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On a Sad Note

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Mrs. Allen is survived by her daughter, Bess A. Stallings, a fourth-generation member of The Wednesday Musicales, Florida Federation of Music Clubs and the National Federation of Music Clubs. She recently served as president of the local club for eight years, and is the current vice president of the Bay Ridge District. Other survivors are one son, W. Reynolds Allen of Tampa; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

In keeping with her pride in the local club, her family requests memorial contributions to: The Wednesday Musicales Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 248, Wauchula, FL 33873.

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Let me know beforehand via e mail what you would be willing to donate and its estimated value (our Treasurer will give you a receipt for your donation) and bring it to Tampa.

We will definitely need an upbeat committee—please e mail to apply!

Annie Cruxent Development

Official Call Junior Division

Florida Federation of Music Clubs, Inc. Sixty-ninth Annual Junior Convention and Auditions
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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 Participant 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.

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On your own. Food court is available at the college.

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Rules:
Students are eligible to perform only in the event in which they have earned a Superior rating at the District Festivals. They must be under 19 years old as of March 1.

Memoryization Rule: All music performed must be memorized except hymn singing, organ, piano accompanying and ensemble events. Memory is required in the patriotic song event, whether solo or ensemble.

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