella Laude were on the local television station and on radio promoting the Bok Tower and the Lake Wales Music Club. Lake Wales cosponsored an afternoon of enjoyment at the Bok Tower. This was a good way to promote the Lake Wales Club and the Bok Tower. 

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