



# Sharps & Flats

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**THEME:** *Keeping the Music Alive for the Future!*

**SONG:** *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*

**GRETCHEN E. VAN ROY**  
December 13, 1913 - April 11, 2009



Gretchen E. Van Roy will be remembered for her long service to the field of music and for her magnanimous contributions in support of young musicians. She will also be remembered for her sunny disposition and helpful manner within her circle of friends and acquaintances.

Gretchen served with the WAVES during WWII retiring with the rank of Lt. Commander. She then attended Columbia University Teachers College and obtained Bachelors and Masters

Degrees in Music Education. She taught Music Education at both the college level and the elementary school level. She spent a year at the University of Honolulu studying library science. Subsequently, after working five years as a librarian in the Miami School System, she retired in 1972.

It was during her very active retirement years that Gretchen devoted herself to the causes of the federated music clubs. During 30 years of membership and leadership in the Miami Music Club, she worked with the colleges in the area to help provide financial aid to music students. She served as Florida Federation of Music Clubs president as well as chairman of various areas of endeavor. In 1987 she chaired the NFMC Biennial Convention at the Omni Hotel in Miami. For many years she supported the Jeanie Auditions and Ball event. She provided scholarship money for the Jeanie event. In the National Federation of Music Clubs she served in many capacities and established a scholarship in Music Education. She established an award in the biennial NFMC Ellis Duo Piano Competition.

Other endowed scholarships include one with the Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity in memory of her mother and one for a law student at Hope College in Holland, Michigan in memory of her father who was a lawyer. After moving to Georgia in 2006, Gretchen established a scholarship for voice students at Kennesaw State University.

Florida Federation of Music Clubs and the National Federation of Music Clubs have lost an ardent supporter. We who knew her as a dear friend have lost much more than that.

Wherever she was, Gretchen contributed of her time, talents and substance. She said she was happy to have been able to help young musicians along.

Contributed by Rose Suggs and Helen Dingus

## On a Musical Note

**T**he Florida Federation of Music Clubs was organized in 1913. There are over 8,700 members in our organization. Our website states that we are "dedicated to the purpose of furthering music education and fostering a musical environment in our communities through the sponsorship of musical events and by providing performing opportunities for our talented and deserving young people." What a noble purpose! Who are the members of FFMC? We are professional musicians, amateur musicians, benefactors, volunteers, music lovers, music teachers, music students, supportive parents, and we represent all ages. We are anyone and everyone who has a love and passion for music. Working together we can make a musical difference. Therefore, let us go forward with one common goal:

**Keeping the Music Alive for the Future!**

Michael Edwards  
FFMC President

## Here's the Score By Connie Tuttle Lill

Hello. It is just Connie your immediate past FFMC president checking in. Why??? It is to thank each and every member for working with me during these past four years. I had a great team of officers to work with, plus each and every committee chairman, committee member, club president, and district president. I really believe that one of us is not as good as all of us. Thanks for your dedication and input. We had fun along the way for the great purpose of guiding young people in music and the arts.

I want to thank you for your wonderful gifts to me. I think of you every time I look at the blue and white glass trophy. Wait until you see what I purchased with my Chico's gift card! Now I ask each one of you to continue to serve FFMC by assisting the new administration to continue our work. Give Michael Edwards a helping hand when he calls or e-mails you. Keep enjoying music, the arts, and each other.

My very best always,  
Connie

## Member of the Year Award



The mystery which looms over the FFMC meeting each year is "Who has been chosen as this year's Member of the Year?" The May convention in Ocala was no exception. At the concluding luncheon, well-deserving Shirley Clark of Gainesville was presented the 2009 Member of the Year Award.

According to the recommendation from her district, Shirley is one example of a Federation member being devoted and active on the local, district and state levels for many years. In addition to her other contributions through the years, she has served as Data Processor for FFMC Junior Convention at least eight years, and in 2003 became FFMC Financial Secretary, devoting at least six months each year to processing membership dues.

Like Shirley, many active FFMC members are eligible, and each of the seven districts nominates one member for consideration at the state level. The current bylaws list the following criteria for determining the selection of a Member of the Year: outstanding accomplishments on behalf of the Florida Federation, dedication to the goals of the Federation and unselfish work for the Federation beyond the call of duty.

NOW is the time to carefully observe your fellow members, keeping in the back of your mind the traits of a Member of the Year. Interested in being a candidate yourself? You have one year to qualify! The next Member of the Year Award will be presented at the 2010 Fall Session scheduled for Sept. 16-18 in Lakeland. For more information, contact Chairman Bess Stallings at [bessstallings2@gmail.com](mailto:bessstallings2@gmail.com) or (863) 773-3594.

