

District 8 hosts TFMC in Brownwood



Posing with Olga Krayterman (third from left), 2013 NFMC Young Artist winner in Piano, following her concert March 20 are, from left, Carla Johnson, who presented her in the absence of

Lee Meyer; Francis Christmann, NFMC representative to the 100th TFMC convention; and Gloria Thrasher, outgoing president of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs.

100th convention sees federation return to roots city

Following its birth in 1915, the Texas Federation of Music Clubs returned to Brownwood for a gala 100th birthday celebration March 19-21 at the Flagship Inn. District 8 was host, with all districts sharing host duties.

Gloria Thrasher, president, conducted the meeting with 76 persons registered. New officers were installed at the conclusion of the meeting by Francis Christmann, outgoing Texas representative to the NFMC board and the official NFMC guest.

New officers for 2015-17 are Lynn McNew, president; Lois Armor, 1st vice-president; Judith Lafontaine, 2nd VP; Jo Ann Collett, 3rd VP; Sandra Chamness, 4th VP; Carol Gessner, recording secretary; Dorene Allen, treasurer; Linda Royals, auditor; Sue Breuer, historian; and Brenda Ford, parliamentarian. Shirley Spoon is expected to continue as corresponding secretary. See the new officers' picture elsewhere in this issue.

The late Doris Ann Stanford of Lorena, who died since the last convention, left \$38,544.31 to TFMC in her will. She also made Linda Royals a Life Member of NFMC/TFMC and bestowed Yellow Rose Society memberships to Linda Royals and Jane Calvert. Her bequest will be used to create an endowment in her name for TFMC scholarships.

New Life Members initiated at the convention are Lisa Loewe, Rockdale; Connie Randall, Kaufman; Linda Royals, Waco; and Cathy Neidert, Rockwall. See their picture elsewhere in this edition.

Three TFMC notables share Distinguished Service Award

Two past state presidents and a longtime state treasurer were named winners of the TFMC Distinguished Service Award for 2015 at the 100th state convention in Brownwood.

Kathleen Fitzgerald, 41st TFMC president from 1991-93, was recognized for her many years of service to music. Kathleen lives in Brownwood and has been a piano teacher for most of her life. She is in her late 80's and, although legally blind, performed with her sister, Betty Cooper, for the convention and presented a former student, Tim Stephens, in concert.

The late Dortha Bennett of Odessa, 49th TFMC president from 2005-2007, was honored posthumously for her service to TFMC and music. Her husband Ronald, longtime piano teacher and composer, accepted the

award for his wife. Dortha taught music in Odessa schools and was a contralto soloist for the community.

Dorene Allen, TFMC treasurer for the past 24 years, received the third Distinguished Service Award. A native of Seminole, she later lived in Weatherford and Odessa before settling in Lubbock. She is a member of both the Lubbock and Allegro Music Clubs.

Dorene is a past president of the Seminole Music Club and of District 2, now District 1. She is a life member of NFMC and TFMC. She is a charter member of the Yellow Rose Society. In Lubbock she manages the office for her son.

See pictures of the three award members in this issue, along with other convention and state festival pictures and stories.

From Your TFMC President

by Gloria Thrasher, outgoing president

Dear TFMC Friends,

What an extraordinary year 2015 has been! We celebrated our 100th Birthday at Brownwood with many surprises. We again thank everyone who had any task in helping put together this great celebration of our history. We would especially like to thank those that contributed to my Outgoing President's gift. The \$1,500 collected will go toward scholarships at OIO for the next three years. Also a special thanks to the Districts who successfully raised funds for our events.

The State Festival was a great success with 1,860 event entries at San Marcos with 350 advancing to All State level. Special congratulations to Cathy Neidert and her crew of workers who do such a great job putting this on as a one day event, this our 40th year celebration.

Congratulations to students and their teachers who received special recognition this spring from NFMC. Our Texas awards winners are:

Shan Su, First place, \$1,000 Wendell Irish Viola and South Central Region award of \$250

August Ramos of Rice University, First place, \$3,000 Double Bass Student/Collegiate

Cora Bishoppetty, \$700 Joyce Walsh Jr. Disabilities, SCR winner

Shiv Raj Yajnik, \$100 Jr. Composers Class II 2nd place

Chang Hon Michael Cheng, \$200 Jr. IV String Composition; Texas had 10 SCR winners who advanced

Varsha Appaji, Music Week Essay winner

R.A. Schramm Parade of American Music Award, First Place, \$300 went to Waco Euterpean Club

The Texas J.C. and Robert Dyer Award of \$500 was given to East Texas Youth Orchestra

We should all be proud of our State and student accomplishments for 2015. It has been a honor to serve as your President. I will be attending the NFMC Convention in Fargo next week and will walk proudly as your leader for the final time.

