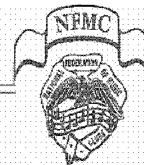


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High Notes from Your President

These past months have been an amazing adventure for me. I have had the honor of visiting the districts and have met some dedicated federation members. These experiences have really helped me to see the different personalities and strengths of each one of the districts. We are really blessed to have so much talent in our state! We are now busy preparing for Junior Convention and FFMC Spring Convention.

The Jeanie/Stephen Foster Auditions were beautiful. The talent shown by the young singers was marvelous. A special thanks to the sponsors and to all those who made this FFMC event a success. I hope more of you will plan on attending next year on October 5-6. You will be glad you did!

In keeping with the *Music Raises Us Up* theme, I want to emphasize how many opportunities we have as a part of the National Federation of the Music Clubs to help young people realize their dreams of a career in music. These competitions are excellent ways to help motivate students as they perfect their musical talents. These are great tools to mentor and “raise up” those special students. You can make the difference!!!!



Come to the Best Show in Town!!!!

Sherry Pollack, District President, has been working tirelessly on preparing for FFMC Spring Convention in Orlando. The Rosen Plaza Hotel is doing everything they can to make sure we have a successful convention. The facilities and the meals are exceptional. We have planned workshops that would be of interest to all of you:

Junior Division: We are asking you to send a copy of the materials you give out to judges, monitors, teachers and volunteers so we can run them off in a packet for you. We are going to have a workshop devoted to sharing ideas on how to help your junior festival run more smoothly. (See official call for more information)

Senior Clubs: We will have workshops devoted to showing you how to make your club more vital. We will be sharing ideas for Ways and Means projects, how to plan your program year. Bring your ideas with you so we can share successes with other clubs.

We are honored to have as our National Guest, **NFMC President Carolyn Nelson**. Make it a point to attend convention in Orlando. She is a pleasure you will enjoy meeting and hearing her message.

The music experiences you will be treated to will delight and reaffirm your faith in the future of music. Come and join us in Orlando for a weekend of music, information and fellowship. You'll be glad you did!!!!

Ann Stockton, FFMC President



Jeanie/Stephen Foster Auditions

The 61st Jeanie/Stephen Foster Auditions held in White Springs October 7-8 was a huge success. Talented young vocalists were competing for a \$2000 award and titles of Jeanie and Stephen. Two Jeanie Maids and the Stephen Runner-up were pleased with their prizes of \$1000 each. **Cait Frizzell**, sponsored by Boca Delray MS, won the title of Jeanie. Stephen is **Fausto Miro**, a USF senior, sponsored by Friday Morning Musicale. Jeanie maids are **Camille Tedesco**, a senior from USF sponsored by FMM and **Siobhan Gale**, a sophomore from Shorter University sponsored by Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland. Boca Delray MS also sponsored the Stephen Runner-up, **Chris Longo**, a junior from FSU.

A special thank you goes out to the clubs that sponsored the candidates. Other than the clubs mentioned earlier, the clubs and their candidates included: Hollywood Musicale with **Katherine Alexander**, **Ana Callado** and **Anthony Vazquez** from Coral Gables MC, **Jayla Gillespie** from Calusa Musicale, **Alexandra Salas** from Boca Delray MS, **Andrew Hiers** from Morning Musicale of Ft. Lauderdale, and **Joshua Mazur** from TMC Club of Lakeland. Thank you for taking these talented young people under your wings and giving them this opportunity to compete!

Thank yous are extended to those who helped make this event a success: The **Lills** for monies made available for the Stephen, and **Claire-Frances Whitehurst** for funding a part of the Stephen Runner-Up Award as well as the Jeanie crown, the gifts for Stephen from the **Stocktons**, **Barbara Kirby** and her wonderful crew for hosting the Friday Night Reception, the Foundation for the Promotion of Music for funding travel expenses of the 2010 reigning Jeanie, **Nicole Woodard**, the members who were always ready to help when needed, **Michael Edwards** who was there as our honored National Guest, and the fantastic staff at the park who look forward to this event each year. The clubs and individuals who were our donors are so necessary and also deserve a special thank you.

