



Sharps & Flats



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THEME: The Challenge of Change

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SONG: "Sing" Joe Raposo

ON A HIGH NOTE

I am looking forward to a great new season, but first I do want to thank the members and districts who keep working tirelessly to keep the FFMC going. We simply must continue in order to keep the arts alive. This is why I keep asking all of the clubs to have fund raisers, not only to give more money to deserving excellent musicians, but to promote ourselves. If a senior club is complacent because it has money in the bank, it is not doing all it can to promote the arts in its community. A fund raiser is a perfect opportunity to have something to say on the local radio, television, and in the news media. It also can be advertised on local web sites including our FFMC website. It is a way to bring new people together.....

Anyway, I think you get the hint. When I come to your district for your annual district meeting, I will be asking these questions. Bill and I will be looking forward to seeing you. Before then, remember to mark your calendars for the annual fall session taking place in Sarasota, FL., hosted by the Seminole District. By the time you receive this we will be back from the NFMC Fall Session in Denver where we will be promoting Florida by asking everyone to attend the next National Convention in Orlando, May 31 – June 8, 2009. Each club will be asked to help with that event. It will be fun and a great learning experience.

Welcome aboard new club officers. Remember to check your e-mails and the website. New changes are always on the horizons. See you in September.

My best,
Connie

TWO NEW FELLOWS

At the annual Luncheon with the Fellows, Beth Stallings, Florida Fellows Chairman, installed two new members to this patron group. In honor of his deceased wife Betty (past FFMC president), Jerry Najarian became a Florida Fellow.



New Florida Fellow Francies Dodge with her mother Gaye Wilson

Francies Dodge also was awarded this honor by a surprise from her mother who was in attendance. This was a most memorable luncheon. We have now added four new fellows for the year. Do consider becoming a fellow to help our operating endowment fund.



Fellows Chairman with New Florida Fellow Jerry Najarian



Are you Ready Yet?

Here we are again, in the middle of the summer with lots of things to do. I thought we were all suppose to be on vacation, WRONG ! This is the time to be planning for the coming year. Oh so much to do and so little time. Yearbooks are being formulated and ready to be printed. The schedule of events for meetings is written. Guest artists should be contacted. Each club should have a fund raiser or two in place with a working chairman. The achievement book from the 2007 – 2008 season should be finished and ready for mailing to Chairman Annetta Graham, 615 CR 630 W, Frostproof, FL 33843-1507,

annetta.graham@verizon.net, by September 1, 2008, so that she and her committee can go over them. She has made some changes and new rules. Please email her with any questions. All clubs, just send her your books, even if you have not followed every rule. In this way new guidelines can be started. Maybe the books should be put on a disc? Wouldn't that be easier and certainly take up less space for archives? There will be a discussion and recommendations from this committee at the Fall Session, September 12 -13, 2008.

FLORIDA DEAR DECEASED MEMBERS

BAYRIDGE DISTRICT

Friday Morning Musicale (Tampa)

Virginia Taylor
Mildred Green

Lake Wales Music Club

Gloria Shaw

The Tuesday Music Club (Lakeland)

Majorie Hatten
Patsye Robson

Wednesday Musicale Of Wachula

Ruth Hodges
Sylvia Coker
Wanda Hixson

LAKE DISTRICT

Carmine Capobianco

ROYAL POINCIANA DISTRICT

Miami Music Club

Eleanor Rayner
Frances Deen

South Miami Music Club

Muriel Rash
Janet Craig
Margaret Rand

Tuesday Morning Musicale, Inc. (Hollywood)

Rosalie Diner

SEMINOLE DISTRICT

Helen Wooden

Venice Musicale

Beverly Freeland
Norma Mullen

Sarasota Music Club

Jackie Knutsen
Martha Ricks



Member of the Year

At the annual convention in May, Vickie Stake presented Sandra Davis with the Member of the Year Award. Sandra has been a member of FFMC for more years than she can remember. She has been the Royal Poinciana South District Festival Chairman for 28 years. She has worked many long hours with her piano students as well. She gives a lot of credit to her husband who sometimes is her eyes and ears. Your president has regretfully accepted her resignation. She will be missed, but she is willing to share her expertise with her successor.

That award is now fully vested. Mr. William Lill is donating \$500.00 for the Stephen runner up. Please note that the voice candidate would be considered a scholarship winner from the sponsoring club. Further questions can be answered by Chairman, James Weisenborne, at jamesweisenborne@yahoo.com. For rules and other info please see the FFMC website.



Bylaws Changes

For Approval by the General Membership at the September 13, 2008 Fall Session in Sarasota, FL

Article IV Meetings

Section 1. Convention. FFMC shall hold a convention in the spring, in odd numbered years, to be hosted by the Districts in rotation beginning in May 2009. The convention shall be held for the purpose of receiving reports from officers, the board of directors, and Division Chairman, for the election of officers, and such other business as determined by the Board of Directors. A six weeks notice shall be given to all voting members.

