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Theme: Music Raises Us Up

Song: *You Raise Me Up*

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I thank all of you for the honor of electing me as President of FFMC. I have a vision of what I would like to see for all of us. This involves helping all of our divisions be the best that they can be. This would entail seeing the senior clubs not only growing in interest and membership but also becoming more visible within our communities. The Student and Junior Clubs would continue making musical experiences available to young musicians as they are learning to perfect their skill. Because of this, I have chosen "*You Raise Me Up*" as my president's song.

I am challenging each of you to take under your wings talented young musicians, encouraging them as they pursue their dream. This might involve sponsoring them in the Stephen Foster/Jeanie Audition, offering a music scholarship or by attending their school performances or recitals. This past year we encouraged six young people involved with the Jeanie contest to enter the National Federation's Biennial Collegiate Competition. We were delighted to find out that two of these young people have won top honors at the national level. All of this **had to begin with you** at the local level, by members from senior music clubs. Let's let Music Raise Us Up to more than we can be and watch us make a difference!

Ann Stockton

FFMC President 2011-2013

Thank You Capital District!

A special thank you goes to the Capital District for hosting a successful 92nd FFMC Spring Convention held May 19-21 in Niceville. District President Sharleen Williams and her team did a wonderful job in preparing an educational and musical experience for all who attended. We all found "Treasures of the Emerald Coast" with outstanding music gems including Drs. Karen and Jeffrey Savage, the 2009 Ellis Duo Pianists winners, Christopher Kline the first place winner of the NFMC Biennial Student Collegiate male vocalist competition, Sarah Folsom, Capital District's Jeanie candidate, pianist Sharon Jeffrey, and composer Dr. David Ott.

We were honored to have as our National Guest Beth McAuley, the Southeastern Region Vice President, who installed the new officers and district presidents for FFMC.

All of the proposed amendments to the FFMC Bylaws passed. See accompanying article.

Mark your calendar for the 93rd FFMC Convention hosted by Lake District which will be held in Orlando on May 17-19, 2012.

Thank you again to our Capital District!

Congratulations 2011-2013 FFMC Officers!

Ann Stockton	President
Barbara Kirby	Vice President
Nancy Jontz	Recording Secretary
Suzanne Carpenter	Treasurer

Thanking You on a Musical Note

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made my two years as FFMC President such an enjoyable experience. I can only say thank you to everyone on the state, district and local level for the dedication to the goals of our federation. There was a lot of work these past two years but look at the results. Christina Lai, winner of the inaugural NFMC Marilyn Caldwell Piano Award, Christopher Kline and Jenna Siladie, winners in the NFMC Vocal Collegiate Auditions. Finally, Matthew Allen, a resident of Tallahassee, was chosen as winner of the NFMC Young Artist Competition in the strings division. It does not get much better than this! Let's continue working to support and promote our young musicians on the local, state and finally the national level. Florida has arrived!

I also wish to thank the members of FFMC for the generous \$500 Macy's gift card. This gift was totally unexpected but much appreciated.

Now let us look forward to our next two years with a new FFMC President. Ann Stockton will be putting forth new goals for FFMC. Let's support her in her endeavors and watch as FFMC continues to grow and achieve even greater accomplishments.

Keeping the Music Alive for the Future!

Michael Edwards

FFMC President 2009-2011



Installation of NFMC Officers in McLean, Virginia Convention 2011

(L.-R.: Outgoing NFMC President Lana Bailey, Treasurer Suzanne Carpenter, Secretary Melanie Perez, Western VP Gloria Lien, NE VP Norma Disinger, SE VP Barbara Hildebrand, SC VP Gloria Grill, NC VP Jeanne Hryniewicki, First Vice President Michael Edwards, and incoming NFMC President Carolyn Nelson)

Excerpt of Florida’s Report for NFMC

Michael Edwards

The Florida Federation of Music Clubs celebrated its ninety-fourth year as an affiliate of the National Federation of Music Clubs. FFMC is comprised of seven districts with a total of twenty five senior clubs.