We are pleased to announce the receipt of a check of \$10,000 from **the Boca Delray MS and The Ziegfeld Girls of Florida Inc.** to apply toward sponsorship of the Stephen Runner-Up Award using only the interest accrued.

This year's auditions will be held Oct. 5-6, 2012. The data have been updated on the website. We are asking clubs to find qualified vocalists to sponsor. If a young singer needs a sponsor, please notify **Ann Stockton** who will match him/her with a club that is willing to sponsor him/her. Check

your area colleges for possible candidates.

If your club, district or individual wishes to make a donation to help pay for expenses incurred, please send it to **Suzanne Carpenter**, FFMC Treasurer, PO Box 357275, Gainesville, 32635 marked for the Jeanie/Stephen Foster Auditions. A donor list is included each year in the printed Jeanie/Stephen Foster Program Book with these categories:

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

All donations are invited and tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Please show your support of this worthwhile project. Thank you.

Ann Stockton, Chairman

Music Family News

Rose Suggs, long time active FFMC and NFMC member, died during November. Rose held various positions in NFMC.

Marian Cox, Seminole District President, lost her husband recently. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Marian and her family.

Helen Dingus, past FFMC President and *Sharps and Flats* editor, recently broke her right arm and will be out of commission for a while. Doyle is presently at a rehab center after suffering a stroke.

FFMC Ballet Awards

Please note that the next biennial auditions for the Frances Rands Beery Awards in Classical Ballet will be held in early April of 2013. See the FFMC Website for information or contact the chairman, Dr. Isabella Laude. 863.638.2629 or e-mail Isabellamary@verizon.net.

Memorial and Recognition Chairman

We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Wilma Greenwood** as the FFMC Memorial and Recognition Chairman. Her job is to accept donations in honor of or in memory of members who have died and to notify the family of the monetary gift. Thank you, Wilma, for taking on this responsibility. Wilma is President of the Lake Wales Music Club.

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DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please update your FFMC Directory :

Pg. 5: Appointed Officers: Archivist... Lisa Smith

Pg. 8: Miami MC President.....Dorothy Evans

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Dr. Liana Valente (Arts Division Chairman)

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863-229-2536 Liana@omegatower.com

FFMC Archivist Appointed

I would like to thank Lisa Smith who has accepted the appointment as FFMC Archivist. The job of the archivist involves compiling information to be placed into the state records.

Protocol According to the Federation**What is it and why use it?**

The National Federation of Music Clubs publishes a handy reference guide, *Protocol at a Glance*, written by Lucile Parrish Ward. This

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publication gives all the information you would ever need to know about the meaning of "Protocol" and answers questions for local, state and national music club levels. It recommends helpful procedures for everyone, including basic protocol for officers, presidents and members.

Some suggestions for members include: arrive for meetings on time, always address the Chair before you speak, do not whisper to your friends when a speaker has the floor, discuss business at the meeting and not after the meeting, pay your dues on time, be a loyal member and accept responsibilities and assignments.

Helpful hints for presidents mentioned: always open meetings on time, have a prepared agenda, secure all files and materials from your predecessor, consult the parliamentarian when in doubt, remember that only an affirmative vote is taken for courtesy resolutions, the president is always seated to the right of the lectern with a guest of honor seated to her right, introduce the head table beginning with the left side so that the guest is the last one mentioned.

Also mentioned are proper seating at head table, giving of reports, taking minutes, who to honor at your meetings, and the importance of learning your group's bylaws and standing rules. Also expect to find information on arranging conventions. Other helpful information in the publication pertains to basic etiquette or simple courtesies. When protocol is absent, confusion reigns, but if protocol is followed meetings run more smoothly. If you have questions, please ask the FFMC Protocol Chairman.

FFMC Protocol Chairman Dr. Isabella Laude

**FFMC Recording Secretary Change**

We accept with great regret the resignation of Nancy Jontz as FFMC Recording Secretary due to increased family responsibilities.