Blessings to you all,

Gloria

Calendar of Events

June 16-20, 2015--NFMC Biennial Convention, Holiday Inn, Fargo, North Dakota

July 15-18, 2015--South Central Region Federation Days, Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Eureka Springs, AR

August 21-22, 2015--TFMC Fall Board Meeting, Embassy Suites Love Field, Dallas

March 31-April 4, 2016 -- 101st TFMC convention, Holiday Inn Lady Bird Lake, Austin; District 6 host

May 2016 -- TFMC State Festival, San Marcos



Gloria Thrasher (left) pins the president's pin on Lynn McNew following her installation March 21. Gloria was the 46th and 51st TFMC president; Lynn will be the 52nd.

Keep up with Memorials

Club presidents,

It is very important that you keep up with members who pass away during the year. Please forward the information as soon as possible to the Musical Messenger editor, your state president, and to Chaplain Carlie Burdett so that proper recognition can be given at state and national meetings.



This cake was just as delicious as it was beautiful at the reception March 20. Thanks to past president Carolyn Poe for arranging it.



2015-17 officers for TFMC are installed by Francis Christmann, fourth from right. From left, the new officers are Judith LaFontaine, 2nd vice-president; Jo Ann Collett, 3rd vice-president; Carol Gessner, recording secretary; Brenda Ford, parliamentarian; Sue Breuer, historian; Linda Royals, auditor; Dorene Allen, treasurer; Sandra Chamness, 4th vice-president; Mary Ann Bridges standing in for Lois Armor, 1st vice-president; and Lynn McNew, president.



Three recipients of the Distinguished Service Award were recognized at the 100th TFMC Convention in Brownwood March 19-21. Above left, president Gloria Thrasher presents the award to past president Kathleen Fitzgerald of Brownwood as sister Betty Cooper takes her picture. Above right, Gloria presents the certificate honoring Dortha Bennett to her husband Ronald. At left, Gloria recognizes longtime TFMC treasurer Dorene Allen with a Distinguished Service Award. Dorene and past TFMC president Carla Johnson were recognized in the spring Music Clubs Magazine Very Important Persons list, but Carla deferred receiving her DSA so that Kathleen and Dortha could be honored at this convention. Rest assured that she will also be recognized at some time in the future.

The DSA was begun in 2010, and since that time, 12 persons have been honored. Voting is by the executive committee of TFMC. Sometimes two are given; sometimes one; and during this special year, three were awarded.

Highlights from TFMC convention



Members of the Yellow Rose Society, established in 2013, welcome their newest members at Brownwood. Seated, numbers 4 and 5, are Linda Royals and Jane Calvert, gifts of the late Doris Ann Stanford.

Among the actions at the state convention were:

TFMC donated \$100 to Carolyn Nelson's Past National President's Scholarship for orchestral double-reed;

Texas amassed 3,639 hours in community service.

The J.C. and Robert Dyer award will be presented to District 3.

Three achievement record books were judged at state and all received blue ribbons.

Outgoing State President Gloria Thrasher requested that her past president's gift go to Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point. Accordingly, three \$500 scholarships will be given in Gloria's name, one each year for the next three years.

Four Texas clubs were recognized for women composers programs: Abilene Harmony Club, Carthage Music Club, Waco Euterpean Club, and Wednesday Morning Music Club of Austin.

Seven Texans have performed at last 100 hours of community service in music this club year. Waco Euterpean Club had the most hours with 821, and Wednesday Morning Music Club of Austin.



Eleven past TFMC presidents were on hand for the 100th anniversary convention March 19-21 in Brownwood. In the back row are Cletis Williamson (2011-13), Betty Hall (1984-7), Sue Breuer (1995-7), Gloria Thrasher (2003-5, 2013-5), Laurel Ince (1974-6), Carla Johnson (2009-11), Francis Christmann (1976-8), and Lora Lynn Christensen (2007-9). Insets are Kathleen Fitzgerald (1993-5), Carolyn Poe (1999-2001), and Jean Moffatt (2001-3). We don't think this many past state presidents have ever been present together before.

TFMC state festival highlights



Festival chairman Cathy Neidert thanks Herb Karnau for his many years as emcee of the honors recital. He is retiring and will be replaced by Seth Thomas.



Laurel Ince (right), who started the state festival 40 years ago, is recognized by Cathy Neidert, who has directed the festival for 17 years.