### Get Onboard – Get Online

FFMC has developed an extensive website. Everything that you want to know about FFMC is located at [ffmc-music.org](http://ffmc-music.org). Want to get the latest about the Junior Division? Go to [ffmc-music.org](http://ffmc-music.org). Did you lose your Sharps and Flats? Go to [ffmc-music.org](http://ffmc-music.org). Do you have a question about the Jeanie/Stephen auditions? Go to [ffmc-music.org](http://ffmc-music.org). Need to check your dues? Go to [ffmc-music.org](http://ffmc-music.org) and contact our Financial Secretary (Membership page). We even have the FFMC Bylaws online. So, let's **Get Onboard – Get Online.**

## Stillman-Kelley Instrumental Awards

The Stillman-Kelley Instrumental Awards are an NFMC Junior Awards that rotate by Region, and 2010 is the Southeastern Region's turn to compete for this award. The award is for Juniors who are at least 13 years old and have not reached their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday by March 1. First place is \$1000, second place \$500, special piano award \$300. Complete information for this award can be found in the NFMC Competitions and Awards Chart 2009-2010 under Annual Junior Awards. Let's see if Florida can produce a 2010 Stillman-Kelley Instrumental Awards recipient!

## Jeanie/Stephen Auditions

Join us as we celebrate 59 years of Jeanie Auditions at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center in White Springs, FL on October 2 - 3, 2009. The Jeanie/Stephen Auditions are sponsored by the Fla. Federation of Music Clubs, and are open to promising young vocalists capable of giving a creditable concert performance. Qualified judges will choose a Jeanie who will be awarded a scholarship for \$1500, as well as up to two Jeanie maids receiving \$750 each. Thanks to a gift from Connie Tuttle Lill a scholarship of \$1000 will be given to a young man chosen as Stephen.

We are asking for your help in finding and sponsoring vocalists. Each vocalist must be sponsored by a senior club. The applications must be received by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Donations from clubs and individuals are gratefully accepted to help with the expenses. Please send donations to Suzanne Carpenter, FFMC Treasurer, earmarked for the Jeanie/Stephen Auditions.

Information regarding qualifying rules and applications can be downloaded from the FFMC website: [ffmc-music.org](http://ffmc-music.org), or by calling Ann Stockton, Chairman at 863-701-2813 or e-mail: [Redtops61@verizon.net](mailto:Redtops61@verizon.net). Join me as we step back into the gracious 1850's, seeing and hearing beautiful people in costumes of the day. Thank all of you and the wonderful Stephen Foster Memorial Committee for your help and interest in making this a success.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### 2009

Jeanie/Stephen Audition, Stephen Foster Cultural Center, White Springs	Oct. 2-3
FFMC District Meetings	
Suwannee (Gainesville)	Oct 1
Capital (Ft. Walton Beach)	Oct. 4
Lake (Orlando)	Oct. 18
Royal Poinciana (Miami)	Oct. 21
Seminole (Sarasota)	Oct. 24
Bay Ridge (Wauchula)	Oct. 31
Saint Johns (Jacksonville)	Dec. 9
Application Deadlines:	
FFMC Junior Festival	Dec. 10
Junior Composer's Contest	Dec. 15
Essay Contest	Dec. 15

#### 2010

NFMC Junior Festivals	February
Frances Rands Beery Classical Ballet Awards, Lakeland	April 24
FFMC Junior Convention	
University of North Florida	April 30-May 1
National Music Week	
Theme – "Music....A Key to the Future"	May 2-9
NFMC SE Region Federation Weekend, Brevard	July
NFMC Fall Session, Pittsburgh, Penn.	Aug. 3-8
FFMC Fall Session, Lakeland	Sept. 16-18

#### 2011

NFMC Biennial Convention, McLean, Virginia	June 6-12
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## From the 2009 FFMC Junior Counselor

The Seventy-Second Annual Junior Convention was held May 1-2, 2009, at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. There were 1,434 Juniors registered in over 3,046 events with 189 teachers represented. A big thank you to the Music Department Chairman of the UNF Fine Arts Center, Dr. Gordon Brock, and his staff for helping make this Junior Convention a first class event. A big thank you to Suzanne Carpenter and Kenny and Shirley Clark who worked tirelessly with your Junior Counselor organizing this event; Vickie Stake, our facilities chairman; Suzanne Carpenter and Vickie Stake for securing the judges; Gavin Taylor and Lisa Smith for securing the monitors, and last but not least a big thank you goes to our FFMC President Connie Tuttle-Lill who worked side by side with all of us during this event.

### RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED AT THE FFMC MAY CONVENTION

- 1) That the Florida Junior Division begin using the new NFMC Student Transfer Form.
- 2) That Form B (Gold Cup) be accepted so that teachers have the option of paying shipping and receiving cups.
- 3) That we pay \$1,000 to Kenny Clark for his computer services during the Junior Convention.
- 4) That we extend the agreement with the t-shirt sales chairman for three years.
- 5) That both the composition and essay contest be funded by the Festival Cup Reserve.
- 6) That the piano accompaniment level be the same as the solo level.
- 7) That the State Junior Convention fee be raised to 1-4 events, \$25 and 5-8 events, \$50.
- 8) That a \$50 fee be charged to those paying a Junior Key-notes Subscription fee after December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### The FFMC Junior Officers for 2009-2010

President: Sonyun Lee

Vice President: Jessica Barker

Secretary: Samuel Crawford

Treasurer: Christian Vogel

Parliamentarian: Ben Canas

### 2009 FFMC Junior Convention Awards

**Gold Cup Senior Concerto Scholarship** Alan Clark - \$1,300 • **All Performance Award** Gabrielle Chou - \$800 • **Mary Elizabeth Land Awards Senior Piano Concerto – First Place**, Mark Mayea - \$600 • **Senior Piano Concerto – Second Place**, Diana Hsieh - \$500 • **Irene Muir Memorial Award** Enoch Wong - \$600 • **Vikinsman Memorial Award Junior III-B Piano Concerto - First Place** John Li - \$500 • **Ruth B. Lockmiller Memorial Award Junior III-B Piano Concerto Second Place** Valentine Agranovsky -

\$400 • **Junior III-A Piano Concerto Award** Matthew Reichenberger - \$400 • **Senior Violin Concerto Award** Austin Burket – \$500 • **Violin Solo Advanced II Award** Lisa Fujita - \$400 • **Florida Summer Music Camp Award** Manuel Angel Rodriguez \$500 • **Robert Smiddy Memorial Award Piano Solo Musically Advanced II winner** Matthew Young – \$650 • **Casey Lisk Memorial Award Piano Solo Musically Advanced I winner** Connor Mautner - \$550 • **Junior Award for Musically Outstanding Voice** Stephanie Namos - \$400 • **Junior Award for Outstanding Violist** Jessica Chen - \$400 • **Eleanore Billy Gronlund Hymn Playing Award Hymn Playing Class V winner** Grace Coleman - \$400 • **Betty Najarian Patriotic/Folksong Award American Patriotic and Folk Song Advanced Class winner** Stanley Brenner - \$400.

My past eight years as FFMC Junior Counselor have gone by so quickly. We have had a great team working to expand and bring improvements to the Junior Division. Scholarships to our Juniors have more than doubled. During this time, Connie Tuttle-Lill endowed the All Performance Award. The Gold Cup Senior Concerto Scholarship Award was established. We also saw endowments established in the memory of two very special people involved in the Junior Division: Mary Elizabeth Land and Robert Smiddy. The Junior Procedures Manual and all information for the Junior Convention can now be found on our website. Looking to the future, there is more to be accomplished. We are fortunate to have Vickie Stake accept the appointment of Junior Counselor. She, with the help of all members of FFMC, will continue to implement new ideas to keep our Junior Division the best in the country.

Michael Edwards

## 2010 Essay Contest

Attention all Teachers and Juniors  
Marian Cox, Essay Chairman

The 2010 Essay topic has just been announced: **"MUSIC...A KEY TO THE FUTURE"**.

Let's get to work and see who can come up with a winning essay. This contest is open to all 7-12 graders. Complete information can be found at [ffmc-music.org](http://ffmc-music.org). Click on Junior Convention and then proceed to **Essay**.

## 2009 FFMC Beery Ballet Winners

Shiloh Hodges, a ballet student from Lakeland, is the winner of the Frances Rands Beery Memorial Award in Classical Ballet. Shiloh received a cash award of \$500.00. Shiloh is a student at Florida Dance Theatre and studies with Carol Erkes.

A second place award of \$250.00 was given to Dawn Gierling of Malabar. Dawn is a student of Janna Kirova and Boris Chepelev at the Space Coast Ballet Academy of Melbourne.

Hannah Hodges of Lakeland received an Honorable Mention and an award of \$25.00. Hannah studies at the Florida Dance Theatre with Jessica Santos and Carol Erkes.

Auditions were held April 25, 2009 in Lakeland. Dr. Isabella Laude is chairman of this competition.

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## Florida Fellows

Four more FFMC members have been added to the membership of Florida Fellows. Inducted during and after the 91st Annual FFMC Convention in Ocala were Teresa M. Coopman of Hollywood, Michael R. Edwards of Plantation, Alan Clark of Gainesville and Nancy L. Ford of La Belle. Congratulations to these four!