According to Article XI, Section 6, our FFMC Board of Directors have approved the appointment of Philip LeGrand as the new FFMC Recording Secretary. Thank you so much for taking over this job. We appreciate your willingness to serve. -3-

FFMC Arts Division

Our 2011 - 2012 season of bringing great music and art to our communities is past the half-way point. I look forward to hearing about the wonderful programs sponsored by all the clubs. I encourage all club presidents and chairmen to share their news of programs in support of the Arts Division (*Crusade for Strings, Chamber Music, Choral Music, International Music, Music in Poetry, Together We Sing, National Music Week, National Music Week Essay* and the *Opera Dept.*) by emailing me updates for inclusion in future articles in Sharps and Flats and turning in reports.

Most club reports are due in April. Report forms can be downloaded directly from the NFMC web site. Also remember that clubs are eligible for national recognition for programs supporting the Arts Division so please be sure to complete your reports thoroughly and include supporting documentation.

I wish you all much success as you continue to support the goals and ideals of FFMC and NFMC, bringing great music to your communities and supporting the arts institutions in your districts. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the FFMC Spring Convention where we will be sharing success stories and ideas with each other to help our clubs in our workshop and meetings.

Dr. Liana Valente, Arts Division Chairman



Crusade for Strings **Make Time for Strings**

What is Crusade for Strings? You are probably already involved and are possibly unaware of it! Look at the following ideas on what we do.

A challenge is being issued to the Senior Clubs: Organize string events throughout the year. Invite string artists or collegiate performers to entertain your members. Do you provide scholarships for aspiring string students? Do your young string players have opportunities to perform? Do you sponsor a local orchestra? Remember to give credit to NFMC and Crusade for Strings in your publicity and programs. We'd love to hear all about it on your report form!

Lisa Moore, Crusade for Strings Chairman



Archivist/Historian Report

Could it be that the history of your club or district is here today and gone tomorrow?

For the sake of future generations, it is important to preserve the historical documents of your clubs and districts. Historical documents are vital as they provide a chronological, continuous, and systematic

narrative of past events which have shaped the FFMC family since 1917. Once history is lost or damaged, it cannot be replaced.

Please make preservation of history a priority in your districts and clubs. Ideally, digital records are the least susceptible to disintegration over time. However, hard copies of both current and past records arranged in chronological order will suffice. All minutes of meetings need to be recorded and saved to multiple locations digitally or placed in a permanent binder filed preferably in a water-resistant box or file cabinet. Keep in mind that the paper used today is prone to acid hydrolysis over time and as a result becomes susceptible to deterioration. Copy your records onto acid-free paper to ensure proper preservation.

We ask you to appoint an individual in your club or district to be archivist so they can maintain and organize all documents. Make sure that when an archivist retires that all documents or digital records are transferred to their successor. If you have outstanding programs, projects, performances, or events you would like to have included in the FFMC archives, please send them to me throughout the year or give them to me at convention. I am available if you have questions or concerns regarding this. Club presidents are encouraged to include their yearbooks as well. I would love to add anything you feel would contribute to the valuable history of FFMC.

Lisa Smith FFMC Archivist/Historian



Member of the Year Award

The Member of the Year is someone who has gone over and above his duties for the federation. Clubs were asked to send in their letter of recommendation for their candidate to their district president. The names of those who were entered are then sent to the chairman of this award who prepares a ballot. The district presidents then vote on the winner.

Thank you Annetta Graham (last year's Member of the Year and Bay Ridge District President) for chairing this committee. The winner will be announced at the Friday Night Banquet at Spring Convention.

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Southeastern Region Report Bucks for Brevard

FFMC is a part of the Southeastern Region of NFMC. We have a summer music camp for students. We had a goal of raising \$25,000 over a period of 3 years to go toward scholarships to the summer music camp held in Brevard, NC. We are proud to announce that we have surpassed that goal, raising \$28,527! We are encouraged to keep this project in mind and to continue the donations as we are committed to giving a partial scholarship in 2014. The dates of the Southeastern Region meeting at Brevard will be July 13-14, 2012.

SE Region President, Barbara Hildebrand

FFMC Executive Committee Actions

The Executive Committee has taken action on several proposals including:

1. Approval of the 2011-2013 FFMC Committee and Division Chairmen.
2. Approval of the naming of a new piano ensemble award to The Michael Edwards Piano Ensemble Award.
3. Approval of an increase in fees for the Junior Convention 1-4 events for \$30 and 5-8 events to \$60. This was necessary due to a drastic increase in facilities' rental.



