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President's Next Steps



February is here - Valentine and Presidential greetings to all!

Your President enjoyed a great day with District VI-2's Junior Festival, Saturday February 4 at San Antonio College. Almost 600 students participated and I loved meeting many of them at the registration table,

awards table, and even had the joy of sitting as an inside monitor for a little while. It was a great festival! Much thanks to Mary Davis for hosting me in her beautiful guest suite and to her daughter Mary Thomason for welcoming me!

Speaking of Junior Festivals, Judy Gorrell reports that VI-3 also enjoyed a very successful Festival! She writes: *Our TFMC District 6-3 LIVE Festival was a success! After 2 years of online Festivals, with parents*

recording videos of their children performing and making pdfs of a lot of music (testing their technical knowledge), we finally had a Festival that was “live and in-person “. Students had forgotten what it was like to have a judge in the same room, a few feet away. This year we had entries in Piano Solo, Piano Hymn, American Folk and Patriotic Songs, Piano Duet, Vocal Art Song, Vocal Musical Theater, Violin Solo and Music Theory. Judy thanks Lois Armor and Mae Wannarka for their considerable help.

During this **Festival Season**, I'll be excited to hear about YOUR festival. I plan to be there to work at the **Ft. Worth Festival on February 25!** I'd love to assist with other Junior festivals that may need an extra hand. I believe that our Juniors are the hope of the future of NFMC / TFMC and I am committed to support you as I'm able.

TFMC Zoomicals provide an entertaining diversion where each of us can digitally share our district's music. How entertaining it was to experience a lively Founders Day with Rockdale, Folk music with Waco and the most gorgeous organ, piano and vocal selections from Navasota! District IV was well represented and we enjoyed our greatest number of electronic attendees yet! I anticipate that the trend continues upward for the **February 26, 3:30-4:30 Zoomical with District V!!**

TFMC Strategic Planning Committee continues to discuss strategies and plans to help our state federation expand, sustain membership and attend to related issues. Many thanks to Brenda Ford for leading the group which includes President Elect Lynn McNew, Vice President Elect Lora Lynn Christensen, Webmaster and Public Relations Chair Mary Thomason and myself.

The Next Scheduled Meetings: Mark your calendars for ZOOM Meetings of:

FINANCE COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, and BOARD OF DIRECTORS on SATURDAY, APRIL 29.

9:30-11:00 Finance Committee; 11:30-12:30 Executive Committee; 1:00-3:00 Board.

Emails will be sent to you with this announcement and link information, but look for a reminder email the last week of April with the link. Please plan to attend. We have several important matters to discuss. The 1:30 Board Meeting will open with music! April Zoomical music will be shared during the April 29 Board meeting. The April 30 and May 13 Zoomicals are canceled.

See you soon! Tunefully, Connie Randall, President

South Central Regional News

Longtime TFMC and NFMC standout Laurel (Mrs. Joe) Ince is the Texas nominee for the NFMC Lifetime Achievement Award, which will be announced at the NFMC convention in Norfolk, VA in June. She has earned this opportunity for regional and national recognition for her outstanding accomplishments on behalf of the National Federation of Music Clubs, dedication to the goals of the Federation and an unselfish lifetime of work for the Federation. She is a recipient of TFMC's Distinguished Service Award who is now being lauded for her work at the national level. Laurel is a past TFMC president, a past Central Region vice-president, and a longtime member of the NFMC Board of Directors. She belongs to TFMC's Yellow Rose Society and is a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow. She has been NFMC Headquarters chair for many years and was the initial designated chair of the Ouida Keck PNP award for private piano teachers. She lives in Gonzales, where she has maintained a private piano studio for over 50 years. She established TFMC's All State Junior Festival almost 50 years ago. Good luck in the upcoming vote, Laurel! Thank you for your service!

State of Texas News

Upcoming Meetings:

April 29, 2023 TFMC Business Meetings (Zoom):

9:30 AM Finance Committee

11:30 AM Executive Committee

1-3 PM Board of Directors

'Tis the Season for Reporting

Check out the list of reports/due dates attached for ready reference. Please follow directions on the report forms and submit your reports on a timely basis. Since most reports can now be submitted via email or electronic submission to national, please include the TFMC Chair and/or the TFMC President on your email submissions. This helps the appropriate chair follow up on whatever special recognition or award may be due your club as a result of the activities reported on these forms.