Sections 2 Fall Workshop. FFMC shall hold a fall session and workshop in September in the even numbered years, to be hosted by the Districts in rotation. 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.

Article XII, Section 5 Quorum to read "Twelve members of the Board Directors shall constitute a quorum."

Article XXI Member of the Year Award

Delete 3rd sentence and replaced with, "After consulting with its members. The District may nominate one member whose name shall be placed in nomination by the District President."

MAKE A DATE WITH JEANIE OR STEPHEN

Get out the looking glass? There are many talented voice majors at colleges and universities in each of the seven FFMC districts that would qualify to be the Jeanie 2009 or the Stephen 2009. The Fifty-eighth annual Jeanie/Stephen Auditions and Ball will be held October 4-5, 2008, at the Stephen Foster Folk Cultural Center in White Springs, FL. We again will have the third annual dinner dance in the museum on Friday evening along with the presentation of the candidates. Two new committee members have come on board. They are Jeanie 2005 Melissa Perez and former Jeanie candidate Alison Graham.

The awards will be as follows: Jeanie \$1,500.00 and two maids of \$750.00 each. The Stephen will receive \$1,000.00. Second place will receive \$500.

Many thanks to Mr. Jerry Najarian for donating \$5,000.00 to the Jeanie Award in memory of his wife, Betty Najarian, past FFMC President.

**OFFICIAL CALL
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS, INC.
EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL FALL SESSION AND WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2008**

Host District – Seminole
Host District President – Jim Weisenborne
Host District Clubs
Calusa Musicale
Venice Musicale
Gulf Coast Music Club
The Musical Manatees
Sarasota Music Club
Registrar – John Fischer
Official Headquarters
Hampton Inn Sarasota – I-75 Bee Ridge
5995 Cattleridge Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34232
Phone: 941-371-1900
www.hamptoninn.com

Directions: From I-75 Exit 207 to Bee Ridge West; take the first right at the light onto Cattlemen Rd. From Sarasota Brandenton Intl Airport; east onto University Parkway and go 3 miles to I-75 South. Take Exit 207 and turn right onto Bee Ridge and right at the first light onto Cattlemen Rd. From US 41; East on Bee Ridge for 4 miles and turn left onto Cattlemen.

Reservations: Make your own reservations with the Hampton Inn 941-371-1900 and refer to FFMC Convention rate. Rate \$90.00 plus tax for either king or 2 queen beds. Cut off date is August 29, 2008. Don't delay.

Registration Fee: \$25.00. The deadline is September 8, 2008.

Meal Registration: Friday Luncheon
A Three-Ring Buffet \$25.00

Added Bonus: Don't forget your checkbook. Seven District Gift Baskets will be auctioned off. See details in this issue of the Sharps & Flats.

Plans of Work: Each NFMC or FFMC officer or chairman and each District President and Club President shall e-mail a copy of their plan of Work as an attachment in word to: John Fischer, johnalanf@verizon.net Note: A plan of work is a proposal of what you expect to accomplish this next year. If you are a chairman, you will specify what the clubs or districts are to do, where to send reports and deadlines to meet.

Achievement Books: Mail, Fed Ex, or UPS your club achievement Book to chairman, Annetta Graham, 615 CR 630 W, Frostproof, FL 33843-1507 She needs to receive it by September 1, 2008. The books will be judged and awards presented at the Fall Session in Sarasota. Any questions e-mail Annetta at annetta.graham@verizon.net or phone 863-635-3645.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

All members must be registered and wear badges

Friday, September 12, 2008

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Bylaws Committee Meeting
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Budget, Finance, & 2009 Convention Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. -	Concert – Meet in Lobby of Hotel

Saturday, September 13, 2008

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon	Registration
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Stephen Foster Committee
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Junior Division (includes all Festival Chairmen, Festival Teachers)
10:30a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Student Division
11:00 a.m. – 12:15p.m.	Executive Committee and Board of Directors
12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Friday Luncheon A Three-Ring Buffet
2:00 p.m. -	Official Opening of the Eighty-First Annual Fall Session
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Workshop – with Randi Sutphin Professional Registered Parliamentarian
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Discussion involving all Senior Club Presidents and District Presidents – “How to run District Festivals & Fund Raisers
5:00 p.m.	Finish any unfinished business, Awards, etc.
5:30 p.m.	Post Executive Committee meeting if necessary
6:00 p.m.	For those staying over we will meet at the Sarasota Waterfront

A Three Ring Event

This year's Eighty-first annual FFMC Fall Session will be held in Sarasota, FL hosted by the Seminole District. It will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 12-13, 2008 at the Hampton Inn. See details in the official call which is included in this newsletter. On Friday evening, we have been invited to a special concert at the home of James Weisenborne and John Fisher. They have a concert hall that is filled with grand pianos, a pipe organ, and antique instruments. Since

we are in the Ringling Circus City, we can expect a concert that will make you think that you are under the big top. Their home is close to the Hampton. We will caravan like the circus train cars of days gone by. We are still working on raising funds for the 2009 national convention. I would like to count on all Seven Districts to bring a gift basket to raffle off that depicts items from their area. In other words, what makes your district important in Florida. It does not have to be in a basket, be creative. We are in the arts!!!!!! Thanks. Do not forget your check book to purchase one of these items.