DISTRICT NEWS

Lake District

The annual Lake District meeting was held on Oct. 23 at Piano Distributors. FFMC President **Ann Stockton** inspired us with her theme in which she gave us great ideas on how we can encourage and guide young students to attain their musical dreams.

Our four senior clubs are busy preparing for their musical programs and scholarship auditions. The Orlando Musical Club had a Parade of American Music Program called a Fiddle Fest using over 60 violin, cello and bass students playing folk, fiddle, patriotic and original compositions. **Joseph Prior** was recently chosen as one of four winners in the chamber division of the 2011 National Young Composers Challenge competition held in Orlando.

We are proud to host this year's Spring Convention at the Rosen Plaza. Many exciting activities have been planned for you. Looking forward to seeing you in May!

Sherry Pollack, District President

Bay Ridge District

Our district meeting was held on Oct. 22, 2011 at the Lake Wales Art Center. The club presidents, **Cecilia Laude**, (Friday Morning Musicale), **Judye Mercer**, (Wednesday Musicale of Wauchula),

Wilma Greenwood (Lake Wales Music Club) and **Dave Stockton** (Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland, standing in for President **Merle Dexter**), gave reports on their club activities and programs. The 2007 Jeanie, **Christie Bell**, provided entertainment. Bay Ridge was commended by FFMC President **Ann Stockton** for their participation in the Jeanie auditions. FMM sponsored both **Fausto Miro** who was selected as Stephen and **Camille Tedesco** who was selected as a Jeanie maid. The TMC was proud to have **Siobhan Gale** chosen as a Jeanie maid. All clubs are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Annetta Graham, District President

Capital District

The district meeting was held on October 9 at the home of the district president, **Sharon Jeffrey**, in Niceville. **Ann Stockton**, FFMC President was honored guest. **Helen Dingus** and **Loretta Hake**, who hold positions in NFMC, were also present. District officers President **Sharon Jeffrey**, VP **Connie Smith**, Secretary **Reesa Nichols** and Treasurer **Philip LeGrand** were installed. A light luncheon, short business meeting and president's address were followed by entertainment furnished by **Roy Hoobler**, pianist and **Cynthia Moses**, soprano. Junior Festival is planned for Feb. 4 in Niceville. The president of the one senior club, Choctaw Bay Music Club, **Roy Hoobler**, presented his report of upcoming projects.

Sharon Jeffrey, District President



Suwannee District

A successful Suwannee District meeting was held on October 6. Plans were discussed for the district festival. **Cheryl Poe**, the senior club president, reported that they were pleased to furnish travel for the reigning 2010 Jeanie, **Nicole Woodard**. A number of members planned on attending the Jeanie/Stephen Foster Auditions and to help **Barbara Kirby** with the Friday night Reception.

The Foundation for the Promotion of Music has sponsored a Piano Sonata/ Sonatina Festival. -5-

This Competitive Festival featured 64 students aged 6 through 18 years old. Performers were judged with other entrants in their age category. The top two performers in each age category were featured in the Stellar Student Recital. Plans were also underway for its 2nd Annual Musical Marathon. Proceeds from this fundraising event will be used to support FPM scholarships and the Friends of Alachua County Elementary Public Schools Arts Fund. Last year the event earned more than \$3000 and we hope that this year will be even more successful.

Claudia Brill, District President -

Seminole District

The Seminole District Annual Meeting was held on December 10 at Troyer's Dutch Heritage in Sarasota. The different clubs and festival chairs gave their reports. All enjoyed entertainment furnished by **Jayla Gillespie**, the Sarasota Music Club candidate for Jeanie, **Rachael Cramer**, a state FFMC Essay Winner, **Grace Hu**, a winner in the Primary Division and **Matthew Falgowski**, a Senior Composition Winner. We are looking forward to a rewarding year.

Marian Cox, District President

Royal Poinciana District

The Royal Poinciana District Annual Meeting was held on Oct. 19 at the CocoPlum Women's Club. The theme of "*We're Just Wild about Music!*" was carried out with the decorations and program. The clubs gave their 2011-2012 reports. Entertainment by local musicians was presented.

