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## ON A HIGH NOTE!



Three cheers to the Capital District and Helen Dingus for two gift baskets: Bay Ridge District for the specialty basket consisting of the Chalet Suzanne Soups, etc. and to the Suwannee District and Barbara Kirby for the Bird Sanctuary basket including the "swinging" bird house.

If you didn't know, the whole point in asking the districts to bring gift baskets to the Fall Session was to see what each area of the state was noted for. This will help in planning themes for the luncheons and dinners at the 2009 NFMC Biennial Convention in Orlando. Hospitality co-chairmen Bess Stallings and Claudette Kemen will involve districts and clubs in the themes, table favors, centerpieces, etc. This convention needs all types of skills. Michael Edwards, chairman, has many job placement ideas. It will be fun for Florida.

Looking forward to 2008-2009 music season. It is important to plan ahead. Teachers should look on the FFMC website and NFMC website for scholarship opportunities for students of all ages. Senior club presidents should also check their manual. This book is an invaluable tool for club planning.

See all of you at the District meetings. Keep checking e-mails for updates of happenings in FFMC. I look forward to working with all of you. I am proud of the board members who serve you. Thank you always for saying yes to enrich our clubs and our lives with music. Wear your insignia, encourage musicians, and keep Florida musically strong.

My best,

Connie

## Spread the word:

Gretchen E. Van Roy Music Education Scholarship In the amount of \$1,000 ANNUALLY To a junior majoring in Music Education. For an application blank (ST 9-1) go to: [www.nfmc-music.org](http://www.nfmc-music.org) Click on Competition and Awards Student/Collegiate Annual

There are many other Non-Performance awards, such as: Therapy, Pedagogy, Composition, etc. All can be found in the Student/Collegiate section of C&A

The 2008 winner was Lisa Zylstra, a junior at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. AND the 2009 winner could be from Florida. Any questions, contact Rose Suggs, Chairman: [rose331s@bellsouth.net](mailto:rose331s@bellsouth.net)

Application Deadline: April 1, 2009

## EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL FALL SESSION

The eighty-first annual FFMC fall session was held on Friday and Saturday, September 12 & 13, 2008, at the Hampton Inn – Sarasota, hosted by the Seminole District. A vote of thanks from the attendees to Jim Weisenborne, Seminole District President, and John Fischer, registrar. John continues to show his talent in the computer industry with the printing of the Plan of Work booklets.

A highlight of the Fall Session included a Friday dinner and concert hosted by Jim Weisenborne and John Fischer on behalf of the Seminole District. The concert featured Lee Dougherty Ross, accompanist, and Michele Giglio, soprano. Lee is a former NFMC Young Artist – soprano voice. Michele has just returned to her native United States following five years of concerts, tours, and recordings in Europe.

The fall session included the following:

The nominating committee was selected. President Connie Tuttle Lill appointed Suzanne Carpenter, Suwannee District, as chairman. The Board of Directors then elected six (6) additional members to serve on the committee.

Bay Ridge	-	Anne Pray
Capital	-	Phil LeGrand
Lake	-	Beth Philbrick
Royal Poinciana	-	Wanda Wiranis
Saint Johns	-	Dan Francabandiero
Seminole	-	Mary Webb

Bess Stallings was appointed Chairman of the Member of the Year Committee. The Additional members serving on the committee are the current district presidents. They are Capital – Sharleen Williams; Lake – Beth Philbrick (acting president); Royal Poinciana – Michael Edwards; Saint Johns – Vickie Stake; Seminole – Jim Weisenborne; Suwannee – Barbara Kirby.

The executive committee approved William Lill as Finance Division Chairman to finish out a vacancy. Marian Cox is the Essay Contest Chairman, and Sandra Baran will be the Junior Composition Chairman. Annetta Graham will serve as Parade of American Music Chairman.



The Board Member representing Florida for 2009 – 2011 will be Suzanne Carpenter. Her credentials will be submitted to NFMC. She will serve for a two year term. Michael Edwards will have his name submitted for Board Member-at-Large. A vote will be taken at the NFMC Convention in June 2009.