Cathy Neidert thanks TFMC president Gloria Thrasher for her leadership and help with the state festival the past two years and two years earlier (1992-5).

Come to Dallas August 21-22 for fall board

We just received a message that very few people have made a reservation at the Embassy Suites - Love Field for our TFMC Board meeting August 21 - 22, 2015 to be held in Dallas.

All of our TFMC officers, TFMC committee chairmen, district of-

ficers, and club Presidents are asked to attend. All members are welcome as this will be an important meeting. This is the beginning of a new biennium for Texas and for National, and there will also be new information for the 2016 NFMC Conference that TFMC will be helping to host.

The following is the information that you need for our TFMC Board meeting:

August 21-22, 2015, Dallas, Texas
 The Embassy Suites at Love Field.
 \$99 a night with free parking and free breakfast

Phone 1-800-Embassy or 1-214-375-4500 and mention Texas Federation of Music Clubs

Online reservations www.embassysuites.com - group code - TDM. This is good for either a two room king suite or a two room double bed suite.

You will receive more information concerning the meeting later, but please make your reservations. This rate is good for 3 days before and 3 days after the meeting. If need be, you may cancel your reservation up to two days in advance.

If you are no longer the district or club president, please forward to the correct person.

Thanks and look forward to seeing you in August.



New NFMC/TFMC Life Members initiated at the March 20 Lifers Breakfast are, from left, Cathy Neidert, Lisa Loewe, Linda Royals, and Connie Randall.

State Festival awards \$4,250 in prize money

EVENT	CLASS	AWARD	STUDENT	TEACHER	TEACHER CITY
P. Concerto	JR3	\$300	Donnel Zhu	Elizabeth Gutierrez	San Antonio
P. Concerto	SR	\$300	Adrienne Bull	Beverly Ryan	Garland
Piano Solo	D1	\$50	Donnel Zhu	Elizabeth Gutierrez	San Antonio
Piano Solo	D1	\$50	Nathaniel Castaneda	Ilka Araujo	Fort Worth
Piano Solo	D1	\$50	Ellenie Avamputo	JoAnn Collett	Midland
Piano Solo	D2	\$100	Andres Alameda	Paralee Curry	Dallas
Piano Solo	D2	\$100	Oren Moreno	Phyllis Carr	Rosharon
Piano Solo	MA1	\$400	Kiera Druhan	Elizabeth Glasgow	Rockwall
Piano Solo	MA2	\$500	Evan Tey	Zemfira Zade	Austin
Piano Solo	VD1	\$200	Anishka Vogl	Gelene Johnson	Austin
Piano Solo	VD2	\$300	Christopher Carl	Joyce Clark	Garland
Piano Solo	VD2	\$300	David Hsieh	Welwen Pan	Austin
V. Concerto	JR3	\$200	Jenny Yin	Jenny Yang	Austin
V. Concerto	SR	\$300	Julia Kim	Jenny Yang	Austin
Violin Solo	A1	\$200	Justice Yoo	Jenny Yang	Austin
Violin Solo	A2	\$300	Hanul Yoo	Jenny Yang	Austin
Vocal AS Solo	MA1	\$100	Olivia Armacost	Kathy Stephens	Forney
Vocal AS Solo	MA2	\$200	Kaytlin Millikin	Kathy Stephens	Forney
Vocal AS Solo	MA3	\$300	Lizzie Camp	Kathy Stephens	Forney



Evan Tey receives \$500 from Laurel Ince, as Lynn McNew and Gloria Thrasher watch.



Adrienne Bull and her brother, a four-time all-stater, win Piano Duo for "Rhapsody in Blue" and \$500.



Donnel Zhu



Nathaniel Castaneda



Ellenie Avamputo

Texas Juniors fare well in regional composer competition

Texas junior composers did well in regional and national competition in 2015, with five state winners and two of those advancing to win at nationals.

National winners were Chung Hon Michael Cheng in Junior IV, ages 16-18; his teacher is Dr. Ann Rivers Witherspoon; and Shiv Raj Yajnik in Junior II, ages 10-12; his teacher is Dr. David Karp.

Other state winners were Roscoe Bussell, in Junior III, ages 13-15, with Bonnie Dove as teacher; Ian Shaw, Junior III, with Felicity Coltman as teacher; and Edward Pettit, Junior I, ages 9 and under, Sherry Frush as teacher.

An additional honorable mention went to Ethan Vinson, Junior II, with Bonnie Dove as teacher.