FFMC celebrated the 60th year of the Jeanie/Stephen auditions. This event is held at the Stephen Foster Folk Cultural Center in White Springs, Florida. \$1500 was awarded to our Jeanie, \$750 each to two Jeanie Maids, \$1000 to the Stephen winner and \$500 to the Stephen first runner up.

Our Junior Division continues to grow. The FFMC Junior Division is the largest in the nation. This is attributed to the Junior Convention which is a competitive event for those who receive a Superior rating at the Festival auditions held in February. This year we had 1535 registered participants during this two-day event held at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida. There were fifteen scholarship awards totaling \$8550 this year. The FFMC Board of Directors recently established an endowed award for piano ensemble. The Board of Directors also voted to infuse \$5000 into the established awards for 2012.

This year FFMC made an all out effort to participate in NFMC competitive events. Christopher Kline, our 2011 Stephen, won first place in the Student/Collegiate Man’s Voice event. Jenna Siladie, our 2010 Jeanie was the second place winner in the Student/Collegiate Woman’s Voice event. Christina Lai won the Marilyn Caldwell Piano Award in the Junior division. Finally, Matthew Allen, a resident of Tallahassee, was chosen as a 2011 Young Artist for Strings.

This year twenty-two of our twenty-five senior clubs reported raising \$106,243 in financial contributions. Since last fall FFMC has raised \$5672 for the Southeast Region Endowment fund. To date FFMC has raised \$9695 for this endowment.

Keeping the Music Alive for the Future!



Florida Delegation at 2011 NFMC Convention

(L.-R.: Dave Stockton, Carole Flatau, Ann Stockton, Michael Edwards, Barbara Kirby, Claire-Frances Whitehurst, and Suzanne Carpenter; Present but not pictured: Dr. Doyle Dingus and Helen Dingus)



Matthew Allen, Tallahassee
2011 NFMC Young Artist-Strings

NEW STANDING RULE:

FFMC/NFMC Life Membership

Suzanne Carpenter, NFMC Board member
representing Florida and FFMC treasurer

A new Standing Rule was passed at the June NFMC convention: Life Members will not have to pay State and National dues after their initial contribution of \$200 (\$125 goes to NFMC; \$75 to FFMC). After their first year, if the Life Member wants a subscription to *Music Clubs Magazine*, they must pay \$3.00 each year.

As a goodwill gesture, our FFMC Executive Board passed a new Standing Rule: **As of the fiscal year 2011-2012, FFMC will give an annual complimentary subscription of *Music Clubs Magazine* to all life members.**

Senior Club Treasurers: please list your NFMC/FFMC life members when submitting your membership dues but do NOT include dues.

**RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED
AT 92ND FFMC SPRING CONVENTION**

Philip LeGrand, FFMC Bylaws Chairman

The following items were voted upon favorably at the 92nd FFMC Convention:

1. The essay awards are changed from US Savings Bonds to a cash award.

2. The 2009 Junior Convention surplus (\$7,000) will be used to create a new Piano Ensemble Award for the Junior State Convention for the highest level as listed in the NFMC bulletin for each ensemble: trio, duet, duo, quartet to be divided between the participants. We will now enhance the State Junior Convention awards by \$400 for 2012.

3. Changes to Standing Rule #13 –FFMC Dues and Fees:

a. Increase the FFMC portion of Senior Club Dues from 2.00 to \$3.00 per member with a minimum of \$30.

b. Raise Festival Cup fees to \$4.00 and Sr. Concerto to \$4.50.

c. The \$10 late fee deadline is changed to be postmarked by November 15th.

d. Add an insurance policy request processing fee of \$2.00 per event.

4. Additions to Junior Procedures Manual:

a. Establish a maximum 8 minute time limit for any Piano Ensemble event.

b. The Junior Convention performers from the highest level Scholarship Award winners will be asked to perform first.

c. Each festival cup chairman shall set the time for collection of the fees to register festival cup points.