FFMC President **Ann Stockton** gave an address based on her theme. Different scholarships offered by NFMC and FFMC were promoted. An installation of district officers was held. Those installed include: President **Teresa Coopman**, VP **Patricia Clarke**, Recording Secretary **Nell Bedenbaugh**, Treasurer **Sandra Greenland** as well as Chaplain **Angela LeBlanc** and Parliamentarian **Claire-Francis Whitehurst**.

Teresa Coopman, District President

St. John's District

St. John's District Annual meeting was held at the Jacksonville Embassy Suites Hotel on Dec. 7. The district is primarily one made up of teachers

involved in the Junior Festival. FFMC President **Ann Stockton** spoke on her theme and shared NFMC scholarship applications applicable to the group.

A surprise birthday cake was given to **David**

Theme: Music Raises Me Up

Stockton. Entertainment consisted of a new look at familiar carols with a string duo. Delightful and insightful meeting!

Debra Carter, District President



JUNIOR DIVISION NEWS

2011 FFMC Junior Convention Scholarship Awards

The winners of the 2011 FFMC Junior Convention Scholarship Awards are:

Gold Cup Senior Concerto Scholarship - \$1,300 -

Benjamin Carberry. Connie Tuttle-Lill All

Performance Award - \$800.00 - Christina Lai. Mary

Elizabeth Land Awards - First place \$600.00 - Enoch Wong; Second place \$500.00 - Matthew Reichenberger.

Irene Muir Memorial Award - \$600.00 - Jonathan

Reichenberger. Vi Kinsman Memorial Award -

\$500.00 - Justin Ma. Ruth B. Lockmiller Memorial

Award - \$400.00 - Kerstin Yu. Junior III-A Piano

Concerto Award - \$400.00 - Jonathan Reichenberger.

Senior Violin Concerto Award - \$500.00 - Queenie

Edwards. Violin Solo Advanced II Award - \$400.00 -

Michelle Yu. Florida Summer Music Camp

Scholarship Award - \$500.00 - Kristen Seto. Robert

Smiddy Memorial Award - \$650.00 - Alice Yu. Casey

Lisk Memorial Award - \$550.00 - Christopher Tam.

Eleanore Billy Gronlund Hymn Playing Award -

\$400.00 - Eugina Noh. Betty Najarian Patriotic/

Folksong Award - \$450.00 - Nicholas Lee.

Junior Composers Contest

Our FFMC winners last year also had success at the national level. They were:

Class I Marco A. Jimenez, Incentive Award

Class II Brandon Richman, Second Place

Class III Jordan Anne Maurodis, Second Place

Class IV Joseph Prior, Incentive Award

It is rewarding to know that we have encouraged young composers to keep music alive and to watch their progress. **Kathryn Gertz**, who placed Third in the 2011 FFMC Junior Composer's Contest, is the first ever to be awarded a 30 point Gold Cup in Composition. Thank you to all the composition teachers who have helped bring musical ideas to life.

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93rd FFMC SPRING CONVENTION SCHEDULE
Rosen Plaza, Orlando
May 17-19, 2012

Thursday, May 17, 2012

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bylaws Committee
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Committee

Friday, May 18, 2012

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration- Rosen Plaza
8:30 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. Junior Division - Vickie Stake
8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Stephen Foster Committee – Ann Stockton
9:25 a.m.- 9:55 a.m. Arts Division - Dr. Liana Valente
10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Executive Committee/Board of Directors
11:35 a.m.- 11:55 am Music Break
Vickie Schulz, Harpist
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon Honoring **Florida Fellows**
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Official Opening of the 93rd FFMC Spring Convention. .
Proposed amendments to FFMC Bylaws
3:00 p.m. - 3:25 p.m. Music Break and Cookie Break
David Brill, Violin, winner of Bach Festival Competition
3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. **Workshop**: “Junior Festival Sharing Session” Lisa Smith
Workshop “Senior Club Adrenaline”
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Banquet at Rosen Plaza honoring FFMC Member of the Year, Club and
District Presidents, National Board Members
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Concert by NFMC 2011-2013 Young Artist Winner , Matthew Allen, Cellist