This year, according to chairman Sherry Frush, there were 34 compositions submitted and adjudicated in South Central Region. Eight were in Junior I, nine in Junior II, eight in Junior III, and nine in Junior

IV. Sixty-four were adjudicated at the state level, including 8 in Arkansas, 17 in Kansas, 5 in Missouri, 11 in Louisiana, and 23 in Texas. None were reported in Oklahoma.

Watch the fall Junior Keynotes, under new editor Mary Thomason of Texas, for a full report with pictures of national winners.

Austin Wednesday Morning Music Club Awards \$12,000 Fielder Grants in March



Texas to host OIO

Texas will host Federation Days at Opera in the Ozarks July 15-18 in Eureka Springs, AR.

Operas this year are "La Cenerentola by Rossini, La Traviata by Verdi, Tales of Hoffman by Offenbach, and a children's opera, Cinderella.

The call is out, and June 13 is the deadline to get a room at Inn of the Ozarks. Tickets are \$25 or \$20 and may be ordered at www.opera.org.

The Austin Wednesday Morning Music Club Bonnie Cummings Fielder Endowment was established in 2005 to provide career advancement grants to young singers with promising vocal careers. The purpose of the grant is to assist young singers with expenses incurred in pursuit of a professional career in classical music.

Five finalists in the age range from 22-32 were selected to receive

the \$12,000 award on March 18, 2015. They were Rebekah Howell-Soprano, Chelsi Clark-Soprano, Sarah Mesko-Mezzo Soprano, Galeano Salas-Tenor, and Julia Taylor-Soprano.

Sarah Mesko received first place, and is shown receiving the award from Dr. Maxine Gomes, grant chairman. Rebekah Howell was the second place recipient.



David Hsieh



Kaytlin Millikin



Lizzie Camp

More Awards From WMMC, Austin

On May 20, 2015 the Austin Wednesday Morning Music Club held an award luncheon at the Austin Woman's Club. The program included performances of the winners of the annual Wilcox, Maurer, Putter and Rudd High School competition held at the Steinway Gallery on March 21st, 2015.

First place winner of the Wilcox Award (for 9th, 10th and 11th grade students) was pianist Eunice Lee, 10th grade student at Cedar Park High School, performing *Isolde's Liebestod* by Wagner/Liszt and movement IV, *Presto feroce*, of *Gargoyles*, Opus 29 by Lowell Liebermann. Eunice's teacher is Shearon Horton.

Second place winner of the Wilcox Award was violinist Clara Suh, an 11th grade student at Westwood High School. Clara performed the first movement, *Allegro non troppo*, of *Edouard Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole*. Clara's teacher is Dr. Soohin Nam. Her piano accompanist was Sung-eun Park.

First place winner of the Maurer Award (for 12th grade) was violinist Grace Song, graduating Senior at Westwood High School. Grace performed movement one, *Allegro moderato*, from the *Violin Concerto in D Minor*, Opus 47 by Jean Sibelius. Her teachers are Professor Brian Lewis and Dr. Soojin Nam. Youree Chung was piano accompanist for Grace. Grace plans to attend Eastman School of Music under Professor Renee Jolles with a full tuition scholarship. Grace was also the winner of the supplemental Rudd award.

Second place Putter Award winner (for 12 grade) was pianist Edward Wang, graduating Senior at McNeil High School. Edward Frederic Chopin's *Nocturne in F-Sharp Major*, Opus 15, No. 2 and the fourth movement, *Fuga: Allegro con spirito*, of *Samuel Barber's Sonata in E-Flat Minor*, Opus 26. Edward's teacher is Dr. Eric Hicks. Edward will be attending the University of Texas – Austin where he will major in Chemical Engineering, but will continue to pursue his passion for music through a minor in music..



May award winners from the Wednesday Morning Music Club of Austin are, from left: Clara Suh, Eunice Lee, WMMC President Carolyn McColloch, Grace Lee and Edward Wang. They performed at the club's May 20 program.

Bios from the winners

Clara Suh started playing violin at 4 years of age in Korea. Now in 11th grade in America, she plays in the orchestra at Westwood High School. Her violin teacher is Dr. Soojin Nam. This year she participated in Regional orchestra, All State Orchestra and String All State Orchestra. Clara also plays several other instruments: including the flute in the Westwood marching Band, classical guitar, drums, and the piano which she learned to play in first grade from her mom. After graduating, she hopes to major in violin and biomed science.

Eunice Lee began playing the piano at age seven. Now, as a sophomore at Cedar Park High school, she is studying piano with Shearon Horton.