All festival cup fees collected will be sent to the state.

d. In order to participate in the festival all junior and senior club fees must be paid and postmarked by December 31st including all applicable late fees.

How to Make an Old Club New

Highlights from Convention Workshop

Rob Coopman

An interesting and informative workshop on ways to liven up your club was presented by Rob Coopman who shared research and experiences of the Music Club of Hollywood. Fund raisers, scholarship auditions and music studies were discussed.

Some of the things covered were:

1) **Limit business meeting** to board meetings. Make necessary announcements at opening of general meeting. People are there for program, not business!

2) **Alternate times** of meetings to accommodate working people, such as evenings or weekends.

3) **Set up music appreciation classes** on days or evenings separate from regular meetings. Use an informal setting such as a home and serve refreshments. Could charge \$5 for each session. Could have music study on composer or composition.

4) **Give your members something to brag about.** Examples: I had a concert at my house! We put on a fabulous fundraiser. You won't want to miss it!

5) **To get everyone involved schedule sing-a-longs** as part of meeting. Can use new *Together We Sing* book or themes such as love songs, holiday songs, etc,

6) **Become more web savvy.** Establish own website for your club. Put own programs on you tube. Go on you tube. Search Walter Ladden, Music Club of Hollywood for example of this.

FFMC Florida Fellows News

Care to Be Young Again??? Read on...

Bess Stallings, Chairman

Yes, the FFMC club year 2011-2012 could be your lucky year ... the year you turn 39 again!! Interested? There is an opening for the 39th Florida Fellow and you are cordially invited to be the honored one. The first one to apply will hold that honor forever. Contact FFMC Florida Fellow Chairman Bess Stallings ASAP by e-mailing at bessstallings2@gmail.com or telephone at (863)773-3594.

The names of each Florida Fellow shall forever be inscribed in the records of FFMC and listed in the state directory. It may be given in "honor of", "in memory of" or just a donation! We invite you to participate in this worthwhile endeavor with a one-time tax deductible donation of \$1000 to the FFMC Operating Endowment Fund.

Greetings to Two New Florida Fellows!

Bess Stallings, Chairman

Florida Fellows Founder Dr. Isabella Laude “did the honors” at the May convention in Niceville during Friday’s Florida Fellows luncheon. Two special members, Barbara Kirby and Cecilia Laude were welcomed into the fold. Suzanne Carpenter introduced and welcomed Barbara Kirby who has been a piano teacher for over 50 years. Barbara is also undertaking another term as FFMC Vice President.



Florida Fellow FFMC Vice President Barbara Kirby

(L.-R.: Michael Edwards, Barbara Kirby, Suzanne Carpenter and Dr. Isabella Laude)

Dr. Laude had the honor of introducing and inducting her daughter Cecilia Maria Laude as our newest member. Cecilia is president of the Friday Morning Musicale of Tampa. She has an impressive resume when it comes to music...not unusual for the Laude family. As a nurse, she also follows in their footsteps in the medical profession. We are honored to have you joining our group!



Florida Fellow Cecilia Maria Laude

(L.-R.: Michael Edwards, Dr. Isabella laude, Cecilia Maria Laude and Dr. Walter Laude)

Member of the Year

Bess Stallings, Chairman

At a recent 92nd Convention enjoyed on Florida’s Emerald Coast, long- time FFMC member Annetta

Graham was deemed a true “gem” by being presented the 2011 FFMC Member of the Year Award. Dr. Isabella Laude introduced her friend and spotlighted a few of her many outstanding qualities, thus making her the top choice for this year’s presentation.

The old adage that “great things come in small packages” describes Annetta who is barely five feet in height. She is seen at local, district, state meetings as well as Jeanie Auditions. Her creativity is evidenced in the creation of “The Crystal Belles”, a group of ladies making music with their knives striking glasses filled with varying levels of water.

