



Sharps & Flats



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

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

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On a High Note From Your President

It's that time of year once again to thank all of you who participated in the Seven District Festivals through out Florida. Each District Festival Chairman and Treasurer are to be commended for taking on the responsibilities. Many thanks to the teachers, students, judges, and volunteer monitors, etc., who did all this work to keep music alive.

The next event will be the seventieth Annual Junior Convention on May 4-5, 2007, at the University of North Florida. FFMC Junior Counselor, Michael Edwards; FFMC Festivals Chairman, Dan Francabandiero; Shirley & Ken Clark, Vicki Stake and Suzanne Carpenter have all been putting in long hours to get us ready for the competition.

Senior Club members should be making reservations at the Sheraton Studio City Hotel in Orlando for the Eighty-ninth Annual FFMC Convention. The Official call is enclosed with this newsletter.

Club Presidents remember to send in your club rating sheets to Anne Cruxent. This gives the state an overview of what accomplishments have been made, i.e. monies earned in scholarships, awards given in dollar amounts, etc. This information is then compiled and sent on to NFMC for a whole view of the accomplishments as a national organization.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at these two important conventions.

*My best,
Connie Tuttle-Lill*



PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

ARTICLE X, Elections. Section 2. Nominating Committee. A. Selection of Nominating Committee. Strike out words "someone who has served as state President." This will now read:

ARTICLE X. Elections. Section 2. Nominating Committee.

A. Selection of the Nominating Committee: At the fall session and workshop in the even-numbered calendar year, the state president shall appoint the chairman of the nominating committee. The Board of Directors shall elect six additional members who have shown active interest in the Federation, one from each of the remaining six districts.

ARTICLE XII. Executive Committee. Section 3. Meetings. Strike out all of Section 3 and insert the following language: This will now read:

Section 3. Meetings. "The Executive Committee shall meet upon the call of the President or upon written request of five (5) of its members."

ARTICLE II. OBJECT. Section 2. Affiliation. Strike out all of Section 2 and insert the following language: This will now read:

Section 2. Affiliation. "This organization is a component part of the National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC) and shall cooperate with the NFMC in its specific plans for the advancement of music."

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP. Section 1. Composition. C. Strike out all of "C". Insert language into Section 3. Senior Division. A. Active Membership. Add a #3. on page 2. This will now read:

"3. Teachers of federated Junior Clubs and/or music teachers with entrants for festival judging, are required to hold membership in a senior active music club, or have an individual membership."

ARTICLE III. Section 3, A, 1. Strike out all of "1" and insert the following language:

ARTICLE III. Section 3. Senior Division A. Active Membership. 1. Organizations.

Insert on the third line after family and other music groups, "with a minimum of three," shall be..... This will now read:

1. Organizations formed for the purpose of promoting the study or performance of music, such as adult music clubs, choral societies, choirs, festivals, instrumental organizations, music teachers' associations, family and other music groups with a

minimum of three, shall be eligible for active membership upon payment of dues as provided in these bylaws.

Strike out all of (a)

ARTICLE III Section 3. Senior Division A. Active Membership 2. Individual

membership b) Life Membership Strike out top of page 2 first sentence beginning with

"Life membership...." to the end of that paragraph.

ARTICLE III Section 3. Senior Division A. Active Membership. 2. Individual

Membership c) A Subscriber, Donor or Patron... Strike out beginning on line 4

Beginning with sentence "Such membership is not transferable...." To the end of that paragraph.

(and we would be adding our new subdivision 3. Re Teachers as heretofore mentioned).

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS. Sections 1 and 2

Strike out all of Sections 1 and 2 and insert the following language:

"Section 1. Officers. FFMC officers shall be president, vice president, recording secretary and treasurer."

"Section 2. Additional Personnel. Additional personnel shall include a corresponding secretary, archivist, financial secretary, parliamentarian, chaplain, chairman of the council of district and club presidents, and chairman of the past presidents assembly."

N.B. If adopted, a main motion authorizing the executive committee to make such editorial changes could be made, authorizing the executive committee to make such editorial changes as are required for purpose of consistency with bylaws amendments adopted at the May 2007 convention.

ARTICLE XIII Strike out the entire title of this article and insert the following:

"XIII Divisions and Committees."

