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ON A HIGH NOTE

Does time just fly, or are we all too busy!

Please read the enclosed call right now for the FFMC ninety-first Annual Convention to be held May 14, 15, 16, 2009, at the Hilton Ocala. This will be a very exciting convention. Not only will we be electing a new slate of FFMC officers, but we will be installing our District Presidents as well. Our workshop will feature Fund Raising techniques, ideas, and how to raise the bar on our clubs in Florida.

Be sure to get your rooms reserved at the Rosen Plaza for the NFMC Biennial Convention. The Official Call will be in the NFMC Music Clubs Magazine.

Since this is my last newsletter, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your dedication, input, work and fun that you have put into this administration. We have climbed the ladder nearly to the top. We are adding teachers, students, and members to this organization. We have tried to be thoroughly modern "Millie" with computerization, a website, information and voting via e-mail, up to date Bylaws, etc. We even have a Stephen and Stephen runner up. We still have room to grow.

Many thanks to all of you for caring and working and saying "Yes, I'll be glad to do it."
Keep up the great work!!

My very best,
Connie Tuttle-Lill, President

TEACHERS APRIL 15th

NO NOT TAXES – READ ON

Junior Day Activities at NFMC will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Registration must be completed by April 15th and sent to Michael Edwards. We have enclosed the application. Please note that the morning will include a Master Class with Dennis Alexander who will hear Juniors play his compositions. A second Master Class with Weekley and Arganbright who will hear Juniors play any duets by various composers. There will also be an Orff Student Workshop where Juniors will experience various music making activities through the Orff Method. Juniors & teachers are invited to be in THE CLAVINOVA DIGITAL ORCHESTRA. This offers new musical opportunities for piano students. The concert will take place at 4:00 p.m. All convention attendees will want to attend this 21st century venue.

WHY & WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Calling all FFMC members who want to keep the senior clubs alive and thriving!

Each senior club should send the club president and the club treasurer to the Ninety-first annual FFMC convention. In addition, the club members who are interested in maintaining and promoting their club are also invited. The final meeting of the 2007-2009 administration will take place May 14 -16, 2009, at the Hilton in Ocala hosted by the Suwanne District.

One of the highlights will be Reba F. Cook, power speaker, who will speak on "Energy Building", "Grant Writing the Right Way", and "Success in Fund Raising". Every club member should be present for this. Her workshop will be on Friday, 3:30 – 5:00pm. Reba has over thirty years of both public and private sector fund raising experience. She currently secured a large grant for a Texas museum.

On Saturday, May 16th, Marjorie H. Garrett will conduct a workshop on maintaining a successful club step by step. She will speak on stewardship, promoting the club, promoting FFMC, and promoting NFMC. (In other words, "How Can I Run with the BIG Dogs?") She was the Development Director for Florida College before retiring. Now she puts her knowledge to work as a motivational speaker.

It is still not too late to sign up to work on the NFMC Biennial Convention. Michael Edwards will conduct that meeting. All district club presidents will bring a list of their members who plan to attend and help.

Please attend.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2009 nominating committee has unanimously Approved the following slate of nominees:

President: **Michael Edwards**

Vice President: **Barbara Kirby**

Recording Secretary: **Phil LeGrand**

Treasurer: **Suzanne Carpenter**

Resumes:

MICHAEL EDWARDS

Candidate for FFMC President 2009-2011

Michael Edwards, a native of Florida received his B.M. and M.M. in Piano Performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music. Beginning as a Junior member of FFMC at age 8, he received a full scholarship from the Morning Musicale of Fort Lauderdale in his Senior year in High School to attend the Brevard Music Summer Camp.

Michael Edwards has served as President and Treasurer of the Fort Lauderdale Morning Musicale and is completing a term as the Royal Poinciana District President. He organized the Royal Poinciana North Festival center in 1994 and has been its Festival Chairman since that time. Michael is stepping down from that post at the close of the '09 Festival. On the state level Michael has served as the FFMC Junior Counselor from 2001 to present, FFMC Finance Committee and By-Laws Committee. He was named FFMC Member of the Year in 2006.

On the National level, Michael is completing his second term as the Board Member representing Florida. He has been appointed to the Finance Committee, Publication Committee, Development Committee, Policy Resolution Committee and the Festivals Web Committee.

Finally, Michael will be serving as the NFMC National Chairman for the 2009 Biennial Convention to be held in Orlando, Florida June 2009.