This newsletter can be filled with many more of her accomplishments, but space does not allow this. She is a terrific goodwill ambassador for the Federation. Congratulations!



2011 Member of the Year Annetta Graham with other members of the Year

(L.-R.: Dr. Isabella Laude, Michael Edwards, Annetta Graham, Helen Dingus, Vickie Stake and Suzanne Carpenter)

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NFMC President’s Song: *How Can I Keep from Singing*”

NFMC President’s Theme: And all who Listened Understood - That Was Music

2012 National Music Week Theme:

Music..... Sounds that Inspire

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Capital Sharon Jeffrey
Lake Nancy Jontz
Royal Poinciana Teresa Coopman
St. Johns Debra Carter
Seminole Marian Cox
Suwannee Claudia Brill

Calendar of Events 2011

Jeanie/Stephen Auditions- Stephen Foster
Cultural Center, White Springs Oct. 7-8
FFMC District Meetings:
Suwannee (Gainesville) Oct. 6
Capital (Fort Walton) Oct. 9
Royal Poinciana (Coral Gables) Oct. 19
Bay Ridge (Lake Wales) Oct. 22
Lake District (Orlando) Oct. 23
St. Johns (Jacksonville) Dec. 7
Seminole (Sarasota) Dec. 10
Parade of American Music Month of November

Application Deadlines:

FFMC Junior Festival Dec. 10
Junior Composer's Contest Dec. 15
Essay Contest Dec. 15

Calendar of Events 2012

Founders' Day Celebrations Jan.
FFMC Junior Festivals Feb.
FFMC Junior Convention May 4-5
National Music Week May 6-13
THEME: "Music... Sounds That Inspire"
FFMC 93rd Convention (Orlando) May 17-19
NFMC Conference (Indianapolis) June 19-23
NFMC SE Region Federation Weekend,
Brevard, North Carolina July

FFMC AMERICAN MUSIC DIVISION

Patricia Clarke, Chairman

November has been established as NFMC's Parade of American Music month. Are you looking for ideas on how your club can participate? Here are some examples scheduled around our state to honor this occasion.

Coral Gables Music Club will honor one of its own for the November's Parade of American Music program. Compositions by Carollyn Davenport, a member since the early 1960's, will be featured for this special program. This program would also qualify as an NFMC American Women Composers entry. Her music will also be played at Florida International University during the month.

On Thursdays in November, Saxophonist Jeff Zavac will be performing old American favorites at the Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged. Also in November the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's will have a Benefit Brunch and Style Show with members parading the ballroom of *Cocoplum* modeling vintage clothes depicting the era of the American songs provided by the Coral Gables Music Club.

The Lake Wales Music Club will be presenting an all-American music program featuring 45 singers called "The Sassy Singers" under the direction of Marge Drago.

All senior and junior clubs in the state are encouraged to participate with their own events. There will be three monetary awards given by the NFMC to the clubs best reflecting the goals of the Parade of American Music Committee. To find out more information about this division and the monetary awards, go to the www.nfmc-music.org website and go to the American Music link. The new website will be updated in September. Make sure you use the 2011-2013 forms and respond by the printed deadline.

FFMC ARTS DIVISION

Dr. Liana Valente, Chairman

It is a pleasure to write this article as the newly appointed chairman of the FFMC ARTS DIVISION. Each year our Florida State Clubs present exciting programs, support local performing arts organizations, and offer scholarships to young musicians. Our clubs showcase professional performers at meetings and concerts and support music in our schools and colleges.

The Arts Division departments are Chamber Music, Crusade for Strings, International Music Relations, Music in Poetry, Music Service in the Community (Choral Music, Music Outreach, Sacred Music, *Together We Sing*), National Music Week, National Music Week Essay Contest and Opera.