President's Initiative: TFMC Manual

Thank you to the many chairs and officers who have already submitted position/job descriptions to our TFMC President. Keep them coming! Attached is the template (plus an example) that has already been distributed to TFMC leadership to be shared with all club officers, district officers, state officers, committee chairs, and all TFMC members in leadership positions. Please take a few minutes to provide the information requested on the template and send the form to Connie Randall, conniebrandall@yahoo.com.

TFMC Division News

SENIOR DIVISION. Plans are in the works for the 108th Annual Convention in 2023. This convention will be hosted by Region 2 which includes TFMC Districts 2, 3, and 5. TFMC Conventions are traditionally hosted by district senior clubs which extend invitations to all TFMC members to attend. Business is conducted which impacts all TFMC divisions (senior, student/collegiate, junior) of membership so state-wide participation at convention is strongly encouraged.

Save the dates: Thursday, August 3 through Saturday, August 5, 2023 in Conroe, TX. Details will be forthcoming. Watch for the Official Call to Meeting to be published in the Spring Issue of *The Lone Star Messenger*.

JUNIOR DIVISION. District festivals are in full swing all around the state. Good luck to all participants and their teachers who have worked diligently to provide successful festival events for our junior members!

New this year to the TFMC All State Festival is our inaugural THEORY EVENT. For the first time in the 48 year history of this festival, its chair, Cathy Neidert, is including the Musicianship Section, Theory Event as a competitive event at All State. She has worked with Heather Rathnau, NFMC Theory coordinator, to introduce a competitive element to the current NFMC Theory Test program. Like all the other events open to registration for the All State Festival, eligible participants are those students residing in Texas who have earned a SUPERIOR rating at their district festival.

Watch for announcements about the upcoming 2023 All State Festival on the website: <https://tfmcallstatefestival.org>

Progress Report: Strategic Planning Committee

- This committee has suggested changes to the format, content, frequency, and publication of *The Lone Star Messenger*. Recommendations will be presented at the April business sessions so be sure to tune in to the Board of Directors Zoom meeting on April 29. Send comments or suggestions to brendaford57@gmail.com
- Web site subpages have been designed for each of TFMC's nine districts and are now available for district-level news sharing. Newsgatherers and persons updating these pages should contact Mary Thomason for a brief orientation prior to becoming authorized to post news or updates for their respective districts. Email staff@texasfederation.org for more info.
- Results of the questionnaire distributed at last convention and subsequently emailed to TFMC membership are being consolidated. Your input impacts TFMC's future direction so if you haven't submitted your opinion yet, contact Connie Randall conniebrandall@yahoo.com.
- Brenda Ford's interviews with living TFMC past presidents contribute to TFMC's institutional memory and help document past financial practices surrounding endowments, scholarships, and more.

Zoomicals

Note from Lynn McNew

Dear District Presidents,

Now is the time to collect contributions to fund a gift for our outgoing TFMC President.

Contact Lynn for details.

Watch for the Zoom invites and share!

- ♪ February 26 -3:30 PM- District V
- ♪ March 26 -3:30 PM - District VI
- ♪ April 29 – Interludes during Board Meeting. Open to all wishing to submit videos; including those for National Music Week