There are now 33 Florida Fellows whose \$1,000 donations show their financial support of the largest philanthropic music organization in the world. These are one-time tax-deductible donations promoting FFMC's mission of furthering music and music education.

More FFMC members are invited to give this "gift that keeps on giving" whether it be "in memory of," "in honor of," or just a personal contribution. Contact Bess Stallings, chairman, for further information and/or an application at [bessstallings2@gmail.com](mailto:bessstallings2@gmail.com) or call (863) 773-3594.

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## Florida Fellow Off to Juilliard

Alan Clark, our youngest Florida Fellow and past winner of the Connie Tuttle-Lill All Performance Award, is off to the Big Apple! This fall, Alan will be entering The Juilliard School, majoring in Piano Performance. While at Juilliard, Alan, a past National winner of the NFMC Junior Composers Contest, will also be studying composition. Alan's dream is to be a pianist/composer. Alan, may your dreams come true!

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## 2009 NFMC Southeastern Region Meeting

The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Federation Weekend for the NFMC Southeastern Region was held July 9-11, 2009 at the Brevard Music Center in Brevard, North Carolina. During Federation Weekend the Southeastern Region adopted a set of Bylaws to qualify for non profit/tax exempt status. As a result of this action the Southeastern Region has adopted a five year plan to raise \$25,000.00 to endow a Brevard summer camp award. The interest from this Endowment will be awarded to a young music student from the Southeast Region attending the Brevard Summer Music Camp. The Brevard Music Camp will select the recipient.

On a musical high note, Angela Park a 2009 NFMC Young Artist recipient performed the Saint-Saens Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Op. 33 with the Transylvania Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Keith Lockhart. Angela gave an incredible performance which was received by the audience with a standing ovation.

Finally in 1968, Ford Lawton co-founder of the Morning Musicale of Fort Lauderdale awarded a young piano student a full scholarship to attend the Brevard Summer Music Camp. That student returned to Brevard forty-one years later as the FFMC President representing Florida at the Southeastern Region Weekend. It was amazing to see much of the music camp the same as it was in 1968. The buildings were older but the music students seemed so much younger than what I remember! What an environment to be in to study music. We are fortunate to have such an outstanding music camp in the Southeastern Region.

Thank you Mrs. Lawton,  
"Mike"

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## NFMC 2009 Biennial Convention

Dear Florida Federation Colleagues,

Several weeks have passed since exuberant applause was heard at the final concert of the 2009 NFMC Biennial Convention in Orlando. Thus ended a triumph for the Florida Federation of Music Clubs! The success of this national meeting was the result of superb planning by the Convention National Chairman Michael Edwards and FFMC Past President, Connie Tuttle-Lill, who received complete support from the FFMC Convention Committee. The Orlando Convention agenda was filled with superb, top quality musical performances, a wide variety in workshop presentations, enthusiastic participation by juniors, and the warm congeniality of Florida Federation members.

On behalf of the National Federation of Music Clubs, I extend our sincere appreciation to you for extraordinary success in hosting this important meeting. Your state organization has earned a reputation for excellence and will be long-remembered for hosting a successful, enjoyable experience.

Best wishes to you as we continue our mutual support for the extraordinary musical opportunities and lasting friendships offered through our Federation.

Lana Bailey  
NFMC President

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## NFMC Awards

Did you know that the National Federation of Music Clubs offers many scholarships and that there are 23 scholarships just for summer music camps throughout the country? Did you know a complete listing of these scholarships can be found in one convenient document called the "NFMC Competitions and Awards Chart 2009-2010"? FFMC is now listing this document on its website. This chart is located under **Awards and Scholarships**, first paragraph.

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## From your Treasurer

Suzanne Carpenter  
[Treasurer@FFMC-music.org](mailto:Treasurer@FFMC-music.org)

- Liability Insurance: because the 15 August deadline has passed, liability insurance requests are now \$15.00 per site/weekend. Please contact me if you need a form.
- To avoid a late penalty, please pay Junior club dues by 1 October. You should have received a form in the mail from our new Financial Secretary, Peggy Willis. If you did not, a dues form is available on the web: [www.ffmc-music.org/juniorbill.pdf](http://www.ffmc-music.org/juniorbill.pdf). Include a list of your juniors. If you do not pay by 1 December, you may not enter your juniors in festival.
- Senior Club Treasurers, please send in initial dues by 1 October to avoid a late fee. You can add additional members after that deadline without penalty. Include full correct address information so your members receive Music Clubs Magazine. Know that for 2010-2011, dues have been raised by National.