Saturday, May 19, 2012

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Memorial Service - Vickie Stake, Chaplain
9:15 a.m. - 9:35 a.m. Music Break -
Winter Park Chamber Strings
9:35 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Reports of National and State Chairmen,
Districts / Council of District and Club Presidents
10:35 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Music Break
Jr. Division State Winner
11:05 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Workshop** with Carolyn Nelson, NFMC President-
The Victoria Williams Trio
12: 30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Luncheon Honoring NFMC President Carolyn Nelson
Keynote address- Carolyn Nelson *Where Is Your Inspiration?”
2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Awards
Finish any unfinished business.
3:15 p.m. Post Executive Committee Meeting if necessary

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS, INC. OFFICIAL CALL

93rd ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION

May 17-19, 2012

Host District - Lake District

Host District President- Sherry Pollock

Host District Chairmen- Sherry Pollock

Registrar- Nancy Christy

Official Headquarters: Rosen Plaza Hotel

9700 International Dr., Orlando, FL 32819

407-996-9700 phone 407-996-9111 fax

Directions:

From I - 4 :Exit Sand Lake Road to International Drive. Turn right. Rosen Plaza is 2 miles on right.

Reservations: Reserve your room with the Rosen Plaza Hotel. (1-800-627-8258). Cutoff date for rooms is April 17, 2012. The cost is \$99 a night plus tax. Rooms have accommodations with either 2 double beds or one king bed. If an extra person is in room, a fee of \$20 will be charged. Mention FFMC to reserve rooms at this rate. These rates will also apply for a few days before and after convention.

Meal Reservations: Friday Noon: Plaza Turkey Bacon and Tomato Croissant with Sliced Fruit and Potato Salad or Chicken Caesar Salad

Friday Night: Florida Fellows Gala Banquet: Scaloppini Chicken Breast with Baked Orzo Brown Sauce with Mozzarella and Spinach

Saturday Lunch: Tropical Chicken Salad with Pineapple, Orange Slices, Plantain, and Croutons with Rum Dressing.

Registration: Registration fee is \$25. Late fee is \$30. Deadline is May 7, 2012.

Plans of work: All FFMC and NFMC Chairmen, District and Club Presidents are to submit a report for spring convention including highlights of this year and what you hope to accomplish next year. Send an e-mail copy of your report to **Distribution Chairman Kathy Rodgers** 915 Forest Hill Drive Mineola, Fla. 34715-7403 E Mail jhrogers@sprintmail.com by May 10, 2012, so it can be included in delegates' packets. You will also be asked to present a verbal report of up to 3 minutes to report highlights from your printed report. Also bring 2 copies of your written report to be given to the Secretary and Archivist.

Junior Division: We are asking each area festival chairman to send a copy of materials given to judges, monitors, teachers and volunteers so we can run them off in a packet for a junior workshop being led by Junior Festival Chair Lisa Smith on Friday afternoon. We are going to have a **workshop** devoted to sharing ideas on how to help your junior festival run more smoothly, including registration and scheduling ideas. **It is important that each area festival chairman or a substitute be present at this workshop** to receive this packet for your area. Send materials to: **Joanna Han**, 14421 Fawnhaven Ct., Orlando 32828. Joanna.piano@gmail.com Phone: 407-381-2543

It is essential that all area festival chairmen and festival treasurers be present at the Jr. Division meeting being held on **Friday at 8:30 - 10:00** as there are several important issues to be discussed. If you cannot attend make sure someone from your area festival can represent you.

REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION FORM
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS, INC.
 93rd ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION
 May 17-19, 2012

Make checks payable to : FFMC

Mail to : Registrar

Nancy Christy 5254 Millstream Drive St. Cloud, , FL 34771-0709

Your name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Club Name: _____

Title(s) for Badge: _____

Friday Lunch:	Turkey/Bacon Croissant OR	\$27.00	_____
	Chicken Caesar Salad	\$27.00	_____
Friday Night Banquet :	Scaloppini Chicken Dinner	\$40.00	_____
Friday Night Concert- Adult Ticket		\$20.00	_____
	Student Ticket	\$15.00	_____
	Students (10 or more tickets - \$10 each)	\$	_____
Saturday Lunch:	Tropical Chicken Salad	\$27.00	_____