Eunice has received multiple full tuition scholarships to attend summer festivals after winning first prizes in the Texas State Young Artist Piano Competition, the Baylor/Waco Piano competition, and the New Orleans Piano Institute. She has also won multiple prizes in the ADMTA Solo com-

petition, the TMTA Performance Contest, the Austin Piano Festival, and the Schedler/Janet Russell Piano Scholarship Competition. And Recently, as the winner of the 2015 Pearl Amster Concerto Competition, she performed with the Austin Civic Orchestra.

In ensemble performances, she has been invited as one of two ensembles to perform in the exclusive, international event "Beethoven Bash" in honor of Beethoven's Birthday. At the Austin Chamber Music Center, she is currently the pianist in the Merit Scholarship Ensemble.

In 2013, Eunice appeared on "From the Top" on NPR with Christopher O'Riley and has been featured on several of KMFA's programs, including "Kids Recording Kids", "Pianoforte", "Classical Austin", and "Staccato."

Outside of her playing, Eunice is the founder of Music Eunited, a non-profit piano program that provides free lessons for financially underprivileged and disabled children.

Edward has won many awards



Shan Su

Texas Violist wins two Wendell Irish Viola awards

Shan Su of Richardson has been named winner of two Wendell Irish Viola awards, the South Central Region for \$250 and the overall winner of \$1,000.

Shan Su has been playing viola for eight years and is currently studying with Dr. Susan Dubois at the University of North Texas in Denton. Having served as principal violist of the Texas All-State Symphony Orchestra and Honor Orchestra of America, Shan was also selected to be a part of the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO-USA) in 2014 and 2015.

She is a gold cord and honors diploma graduate of the Texas Academy of Math and Science (TAMS) who is currently studying biology on the pre-medical track at the University of Texas at Dallas. Shan is a member of

the UT-PACT (Partnership in Advancing the Clinical Transition) BA/MD program, which allows her to spend three years at University of Texas at Dallas followed by four years at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Shan has obtained an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification and is licensed to practice in Texas. In school, she has been a Teaching Assistant (TA) for Biochemistry I and is currently a TA for Anatomy & Physiology I. She is also a Peer Advisor in the on-campus apartments, working with about 70 residents. Between fulfilling her passion for music and her calling to medicine, she enjoys doing genetics research, and watching TED talks.

Perhaps we could arrange to have her perform at our fall board meeting August 21-22 in Dallas?

Bios from the winners, cont.

in piano performance, which includes winning first place two times in the Austin Symphony Concerto competition resulting in performances with the Austin Symphony Orchestra. He has won first place in the ADMTA Janet Russell Competition, first place in the Baylor piano competition and 2nd place in our Wilcox Contest. In 2012 he won first place, as well as the grand prize, in the Asian American Challenge and was awarded a performance at the Long Center.

Edward has also been playing the violin since the age of 8, and has played in the All State Texas Symphony for 3 years running.

He will attend UT Austin this Fall and will major in chemical engineering, but will continue to pursue his passion for music through a minor in music. He hopes to keep playing as a soloist and in chamber groups not only for his own enjoyment, but also to serve his community by playing in nursing homes and hospitals.

Grace has won many honors in violin performance. She has won first place in the concerto competitions sponsored by the following symphony orchestras: Fort Worth Symphony, the Houston Civic Symphony and the Austin Symphony Orchestra. She has also won the Pearl Amster Concerto Competition.

Other honors include first place in the Wilcox Competition with the Sally Ruud Supplemental Award, and the Grand Prize Winner for the 5th and 7th Young Musicians' Festival competition.

Grace is concertmaster at Westwood High School Symphony Orchestra and Austin Youth Symphony Orchestra. She is currently in the Chamber Music for Public Schools program and the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Next Fall, Grace will attend Eastman School of Music under Professor Renee Jolles with a full tuition scholarship.

Other Texans win at national level

NFMC president Carolyn Nelson has announced other Texas winners in her monthly newsletter.

Paul W. Poston of Arlington received two Beyer Awards: the chamber music for \$4,000 and the Piano for \$2,000.

August Ramos of the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University, Houston, is a student winner in double-bass. We hope he will perform for us in Austin at the state convention.

Cora Bishoppetty of Pipecreek, near Houston, won \$700 as the South Central Region Joyce Walsh junior award winner.

Read President Gloria Thrasher's column for more good news from the national level about Texans.

We expect more good news from the NFMC Convention in Fargo, ND next week. Certificates will be handed out at the fall board meeting Aug. 21-22 in Dallas and will be in the summer Musical Messenger.