BARBARA KIRBY

EDUCATION

Bachelor Degree in Music, Howard College/Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama

Piano Major; Organ Minor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1960-2007 Private Piano Studio

1960-1970 Associate Organist First Methodist Church, Gainesville

1970- Substitute Organist

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Florida Federation of Music Clubs

Suwannee District

President 2003-2005, 2007--2009

Gainesville Musicale 1970- until merger with Foundation of Promotion of Music

President 1992-1994

Florida State Music Teachers Association

Gainesville Music Teachers Association 1960-
Secretary 2008-

Telephone Chairman: 2003-2008

President: 1988-1990

Treasurer: 1984-1988

American Guild of Organists 1980-

Board Member 1995-2006

Treasurer: 1990-1994

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Widow of Dr. Taylor Kirby (Ob/Gyn) Married 51 years

Three Children:

Evelyn Jones, MD (Psychiatrist)

Elizabeth Kendrick Real Estate/ Church Organist)

Susan Geiger Teacher (Middle School English)

Six Grand children ages 7-24 All have/are studying Music

PHIL LEGRAND

Currently

Serving as FFMC Recording Secretary

Currently serving as Treasurer of Capital District, FFMC and Choctaw Bay Music Club.

Organized financial records and produced an accurate report after several years of incomplete information.

- Active member of the local club, sending out information about the meetings to members, organizing the setup and refreshments for meetings.

- Assists Festival Chairman in organizing the annual Festival by providing lunch for the workers and judges and "anything else" that needs to be done to make the event successful.

- Program Manager for PBS&J Construction Services in Panama City Beach responsible for providing construction inspection services for North Florida.

Musical Experience: Enjoy listening to good music, especially when performed by young musicians. Played the baritone in Junior High and High School Band.

Pervious Positions:

Served 27 years in Air Force Civil Engineering with assignments at all levels of command. Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Assignments include an Electrical Engineer at K.I Sawyer AFB, MI; Site Civil Engineer at Thule AB, Greenland; Chief of Operations at Rhein-Main AB, Germany; Chief Family Housing Build Lease Branch, Headquarter United State Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany; Chief of Family Housing Requirements Branch,

Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon; Chief of Operations, Scott AFB, IL; Base Civil Engineer and Commander, 16 Civil Engineering Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL; and Chief of Engineering, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command.

Education:

BS Electrical Engineering, University of Cincinnati
MS Computer Information Systems, Boston University



SUZANNE CARPENTER 

Professional Experience:

Private Piano Teacher, 1976 –
Elementary School Teacher, 1966-1967
Bookkeeper, 1959-1962

Professional Organizations and Positions:

National Federation of Music Clubs, 1976-Life Member since 2001
Florida Federation of Music Clubs, 1976- State Junior Festivals Chairman, 2003-2005 Treasurer, 1999-2003; 2005-2009 Member of the Year, 2002 Charter Florida Fellow, 2001 Financial Secretary, 1993-1999
Suwannee District:
Foundation for the Promotion of Music 1977-
Named Musician of the year 2008
Gainesville Festival Chairman, 2002-
Gainesville Area Gold Cup Chairman, 1980-1999
Riverland Music Club, 2000-2007
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-

Educational Background:

Master of Fine Arts, University of Florida (1988)
Major: Music History and Literature
Bachelor of Science, University of Wisconsin (1966)
Major: Elementary Education, Minor: Music

Personal Information:

Married to Dr. Ronald H. Carpenter, Professor English and Communication Studies, UF
Three children:
Dr. Malinda J. Carpenter married to
Dr. Josep Call (Leipzig, Germany)
Nicole B. Carpenter (Atlanta, Georgia)
Ronald H. Carpenter Jr. (Tampa, Florida)



Marty Marshall, *Chairman*, announces the Winners of the 2009 FFMC State Composition Contest

The Winners Are!!!

Junior I (*ages 9 and under*):

First Place Winner receives \$35.00 and trophy
1st Place: Peyton Dewitt–Teacher, **Marian Cox**
Second Place receives \$25.00 and a ribbon
2nd Place: NONE
Third Place Winner receives a ribbon
3rd Place: NONE

Junior II (*ages 10 – 12*):

First Place Winner receives \$40.00 and trophy
1st Place: Matthew Reichenberger–Teacher, **Donald Waxman**
Second Place receives \$30.00 and a ribbon
2nd Place: Brandon Richman–Teacher, **Donald Waxman**
Third Place Winner receives a ribbon
3rd Place: NONE

Junior III (*ages 13 – 15*):

First Place Winner receives \$45.00 and trophy
1st Place: Gabrielle Chou–Teacher, **Donald Waxman**
Second Place receives \$35.00 and trophy
2nd Place: Jordan Maurodis–Teacher, **Donald Waxman**
Third Place Winner receives a ribbon
3rd Place: NONE

Junior IV (*ages 16 – 18*):

First Place Winner receives \$50.00 and trophy
1st Place: Samuel Carlton–Teacher, **Suzanne Hollis**
Second Place Winner receives..... \$40.00 and a ribbon
2nd Place: Stephen Casscells-Hamby–Teacher, **Lucy Warren**
Third Place Winner receives a ribbon
3rd Place: NONE



Jeanie, Stephen Where Are You?

Senior Clubs...

Spring is the time to check with the local college & university vocal departments regarding candidates for the up & coming Jeanie/Stephen Voice Competition. The students are now scheduled in operas concerts, and musicals. This will be the time to find a student or two who can compete, October 23, 2009. Chairman, James Weisenborne and co-chairman John Fischer have revamped the applications and information which now is on the website.



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