**If there are special dietary restrictions, please notify hotel
 as well as indicating it on this application form.**

Registration Deadline: 5/7/2012

Registration Fee: \$25.00
 Late fee (after 5/7/2012) **\$30.00** \$ _____

Room Reservation Deadline: 4/17/2012

TOTAL \$ _____

Check One if Voting Delegate:

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| _____ FFMC Executive Committee | _____ Club Delegate |
| _____ Junior Counselor | _____ Student Organization |
| _____ FFMC Board of Directors | _____ Individual Member |
| _____ FFMC Life Member | |

Please check if you are a Florida Fellow _____

Fla. State Past President _____

FFMC 2012 Junior Composers Contest

I am proud to announce the winners of the 2012 FFMC Junior Composers contest .

Class I: 1st- Marco Jemenez, 2nd- Kevin Cromer
3rd- Jennifer Zeng

Class II: 1st- Lydia Gifford, 2nd-Vangeli
Tsompanidis, 3rd- Julia Schmitt

Class III: 1st- Matthew Reichenberger, 2nd- Abby
Bailey, 3rd tie- Miles Saffran, Savannah
Vasquez

Class IV: 1st- Joseph Prior, 2nd- Aubrianne
Morgan, 3rd- Allison Myers

Marty Marshall, Jr. Composer Chairman -

Wendall Irish Viola Award

The winner of the 2912 WENDALL IRISH VIOLA AWARD is **Thomas Lubben** from Coral Springs. He is a student of **Leana Strouse** of Coral Springs. It is a pleasure to have this FFMC winner entered in further competition.

Florence Van Arnam, Chairman

**Junior Convention 2011**

Our 74th Annual Junior convention once again provided musical opportunities for students of all ages and levels through high school. We are pleased to be able to have our convention at UNF on the weekend after graduation and before Summer School. We had over 1500 students joining us in Jacksonville. I did have the entire Fine Arts area to ourselves!

Kenny Clark and Suzanne Carpenter worked numerous hours in organizing and scheduling this event. **Shirley Clark, Gavin Taylor and Lisa Smith** were invaluable in helping me find judges, monitors and other aspects of running a successful convention. **Michael Edwards** worked diligently with the checking of all entries, securing trophies, co-ordination with national guests and advising in all areas of the convention. Our State Gold Cup Chairman, **Lisa Hartman**, made inspiring presentations to 60/75/90 point cup juniors. Thank you also to the junior officers, **Vicki Houck** for providing food to judges and workers, **Jason Hilton** for tuning the pianos, **Keyboard Connect, Parsley's Pianos and Kelley's Piano and Organ** for the rented pianos, waiving rent so all FFMC had to pay was moving costs.

The UNF helped make it a positive experience for National judges, students and volunteers with its facilities with great acoustics and so many large rooms. Our National guests were impressed with

the level and wealth of talent as well as our scholarships. Thank you for all your hard work!

Vickie Ball Stake, Junior Division Chair

**Junior Convention 2012**

The 75th Annual Junior Convention will be held at UNF on May 4-5, 2012. This convention is open for those who received superior ratings in their area junior festivals. We are looking forward to hearing the top winners of the 2011 festival at concerts on Friday and Saturday nights. The official call and hotels are in this issue of *Sharps and Flats*.

**Announcement**

This issue of Sharps and Flats is a combined issue due to the fact that our editor Helen Dingus has suffered some serious health issues and was unable to get the winter issue to the printers. She felt she would be getting better and would be able to finish it. Each time she got stronger something else would happen to her or her husband Doyle. I have put this issue together after all I received the articles.

If Helen is unable to continue in this capacity I will be looking for someone willing to step in and help. This is a necessary communication tool. Please let me know if you are willing to take on this adventure or if you know someone who could help us out if needed. Thank you.

Helen is presently nursing a broken right arm and Doyle is in a rehab center after a stroke. I know they would love to hear from you.

Official Call Junior Division

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS INC.
75th ANNUAL JUNIOR CONVENTION & AUDITIONS

University of North Florida, Jacksonville
May 4-5, 2012

JUNIOR DIVISION OFFICERS

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NATIONAL JUNIOR THEME:

“Share the Joy of American Music from Sea to Shining Sea”

NATIONAL THEME:

“And All who Listened Understood– That was Music”

STATE THEME

“Music Raises Us Up”

Official Headquarters: University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL

DIRECTIONS:

From I-95 (North of Jacksonville): Take I-95 South. Merge onto SR-9A N. Exit at the UNF / St. Johns Town Center exit. Stay in your right-hand lane and merge right into the campus.