## Founders Day

The goals of Founders Day are to honor the founders of the senior clubs, state federations, and national federation. It also provides funds for the Young Artist's competitions. Joanne Gimmy, FFMC chairman will be asking each club to contribute one dollar for each of its members to honor the history of NFMC. Usually the clubs plan a Founders Day program in January.

This past season the Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland, Mary Alice Moran, President, showcased one of its own members for Founders Day. Thelma Kells joined the club in 1933. Seventy five years later she is still an active member. Lakeland Mayor Buddy Fletcher presented a proclamation to name the day "Thelma Kells Day". Dr. Robert MacDonald honored her with special musical selections.

The Lakeland club owns its own building. The first year that Thelma was a member, she served on the House Committee. Over the years she served as club treasurer, corresponding secretary, club president 1950-52. In 1953, she became a life member of the club. She is an accomplished pianist, professional dancer and supporter of the Polk Theatre. She has donated tiaras for the current Jeanies. The Tuesday Music Club hall is now known as "The Thelma Kells Hall".

## Junior Composer's Contest

Juniors will submit their composition with an entry check of \$10.00 (payable to FFMC, INC) and submit it to FFMC Composition chairman Sandra Baran, 6062 Robinson Street, Jupiter, FL 33458, e-mail pianopeace1@aol.com.

All mail to be postmarked no later than December 15, 2008. Junior composers ages are Class I – ages 9 & under; Class II – ages 10-12; Class III – ages 13-15; Class IV – ages 16-18. Only one composition entry per applicant. In addition, entrants may choose to enter the NFMC Festival Cup Program and earn points toward Gold Cups. See [www.ffmc-music.org](http://www.ffmc-music.org) for information and NFMC Form #JR 7-2.

### Correction from Bulletin 10

Two New Fellows Mrs. Betty Najarian became a Florida Fellow, given posthumously by her husband Mr. Zovak (Jerry) Najarian. Make a date with Jeanie or Stephen Mr. Jerry Najarian also donated \$500.00 for this year's Jeanie Award, not \$5,000.00 as printed.

## Bylaws Changes

The three (3) published bylaw changes were approved. They are:

### 1. 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 the 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.

Section 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.

Section 3. Annual Fall Session and Workshop Schedule. 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.

May 2009	Suwannee
Sept. 2010	Bay Ridge
May 2011	Capital
Sept. 2012	Lake
May 2013	Royal Poinciana
Sept. 2014	Saint Johns
May 2015	Seminole
Sept. 2016	Suwannee
etc.	

2. Article XII, Section 5. Twelve members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

### 3. Article XXI. Member of the Year Award

Section 1. Selection. A state Committee comprised of district presidents may select from the membership at large of the Florida Federation a recipient for the Member of the Year Award. The president shall appoint one of the district presidents as committee chairman. After consulting with its members, one name shall be placed in nomination by the District President.

## Dates to Remember

### District Meetings

October 2, 2008	Suwannee (Gainesville)
October 17, 2008	Bay Ridge (Tampa)
October 18, 2008	Lake (Orlando)
October 22, 2008	Royal Poinciana (South Miami)
October 23, 2008	Seminole (Sarasota)
October 26, 2008	Capital (Ft. Walton)
February 21, 2009	Saint Johns (Jacksonville)
February	Junior Festivals
May 1-2, 2009	Junior Convention
	University of North Florida – Jacksonville
May 3-10, 2009	National Music Week
June 1-7, 2009	NFMC Convention
	Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando
July 10-11, 2009	Southeastern Regional Weekend
	Brevard Music Ctr, Brevard, NC
August 3-8, 2010	NFMC Fall Session
	Pittsburgh Airport Marriott
	Pittsburgh, PA

## NOW IS THE TIME

### (Attention Senior Club Presidents)

Senior Club reporting forms can be downloaded from the NFMC website, taken from the NFMC manual p129a or manual on the disc that all senior club presidents were given. This form will be a guide to your club plans of work. Wanda Wiranis is the Senior Club Reporting chairman. Your completed form will be sent to Wanda at wandapiano@aol.com, by May 1, 2009. She will compile the data and send to NFMC. This is a way of tracking what the clubs are interested in.

