

Louisiana Federation of Music Clubs

Noteworthy News

August 13, 2007

LFMC Fall Board Meeting

*from Ruth Smith
President, LFMC*

The LFMC Fall Board meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM, August 25, 2007, at the Holiday Inn in OPELOUSAS located at 5696 I-49 North Service Road (337) 948-3300. The Executive Board will meet at 9:00 AM prior to this.

There are several items of business that need to be dealt. While no business should be lengthy, it is all vital to the success of our organization. A report on the status of the Alexandria District will be given, as well as a report of the efficacy of our new Junior Award. Also, we will here about our upcoming convention in Lafayette.

Thank you for making every effort to attend this meeting.

NFMC holds its Fifty-fourth Biennial Convention

*from Melanie M. Perez
NFMC Board Member representing Louisiana*

The National Federation of Music Clubs recently held its biennial convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, hosted by the states of the Western Region. The theme was "Music, Mountains and More," and we had plenty of all three!

The NFMC Young Artists Auditions semi-finals and finals took place, with the winners being presented in a grand concert at the historic Assembly Hall at Temple Square, a mere 3 blocks from the Downtown Radisson. Highlights of the convention included a tour of the city, the Great Salt Lake, the vast Kennecott Bingham Canyon Copper Mine (visible from outer space) and the venues of the 2002 Winter Olympics. We were treated to the history of and a fine concert of the new organ at the 21,000 seat conference Center at Temple Square, and had a fun Dutch oven dinner at the Fort Douglas Officers Club.

Workshops were given on Folk Music (by Carole Flatau), Violin Making (there was a Stradivarius!), Parliamentary Procedure, Treasury, Composition, the Teaching of Theory, and many more. Our new NFMC Officers were installed, including President Lana Bailey, First Vice President Carolyn Nelson, Recording Secretary Carole Langley, Treasurer Barbara Hildebrand, and Vice President in charge of the Southeastern Region Beth McAuley.

The 4,300 foot altitude, very low humidity and temperatures approaching 100 degrees were quite a change for our Louisianans in attendance. Traveling to the convention was LFMC President Ruth Smith, along with her daughter Joy and new son-in-law USMC Sergeant Matthew Witherow. Matthew won the NFMC Lucile Parrish Ward Award for Veterans, and was invited to attend this convention. He gave us a wonderful concert of Liszt and Prokofiev!

Kay Hawthorne was elected as NFMC Board Member-at-Large, and is now the NFMC Coordinator of Divisional Activities (This means that she is in charge of creating the new NFMC MANUAL!). I was presented as NFMC Board Member representing Louisiana, and continue to serve as NFMC Summer Music Centers Awards Chairman. Judy Zahrdt from Baton Rouge was also in attendance, promoting her CD's of Festivals Duet Music. Also elected on the national level

were Edith Kirkpatrick as NFMC Magazine and Literature Promotion Chairman and Jeanne L. Veron as Southeastern Region Music in Poetry Chairman.

Finally, the Western Region gave us a tempting invitation to Denver, Colorado for the NFMC Fall Session, August 5–10, 2008. Please consider attending this fun, entertaining and educational event. You will learn about Federation and its wonderful opportunities, and have a great time making new friends!

LFMC 2006-07 Festivals

from Jeanne Veron

LFMC 2007 Festivals were conducted throughout Louisiana between November, 2006 and March, 2007. Festivals Chairman Kay Basham reported that a total of approximately 4,330 entrants from over 250 Clubs, located in 27 Festivals Areas within our 8 LFMC Districts participated in musical events that included Piano, Organ, Voice, Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion, and Music Theory. Information with regard to Superior and other Ratings, as well as Gold Cups earned, will be supplied at a later date.

We are truly proud of our talented Louisiana youth who have been making great strides in music, and extend to them every good wish for success in their future endeavors.

Also, we extend deepest sincere thanks to LFMC 2007 Festivals Chairman, Kay Basham; and to all of our Festivals Area Chairmen, Teachers, Festivals Workers, and Students for a truly successful Festivals 2007 experience!