CUT AND MAIL — Registration and Meal

Make check payable to: FFMC • Mail to: Registrar – John Fischer
7459 Cabbage Palm Ct. Sarasota, FL 34241-7114
Phone: 941-927-6852 – e-mail: johnalanf@verizon.net

Your Name _____
Address _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____ Club Name _____
E-Mail address _____
Title(as) for Badge _____

Check one if voting delegate: ___ FFMC Executive Committee
___ FFMC Board of Directors ___ Club Delegate ___ Individual Member
___ Junior Counselor ___ Student Org. Rep. ___ FFMC Life Member

Deadline: Sept 05, 2008

Registration Fee: \$25.00 _____
Luncheon: Three-Ring Buffett \$25.00 _____

Total _____

BREVARD

The Sixtieth Annual NFMC South Eastern Regional weekend at Brevard Music Center, Brevard, North Carolina, was held July 18 – 19, 2008. FFMC was the host state. The following FFMC members attended: Chairman Wanda Wiranis, Richard Wiranis, Judith Berganger, Kay Puckett, Richard Puckett, Bill Lill, and Connie Lill. NFMC national guest was Lana Bailey, NFMC President. She gave the key note address at the Saturday evening banquet. She compared our organization to ship building. All parts and pieces are assembled. As the ship is used it is constantly maintained and changed to work for the times. She stressed the need for our organization to go paperless. Christopher

Ohanian, FFMC Junior award winner and student of Judith Berganger, performed at the banquet. He is one of the students at Brevard Summer Music Camp.

Margie Garrett, Alabama state president, gave a workshop on leadership and running an organization on all levels. She stressed the necessity to be ORGANIZED. The theme for the weekend was East Meets West. From Bento boxes at the outdoor luncheon to parasol decorations and an origami contest at the banquet, the production of Gilbert and Sullivan's Mikado was the grand finale. Prior to the performance, attendees were invited to see first-hand what went on behind stage. Hence, a fifty/fifty raffle was held to raise funds for the costume department at Brevard.

SAINT JOHNS DISTRICT HOST NINETIETH FFMC CONVENTION

The Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront was the site for the annual May convention. Thank you is in order to Vickie Stake, District President, Dan Francabandiero, Karen Summers-Registrar; Ruth Ann Laye for compiling the chairman reports, Debra Carter, Duane Carter, and a host of others who made this convention happen. Our NFMC guest was current Young Artist Nathan Knutson, pianist. He conducted a master class prior to the concert. Students auditioned at the annual Junior Convention for this opportunity. Nathan Knutson performed a concert at the Riverside Presbyterian Church. In addition, church organist Andrew Clark performed improvisations from audience requests. The duo piano team, Vincent Dang and John Urban performed as well.

Nathan shared experiences of being a Young Artist. The following recommendations passed at the convention.

- That Kenny Clark, the Computer Guy, be paid \$1,000 for his services at the state Junior Convention.
- That all Scholarship awards for the state Junior Convention be supplemented by \$300.00 for the 2009 FFMC Junior Convention. These funds will come from the surplus of previous Junior Conventions.
- That the rules and procedures be amended for Connie Tuttle-Lill All Performance Award – Entrants who win first place in the highest event in any instrument or voice, are eligible to enter the All-Performance event ~~the following year~~. Entrants may enter . . . until they win the event. Juniors that have qualified from more than one event may enter each event in which they qualify.
- Gold Cup Concerto Scholarship Competition – This event may have imposed time limits if conditions require.
- Application deadline: March 10. Metered postmarks will not be accepted.
- For the Festival Cup program, it is moved to have a deadline established of the entries to be postmarked by March 25th, no metered postage entries will be accepted. For entries received after that deadline, the teacher will be responsible for the shipping costs. All entries must be submitted by June 30th of each year.
- Recommended that all area festivals adopt the new web based system developed by On Key Technologies for 2009 and the initial set up fee for 2009 only will be provided by the FFMC (Area Festivals Fund).
- For the Jeanie/Stephen Competition it is recommended that: The awards for 2008 be adjusted and reduced as follows: Jeanie 1st Place – Helen Roberts/Vi Kinsman/Althouse/Betty Najarian award (permanently endowed) - \$1,500 Jeanie Maid 1st Runner-up – permanently endowed) - \$750 Jeanie Maid 2nd Runner up - \$750 for ten years (4 years remaining) Stephen 1st Place – Tuttle-Lill award (permanently endowed by Connie Tuttle-Lill) - \$1,000 Stephen 2nd Place - \$500 – one time award donated by Bill Lill.

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