## FFMC & NFMC National Music Week Essay Contest 2009

The Essay Contest Theme for May 3-10, 2009, is Music ... "POETRY OF THE HEART" (500 words or less) Guidelines and Applications are on the state website www.ffmc-music.org. For the National essay contest application, go to www.nfmc-music.org. The goal of the contest is to provide incentive for students in grades 7 – 12 to become interested and more knowledgeable in music and National Music Week. FFMC gives a savings bond to the winners. Deadline is January 1, 2009. Marian Cox, State Essay Chairman E-mail – marianc@comcast.net Phone (941-365-6949)

## Achievement Books

Annetta Graham, chairman of the Achievement Book Committee, awarded the Orlando Music Club with a certificate and \$50.00 for an outstanding book. The book was complete, concise, and well done by Francies Dodge, Orlando. Second place and \$35.00 went to the Choctaw Bay Music Club. Third place and \$25.00 went to the Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland.

Now is the time to be collecting information for the 2008 – 2009 season achievement books. Each club president should appoint a book chairman now. Annetta is looking to make positive changes with the books which she says are simply "recorded history". E-mail Annetta for updated forms at annetta.graham@verizon.net.

Now in its fifty-eighth year, the annual Stephen/Jeanie Auditions took place Saturday, October 4th, 2008 marking the anniversary of the opening of the Stephen Foster Folk Cultural Center, October 4, 1950 with the State Park Service and the Florida Federation of Music Clubs, Inc. The Stephen winner was Mark Hakes (Calusa Musicale sponsor). Second place was Hal Berkelhammer (Foundation for the Promotion of Music). The Jeanie 2009 is Nicole Estima (Tampa Friday Morning Musicale), Jeanie Maid - Adrianna Rodgers (Sarasota



Music Club), Jeanie Maid - Lisa Ulseth (Boca Delray Music Society). The Golden Slipper Dance was held Friday evening October 3, 2008 in the museum.

Seated, Stephen 2009 - Mark Hakes; Jeanie 2009 - Nicole Estima; Standing, Jeanie Maid - Adrianna Rodgers; Stephen Runner-Up - Hal Berkelhammer; Jeanie Maid - Lisa Ulseth

## Trophy Goes to the Panhandle

Choctaw Bay Music Club once again carries home the FFMC Duo-Piano trophy for an outstanding program, "A Duo Piano Potpourri". The event was held at Okaloosa Walton College in Niceville. Featured pianists were: Emily Bova, Selena Chavis, Helen Dingus, Loretta Hake, Sharon Jeffrey, Nancy Knowles, Claire Lee, Theresa McRee, Carolyn Schlatter, Connie Smith, and Michele Tredway.

## The following Junior Recommendations were passed at the Fall Session:

Recommended to rescind the following recommendation that was approved at the Spring Convention - 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).

Recommended to rescind the following recommendation that was approved at the Spring Convention - To have a deadline established of the entries to be post-marked 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 FFMC return to each Area Festival \$1.00 per entry based on the 2008 entries from the excess Area Festival Funds. These funds are to be used for festival expenses.

Recommended to use proposed entry form as submitted by Julie Goldstein, FFMC Festival Cup Chairman, and place it on the web site. Form can be filled out online and printed. It also can be downloaded, printed and typed. New procedures and deadlines will be developed by Festival Cup Chairman.

Recommended that FFMC re-energize the Young Artist competition following the NFMC guidelines and rules with a \$50 entry fee and the winners be awarded \$500 for these four categories – piano, strings, male voice, and female voice.

Recommended that FFMC adopted the Conflict of Interest Policy.

## Where Have All the Students Gone?

FFMC has a Young Artist competition. The due date is January 1, 2009. Qualifications are as follows: open to artists ready for a concert career in four classifications: piano and string instruments (violin, viola, cello or double bass), entrants must have reached their 18th birthday but not their 30th birthday by June 1st of the audition year; woman's and man's solo voice, entrants must have reached their 25th birthday but not the 37th birthday by June 1 of the audition year.

The four awards are \$500.00 each. Nancy Jontz, FFMC Young Artist Chairman must receive a completed application, an entry fee of \$50.00, made out to FFMC, and a tape or CD playable on a CD player. The application used for NFMC will be used for FFMC. It is hoped that the state winners can enter the NFMC competition. Nancy Jontz, office@musicmoreonline.com

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