Some of these departmental initiatives support student competitions (i.e. the National Music Week Essay) while others offer cash awards and certificates for clubs presenting specific programs (i.e. International Music Relations). You can review information about these initiatives on the NFMC web site. Please remember that the new manual will be out in September and will contain updated information and forms. As you prepare your programs for the coming year, I encourage you to investigate these categories. In addition to continuing your club's traditions, consider offering performances in genres new to your members. Please note that all initiatives require the submission of short reports during the spring; most reports are due to me by April 1 and all deadlines and reporting forms can be found on the NFMC website under the Publications tab.

I look forward to working with club chairmen and members throughout the state as we continue to bring great music to our communities. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email (liana@omegatawer.com) if you have questions or concerns. I wish you all a fulfilling and successful season of music!

COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS DIVISION



2011 FFMC Convention Performers

Christopher Kline, NFMC Collegiate Male Voice Winner
Dr. Carol Wallace Payne, Accompanist

Florida Wins National Collegiate Division

"We've come a long way, Baby!" Florida has become even more newsworthy! We have been fortunate this year to be able to encourage six young musicians from Florida to enter the National Federation's Biennial Collegiate Competition. We were delighted to find out that two of these young people have won top honors at the national level. Chris Kline, this year's Stephen, won first place in male voice category, and Jenna Siladie, last year's Jeanie, was runner up in the female vocalist category.

Florida Cellist is 2011 Young Artist Winner

We are pleased to announce that an outstanding young cellist from Florida, Matthew Allen, has been named as a 2011-2013 NFMC Young Artist. FFMC raised over \$2300 to help cover his expenses to attend the Young Artist Competition in McLean, Virginia. These expenses included travel, lodging and expenses of his accompanist. Matthew, a prizewinner in numerous competitions, began studying at the age of four and has performed on concert stages all over the world. You will have the opportunity to hear him at the FFMC Convention in 2012 in Orlando.

Increased Awards for Stephen Foster/Jeanie Auditions

We are pleased to announce that the amounts of the awards for the Stephen Foster/Jeanie Auditions have been raised! Jeanie and Stephen winners will now both be awarded \$2000 while the two Jeanie maids and the Stephen runner-up will be receiving \$1000 each. The auditions will be held on Oct. 7-8. The Audition is a unique event that is held annually at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center in White Springs, Florida. FFMC co-sponsors this event with the Stephen Foster State Folk Culture Center and is open to promising young vocalists capable of giving a creditable concert performance.

We need your help in finding and sponsoring vocalists. Check with your area colleges for candidates. Applications must be received by September 10th. If you have difficulty finding a candidate, I will be glad to match you up with a young person who has expressed an interest in the competition but does not have a sponsor.

A large block of rooms has been reserved for the auditions at a special rate of \$50.00 a night at the Lake City Days Inn. Please contact them for a room at this rate as soon as possible. Telephone: 386/758-4224. Make sure you mention the auditions to get these special rates.

Donations from clubs and individuals are gratefully
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accepted to help with the expenses. A donor list is included each year in the printed Stephen Foster/Jeanie Program Book with these categories:

CAMPTOWN RACES Under \$100
BEAUTIFUL DREAMER..... \$100 - \$199
OH! SUSANNA.....\$200 or more

Please send donations to Suzanne Carpenter, FFMC Treasurer, earmarked for the Stephen Foster/Jeanie Auditions. **All donations are invited and tax deductible to the extent provided by law.**

Information regarding qualifying rules, schedules, instructions and applications can be downloaded from the FFMC website: ffmc-music.org, or by calling Ann Stockton, Chairman at 863-701-2813 or e-mail: Redtops61@verizon.net. Thank all of you and the wonderful Stephen Foster Memorial Committee for your help and interest in making this a success. Let's all work to raise up these student singers to be more than they could be!

JUNIOR DIVISION

Peggy Willis, FFMC Financial Secretary

Update on Fees

Attention all FFMC members who participate in FFMC Festivals. The bills for FFMC Junior membership fees and senior individual memberships were mailed June 18th. All junior counselors should have received this bill. This bill is mailed only to the junior counselors, not to the teachers who participate as additional teachers under a junior counselor's club. The junior counselor of any club with multiple teachers is responsible for submitting to FFMC all teachers' names and addresses, all FFMC fees, and all students' names and updates.