N.B. If approved, we need to eliminate the word "departments" wherever this appears in the FFMC Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV FINANCES Sections 2 and 3

Section 2. Finance Division. Strike out "Financial Committee" in the second sentence

And insert "Finance and Investment Committee."

Section 3. Investment Committee. Strike out all of Section 3.

N.B. If approved, change "Finance Committee" and Investment Committee" to "Finance and Investment Committee" throughout the bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV FINANCES Section 4 Audit Committee.

Strike out the entire first sentence of Section 4 and insert the following:

"An audit Committee of three members who are not members of the Finance and Investment Committee shall be appointed by the president to audit the treasurer's records at the end of each fiscal year."

ARTICLE XV DUES Add a last sentence #4 to opening paragraph:

This will now read:

On a Sad Note

On March 14, 2007, Betty Jo Najarian, our 37th FFMC President, passed away. She is survived by her husband of 53 years Zovak (Jerry) Najarian, son Brian Keith Najarian and wife Rose, daughter Pamela Whitehead and husband Ronald and grandsons Jeremy and Jathan Whitehead.

Betty served as FFMC President from 1997-1999. She is a past president of Choctaw Bay Music Club in the Capital District. She was a member of Music Teachers National Association, Florida State Music Teachers Association, and the Okaloosa County Music Teachers Association. She also served in these organizations as a valuable member, officer, and adjudicator.

Currently Betty was serving as the FFMC & NFMC American Music in the U.S. Armed Forces Chairman. She was also the FFMC, NFMC American Music in the Armed Forces Composition Competition Chairman. She was currently FFMC Folk Music Dept. Chairman and past NFMC Folk Music Dept. Chairman.

Betty was a NFMC Life Member and a Rose Faye Thomas Fellow. She was a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers and listed in the 23rd edition of Marquis Who's Who American Women.

Betty always enjoyed attending the Southeastern Region meeting in Brevard, N.C. in July. She always said that was her most favorite thing. She also represented FFMC at NFMC Conventions. Because Betty enjoyed Folk Music, she endowed the Betty Najarian Patriotic/Folksong award which is presented every year to an outstanding junior at the FFMC Junior Convention. Jerry Najarian is asking that any donations in Betty's memory shall be placed in this fund. Please send a check to FFMC and ear mark Betty Najarian – Folk Award.

She will always be missed but especially at convention time whenever "Simple Gifts" – a Shaker Tune is performed. ♪

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2007 nominating committee has unanimously approved the following slate of nominees:

President: Connie Tuttle-Lill

Vice-President: Wanda Wiranis

Secretary: Philip LeGrand

Treasurer: Suzanne Carpenter

Resumes:

CONNIE TUTTLE-LILL

Currently serving as FFMC President

On the NFMC level: Connie served a two year term as Board member representing Florida 2003-2005

At that time she served as the Southeastern Regional Chairman of the Wendell Irish Viola Award and a member of the Development Committee.

Became a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow, August 2005

On the FFMC level: FFMC Member of the Year 2004

FFMC President 2001-2003

FFMC Vice President 1999-2001

FFMC Florida Fellow

Royal Poinciana District President 1997-98

Royal Poinciana District Vice-President 1996-97

Boca Delray Music Society President 1994-1998

Numerous Fundraiser Chairmanships

Owner of C. L. Tuttle Interiors, Inc. since 1979, a residential and commercial design firm in Delray Beach, Fl.

Connie is a licensed interior designer

She served as Florida President of IFDA 1992-1994

Member of the Delray Beach Chamber of

Commerce since 1979. Served on the Board

of Directors from 1982-85. Vice-President 1984-85.

Sat on numerous boards including fund raising,

holiday lighting fund raising, Atlantic Avenue

Association Member of the Downtown Development

Authority for the City of Delray Beach 1984-90

Chairman 1988-90

Graduate of the University of Wisconsin

Married to William W. Lill

Residing in Delray Beach, FL.