CALENDAR OF CLUB REPORT DUE DATES

January 10	AR 13-1	NMW Essay Contest	Regional Chair
March 1	ME 5-2	Yearbooks	National Chair
March 1	AM 1-1	Parade of American Music Report	Regional Chair
		Parade of American Music Awards	National Chair
March 15	FI 3-2	Founders Day Report	State Chair
April 1	AR 10-1	Music Outreach Club Report	State Chair
April 1	JR 17-4	Dance Report	State Chair
April 1	AR 7-1	Music in Schools and Colleges	State Chair
April 1	AR 2-1	Chamber Music Report	State Chair
April 1	AR 5-1	International Music Relations Report	State Chair
April 1	AR 11-1	Sacred Music Report	State Chair
April 1	AR 3-1	Crusade for Strings Report	State Chair
April 1	AR 8-1	Choral Music Report	State Chair
April 15	AR 14-1	Opera Report	State Chair
April 15	AR 9-3	Together We Sing Report	State Chair
April 15	AD 2-1	Arts Advocacy Report	State Chair
April 15	AR 6-1	Music in Poetry Report	Regional Chair
April 30	AM 7-2	Folk Music Report	State Chair
May 1	FI 9-3	Chapter PPA Report	State Chair
May 1	PR 3-1	Radio/Television Report	State Chair
May 1	PR 4-1	Internet Report	State Chair
May 1	PR 5-1	Newspaper Report	State Chair
May 15	AM 5	American Music Jr. Club Report	National Chair
May 15	AM 2	American Music NFMC Club Report	Regional Chair
		American Music NFMC Entries	National Chair
May 15	AM 6	American Women Composers Report	National Chair
May 15	AM 8	American Just Jazz!	National Chair
June 1	JR 1-1	Junior Club Rating Report	National Chair
June 1	AR 12-1	National Music Week Reports	State Chair
July 1	ME 7-1, 7-2	Senior Club Rating Report	State Chair
July 15 -	ME 7-3	Senior Club Rating Report	National Chair

The above pertain only to club deadlines. Some of the reports may have cash awards. Be sure to include written reports of outstanding activities including programs, news clippings and pictures. Be sure to indicate on the form the city where your club is located. State chairs need to check manual for reporting dates to regional or national chairs.



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DIVISION

Submitter Name, Chair
Street Address
City State Zip
Phone
Email

GOALS AND METHODS

Goals:

Methods:

Committees (if applicable):

Reports/Reporting (if any):

Procedures/Policies:

Additional Information (where needed)



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GOALS AND METHODS

Goals:

1. Promote music as a core curriculum in schools of Texas.
2. Integrate music into other curriculum disciplines in NFMC.
3. Increase school and college membership in NFMC through TFMC organizational membership.
4. Help young people to realize their artistic potential through TFMC and NFMC competitions and awards.

Methods:

1. Develop a successful public relations plan to help accomplish the stated goals.
2. Work effectively with TFMC departments (PR and Liaisons of schools) to achieve the goals of NFMC.
3. Collaborate with other local, state organizations with similar purpose to advance the cause of music education throughout America.
4. Work with club and district chairs to accomplish the stated goals for Texas.

District Contacts for 2023-25 term

District 1

District II

District III

District IV

District V

District VI

District VII

District VIII

District IX

Club Chairs: Develop relationships and meaningful interactions with each contact person.

- Investigate and list the music programs in your local schools and colleges. Consider taking another interested member to attend a music event at a targeted school to have as a talking starter with teacher or supervisor.

- Investigate and list schools with No or limited music programs available to students in the public and private sector. Consider a meeting for opening a volunteer group to bring in a teacher(s) to have an interactive monthly themed school program that encourages singing, instruments, movement and props.
- Visit same school with friend for an appointment to one college/university and one elementary, middle or high school music teacher or music supervisor each year.
- Take materials with website info and outline discussion points to cover.
- Talk with them about their needs and use discussion points to direct them to the opportunities NFMC can offer. Invite them to become organizational members of NFMC through your club.

Turn in your Work!

- Pursue one or more items selected from the list of activities on Form AR 7-1.
- Send your report to your state chair *postmarked no later than April 1*.
- No prizes are awarded from Music in Schools and Colleges. A club's reward for participation in this department is the satisfaction of shepherding students through the application processes, encouraging music departments to apply for grants and seeing programs thrive.

State Chairs

- Study available literature pertaining to departmental work and seek advice from the national chair.
- Promote the goals of the Music in Schools and Colleges Department.
- Maintain close contact with the work of club chairs. Update them on any pertinent activity, such as legislations or collaborations with other organizations.
- Attend state and national meetings and participate in workshops and oral reports.
- Serve in other local/state/national organizations that advance the cause of music in schools and colleges.

Reports/Reporting: AR 7-1 by April 1st from the NFMC-music.org

Attached additional information about how the plan worked or the results.