If you did not receive the "junior bill", you can download it at our website, www.ffmc-music.org. Click on membership, then "junior bill", and download. Please submit your FFMC dues by October 1st postmark. If you submit your dues from Oct. 2nd through November 15th postmark, include a \$10 late fee. PLEASE NOTE the dues deadline (with late fee) has been changed to November 15th. This deadline is necessary to ensure that each festival chair can receive a report of members who are qualified to enter students in festival. FFMC dues will be accepted November 16th through December 31st ONLY from teachers who submit their local festival paperwork and fees on time. A \$50 late fee must be included. Do not miss the November 15th deadline-better yet, do not miss the October 1st deadline. Let's aim for every teacher submitting dues by October 1st (or November 15th if you prefer paying the \$10 late fee).

Every teacher who participates in festival **MUST** also be a senior member. Pay your senior club dues promptly (or senior individual dues, if you prefer) to ensure that you qualify for festival participation.

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Teachers, please be diligent in turning in your local festival fees and applications to your festival chair. Each local festival has established its own deadline, and any teacher who does not meet the deadline is not eligible to participate in festival. Payment of FFMC fees does NOT guarantee participation in festival - you must meet your local deadlines to qualify.

New Member Liaison

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa Moore as the "New Member Liaison." This new position will help people interested in joining our organization. She will walk them through the process. There is a link to her at www.ffmc-music.org, both on the home page and on the membership information page. By the way, new members do NOT incur late fees, but they must meet the local festival's deadlines. Thank you Lisa for accepting this position.

NFMC 2011 National Winners of Junior Composer's Contest

Class I: Marco A. Jimenez, Incentive Award
Mark Szforzini, teacher
Class II: Brandon Richman, 2nd Place
Donald Waxman, teacher
Class III: Jordan Anne Mauurodis, 2nd Place
Donald Waxman, teacher
Class IV: Joseph Prior, Incentive Award
Lucy Warren, teacher

2012 Essay Contest

Marian Cox, FFMC Essay Chairman

Attention all Teachers and Juniors

I am happy to announce the FFMC essay contest application is on our website at www.ffmc-music.org. Please encourage your 7-12 graders to write their thoughts down and enter the contest. The 2012 Essay topic is "**Music...Sounds That Inspire.**" Remember- less than 500 words, and the deadline is December 15, 2011. Please mail two copies with two applications (FFMC and NFMC) PLUS A PHOTO to me at 2495 Browning St., Sarasota 34237.

2011 Florida Essay Winners

7-8th Grade:

Madeline Hsiang Student of Loretta Hake
2nd Place: Melissa Herron Student of Dr. L.A. Denning

9-12th Grade

Grace Shepard Student of Dr. Dianne Garvin
2nd Place: Abigail Brigham Student of Vickie Stake

Congratulations!

2011 -2012 Junior Officers

President	Christina Savvidis
Vice President	Evial Zheng
Secretary	TJ Smith
Treasurer	Berta Pono
Parliamentarian	Abigail Tosh

DISTRICT NEWS

Bay Ridge District

Annetta Graham, President

Bay Ridge District grew by one club this past year. We are pleased to welcome the Concert Club of Tampa with Lee Frueh into our fold. The other clubs are the Friday Musicale of Tampa with Cecilia Laude as President, Lake Wales Music Club with Wilma Greenwood as President, Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland with Merle Dexter as President and the Wednesday Musicale of Wauchula with Judy Mercer as President.

Four of our five clubs have sponsored candidates for the Jeanie Auditions and have had 1776 participants in the FFMC Junior Convention held on May 6-7, 2011. We worked hard to present a meaningful Fall Session held in Lakeland this past September. Officers are: President Annetta Graham, Vice President Dave Stockton, Secretary Anne Pray and Treasurer Marilyn Fisher.