WANDA WIRANIS

Former FFMC Offices held: Florida State Junior Festival Chairman

Morning Musicale of Ft. Lauderdale President

Royal Poinciana District President

State Student/Collegiate Chairman

Member of RPD District Festival Committee

Junior Counselor of Frisky Fingers Junior Music Club

Served as Judge for District Festival and the Florida

State Junior Convention

Bachelor of Music Education from University of Louisville

Master Classes at Indiana University

Attended many Master Classes and Pedagogy Classes over the years

Vice-President of Plantation Junior Woman's Club

PTA President of Plantation Park Elementary School

Pioneer of the year for Plantation Historical Society

President of Broward County Music Teachers Association 1995-1997

Maintains a private piano studio

Married to Richard

PHILIP J. LEGRAND

Graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a Masters Degree from Boston University

Retired Air Force Officer with 27 years

Currently employed by leading engineering firm

Treasurer of Choctaw Bay Music Club 1992

Treasurer of Capital District since 1999

FFMC Recording Secretary May 2002 to May 2005

Since 2005 he has been the FFMC Festival Cup Chairman

Married to Karen

SUZANNE LAPHAM CARPENTER

Private piano teacher, 1976 -

Elementary School Teacher 1966-1967

Bookkeeper 1959-1962

NFMC member since 1976

Life Member NFMC, since 2001

FFMC member since 1976

State Junior Festivals Chairman 2003

FFMC Treasurer 1999-2003, 2005 - 2007

FFMC Member of the Year 2002

Charter Fellow, 2001

Financial Secretary 1993-1999

Suwannee District: Foundation for the Promotion of Music member since 1977

Gainesville Festival Chairman 2002 -

Gainesville Area Gold Cup Chairman 1980-1999

Riverland Music Club 2000 -

Music Teachers National Association 1978 -

Florida State Music Teachers association 1978 -

Secretary/Treasurer, FSMTA Conference 1998

Gainesville Music Teachers Association Treasurer 1991-1998, 2003 -

Suzuki Association of the Americas Inc. 1976 -

International Suzuki Association, Inc. 1978

Master of Fine Arts, University of Florida 1998

- Major music history & Literature

Bachelor of Science University of Wisconsin - Major Elementary Education

Married to Dr. Ronald H. Carpenter, Professor

English & Communications Studies, UF

Three Children: Dr. Malinda J. Carpenter (married to Dr. Josep Callo

Nicole B. Carpenter and Ronald H. Carpenter, Jr.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING THE FFMC CONVENTION

The 89th FFMC Convention will be held May 24, 25 & 26, 2007, at the Sheraton Studio City Hotel, 5905 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819.

The hotel is one of the Orlando's

Famous landmarks. The theme is "Hurray for Hollywood". It is sponsored by the Lake District with Nancy Jontz and Mark Looney, co-chairmen and Beth Philbrick and Nancy Wade, registrars.

Our National Federation of Music Clubs, Inc. national guest is Carolyn Nelson. She currently is the national Arts Advocacy Department Chairman. She is the Vice President for North Central Region, Budget committee member, Bylaws committee and Membership Extension committee member.

At this convention members will be voting for a slate of officers for the 2007-2009 term. Please note proposed bylaws changes are included in this newsletter. Voting will take place on Friday.

The Junior meeting will take place Friday morning May 25th, and will be highlighting how each district festival can become computerized.

Make note, we will also have meetings of the 2009 NFMC Convention in Florida. All FFMC members are invited to be a member of this very important committee. This will be a chance for some who thought they might never be able to attend a National Convention.

We will have some outstanding music at the Friday

night Gala entitled "Night at the Oscars". Awards will be given out for the Member of the Year, etc. On Saturday, May 26, our FFMC All Performance award winner will be featured. In addition he is the 2006 NFMC Stillman Kelley Award winner.

This event promises to be informative and fun. You may want to bring your spouse and spend an extra day or two shopping and playing in Orlando. ♪

Bylaws Continued From Page 2

All minimum annual dues shall be paid, postmarked on or before September 1. All minimum annual junior and senior club dues shall be paid, postmarked on or before September 1. All minimum dues paid after September 1 shall include a late fee of ten dollars. All membership dues paid are nonrefundable.

ARTICLE XV DUES Section 2. Individual Membership Dues. Strike out all of (a) and insert:

This will now read:

XV DUES, Section 2. Individual Membership Dues.

a) A Senior Special Member shall pay annual dues of \$20.00, which shall be divided equally between the State and the National Federations.

ARTICLE XXI. Strike and insert:

"The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this Federation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of this Federation." ♪

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