Junior Summer Enrichment Award a Big Success

from Jill Adoue

Members voted at the last Louisiana Federation of Music Clubs convention to establish a new award, the Junior Summer Enrichment Award (JSEA), geared toward our junior members who have completed grades six through ten. This award is intended to financially assist students who wish to attend summer music camps.

We were able to send thirteen students, representing ten teachers, to music camps with the allotted \$3,300. The recipients of the 2007 JSEA are:

- Jason Woodworth, Blake Barnhouse, and Ryan Etienne, students of Kathleen Tyree
- Michael McDowell, student of Mary Lou Von Brock
- Emily Claire Meaux, student of Mila Olivier
- Sarah-Ann Palmer, student of Sylvia Palmer
- Allison Constanza, student of Joy Harvey
- Natalie Paul, student of Antoinette Brown
- Patrick Kyle Collins and Adam Robertson, students of Shirley Maynor
- Paul Wedig, student of Patti Curry
- Leslie Anne LaCour, student of Bette Legendre
- Tori Smith, student of Lisa Huntington

Some of the camps that students chose to attend are: the Greater New Orleans Suzuki Camp, the Louisiana Tech Music Camp, the Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong Summer Jazz Camp, the Mississippi College Music Camp, and Summer Drummin' at Southern Mississippi.

LFMC will disperse another \$3,300 again next spring in the name of JSEA, with a \$300 maximum award given to any individual. Awards are given on a first-come, first-serve basis, so get those applications in early next spring.

In Memorial

from Irene Vile

Our dear friend and co-laborer, Barbara Nester, passed away on July 18th. She had hip surgery and it is believed she developed a clot. Barbara was a charter member of the Metairie Music Club and served as club president from 1999 to 2001. She served as LFMC chairman of Opera, and NFMC chairman of Sacred Music. Barbara recently became a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow.

She was an accomplished singer and performed with the New Orleans Metropolitan Opera chorus and the Concert Choir. She was also involved with other musical organizations. She relocated to the family home in Fairhope, Alabama after Hurricane Katrina.

Barbara will be sadly missed and remembered fondly as being a truly gracious Southern lady.

Information about the NFMC South Central Region

from Kay Hawthorne

As many of you know, there has been some discussion concerning the advisability of moving from the Southeastern to the South Central Region. Several members from the states in the South Central Region have asked us to consider that move. Here is some information.

The Southeastern Region has by far the largest number of states (13); the South Central Region has the smallest (5 — Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas). Geographically, it makes sense for us to be included in this grouping. There would probably be more opportunity for NFMC chairmanships (particularly regional chairmanships) and offices if we moved to this region.

The main work done by the South Central Region is at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The main program at IPFAC is Opera in the Ozarks. Other programs are: The Children's Free Outreach Opera, the Elderhostel programs, and the Youth Piano, String and Vocal Camps.

The mission of Opera in the Ozarks is to provide a unique educational experience for young artists 18-35 who are preparing to enter the field of opera—either by performing or teaching—giving them professional instruction performing leading or secondary roles in full productions with orchestra. This season the operas are *Madama Butterfly*, *Susannah* and *Le Nozze di Figaro*.

The budget for the 2007 season is: \$326,654. There is no debt. The budget is raised by the five supporting state Federations, IPFAC Membership Dues, other contributions, grants, and student tuition (\$3000). Most students receive partial scholarships and 45-50 students attend. I am told that many Louisiana students attend.

Our obligations would be:

- To become a member of IPFAC (\$25-\$50 dues)
- To try to furnish money for scholarships (\$2900+). Some individuals might want to give money in their name, but have Louisiana get the credit.
- To encourage members to belong individually (\$25, \$50, more).
- To provide two Board members and one Trustee for the Governing Board. There are two meetings of the Board during Federation Days at Inspiration Point and two during the year in Oklahoma City.

For further information about Inspiration Point, check their website: WWW.opera.org

If you have questions, please email me at bkhaw@bellsouth.net.