Capital District

Sharon Jeffrey, President

The Capital District is made up of the Choctaw Bay Music Club which successfully hosted the Spring Convention in Niceville. The 2010 district meeting was held at the home of Karen and Philip Le Grand with FFMC President Michael Edwards as the honored guest. Festival was held on Feb. 4 and 5 with Sharleen Williams and her team of volunteers keeping things running smoothly. They had 204 events which netted 24 first and 3 second place cups. Lauren Markowski, a student of Loretta Hake, was awarded the Grand Cup.

This year's scholarship and awards outlay should be substantially increased due to fundraising and partnering with business scholarship programs that are being developed. Capital District members are looking forward to the upcoming October 9th meeting for 2011 and getting to know the new FFMC president, Ann Stockton.

Lake District

Nancy Jontz, President

"Make new friends but keep the old; one is silver and the other gold." That was a favorite round we used to sing in Girl Scouts. There is a gold mine of wisdom in that little song. As we change officers, committee chairpersons, and other leadership roles in our Florida Federation of Music Clubs' on the State, District, and local Club levels, it is important to help the new leaders make a smooth transition. Our District Members wish to express their deepest appreciation to our outgoing State, District and Local Club leadership who have served to further the high ideals and goals of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

"Make new friends".....Inviting new members into our Clubs, starting new clubs, new goals, new projects, new events, new ideas...

"Keep the old"..... Let the older, experienced members help welcome, mentor, and find places of service for new members; keep the goals and purposes of the National Federation of Music Clubs as the unifying banner that guides what we do in our clubs.

Royal Poinciana District

Teresa Coopman

The Royal Poinciana District had 1284 participants at the 2011 North Festival Center. Top award winners were: Benjamin Carberry - Gold Cup Senior Concerto; Christina Lai - Connie Tuttle Lill All Performance; Jonathan Reichenberger - Irene Muir Memorial Award.

Morning Musicale of Fort Lauderdale sponsored Danielle Goode who was the first runner-up Jeanie Maid. The Club is changing their meeting on Wednesday to a weekend date in order to have young musicians perform at their meetings.

The Hollywood Music Club has been having a Music Appreciation Class on Monday Mornings during the past season. Several attendees have joined their club. They will be sponsoring Appreciation Classes at the Dania Library this summer on several Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30.

Boca Delray Music Society had their first dinner dance featuring a 15-piece big band playing the "big-band" music of the forties-fifties. They advertised for two months on the WXEL classical radio station and made \$9300.00. A member is providing tickets to a children's theatre production in July. Afterward they will have lunch at their usual meeting place.

At least two of our district clubs held their auditions at a piano and organ store- the publicity being good for the both the store as well as the clubs.

The Coral Gables Music Club is interested in hosting a Convention in Coral Gables (title, City Beautiful) for the FFMC. Pat Clarke, their president, said they enrolled 46 new members last year just by using a simple formula - inviting guests, smiling, singing a song, saying a prayer, serving morning refreshments while listening to music, and then presenting a Wonderful guest artist and ending their meetings by noon!

Saint Johns District

Debra Carter, President

The St. Johns District held its district festival on the last weekend of February. Sixty nine teachers participated, entering 831 students in 1571 events.

The Mary Elizabeth Land Scholarship was awarded to Tim Stephenson, a student of Vickie Stake, who plans on majoring in music.

On April 9, the district hosted the Greater Jacksonville Federation Piano Competition at the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. Over 175 students participated. We hope to expand this competition next year to include strings and vocalists.

Seminole District

Marian Cox, President

All four clubs in this district are very busy this summer planning their programs and their money-raising events. Scholarships are very important and finding the funding is always a challenge. Three clubs have an area festival, and we hope to have more students involved in 2012.

We will have a district Holiday luncheon on December 10th in Sarasota. Our new state president, Ann Stockton, will be our guest.