From I-95 (South of Jacksonville): Take I-95 North. Exit right onto SR-9A E (Jax Beaches). Continue on SR-9A, which will turn into SR 9A N. UNF is approximately 9 miles ahead and on the right (past J Turner Butler Blvd). Exit to your right to merge onto *UNF Drive*.

REGISTRATION DESK:

All participants must register and pick up materials pertaining to times and room of events.
All students and teachers participating at the audition and convention must be pre-registered on the “Entrant and Performance Form”.
All other guests attending are free.

Check-In and Auditions will take place in the Fine Arts Building: Check-in begins at 7:30am.
Auditions at 9:00 am.
Practice rooms will be available from Friday morning to Saturday night for 5 minute intervals.

Meals: On your own.

Achievement Book: Leave at the Registration Desk for judging.

Summer Scholarships: Information and Application forms are at the Registration Desk for High School Students currently in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Junior Officer Elections: Interested eligible Juniors may pick up an application and apply for the office of their choice at the Registration Desk all day Friday. All applications must be submitted by 10:00 am Saturday at the Registration Desk. Time and place for the elections will be posted at the registration desk.

Rules: All rules for the Junior Convention can be found in the FFMC Junior Division Procedures Manual. This document is located at www.ffmc-music.org under *FFMC Junior Convention*.

Important: If a student drops out of any event and this information was not available prior to the convention, please report this to the Registration Desk.

Events are open to the public.

FRIDAY, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

Concert by 2011 Scholarship Winners

Lazzara Theatre

Announcement of Fridays' 2012 Winners

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 7:30 p.m.

Concert by 2011 Scholarship Winners

Lazzara Theatre

Announcement of Saturdays' 2012 Winners

2012 FFMC JUNIOR CONVENTION HOTELS

When making reservations make sure that you inform the reservation agent that you are attending a Florida Federation of Music Club Event sponsored by the University of North Florida.

Embassy Suites Jacksonville-Baymeadows 904-731-3555 \$93.00 per night
 9300 Baymeadows Road
 King or Double Suites
 Cutoff date: 4/14/12
Includes COMPLIMENTARY HOT, COOKED-TO-ORDER BREAKFAST

Wingate Inn Southpoint 904-281-2600 \$67.00 per night
 Butler Blvd. and I-95
 4681 Lenoir Ave. South
 West on Butler, right on Bonneval
 Cutoff date: 4/22/12
FREE FULL HOT BUFFET BREAKFAST

The Four Points by Sheraton 904-562-4920 \$69.00 per night
 8520 Baymeadows Road
 To make reservation go to:
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1202032917&key=8A5A4>
 Cutoff date: 4/28/12
Includes PRIVATE BREAKFAST

NFMC Young Artist to Entertain!
Convention Concert Planned!!!!

Cellist Matthew Allen will present a concert on Friday, May 18th for the FFMC Spring Convention. Make it a point to attend this performance held after the banquet. A ticket charge is necessary to cover his travel and lodging expenses. Ticket prices are \$20.00 for adults, \$15.00 for students and a special price for 10 or more student tickets for \$10.00 each. We want to fill the hall with music lovers, teachers, students as well as our members. Did you know that traveling on a plane means buying two tickets for a cellist, one for you and one for the cello? Indicate your desire to attend this special concert on the official call registration form.

Calendar

Application Deadlines:	March-April 2012
FFMC Jr, Convention, Jacksonville	May 4-5
National Music Week	May 6-13
<i>THEME: " Music... Sounds That Inspire"</i>	
FFMC 93 rd Convention Rosen Plaza, Orlando	May 17-19
NFMC Conference (Indianapolis)	June 19-23
NFMC SE Region Federation Weekend, Brevard, NC	July 13-14
Jeanie/Stephen Foster Auditions, White Springs	Oct. 5-6
Founders' Day Celebrations	Jan.
FFMC Junior Festivals	Feb.

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