

## TFMC plans 98th convention in Tyler



**Matthew Allen, 2011 Young Artist, Strings with TFMC President Cletis Williamson**

Cellist Matthew Allen is already establishing himself as one of the leading young American cellists. At the age of 17, Mr. Allen was named by the jury, from 60 cellists up to age 30 representing 24 countries, the Gold Medalist in the Gaspar Cassado International Violoncello Competition in Hachioji, Japan, also winning the highest spectator vote count for the Audience Award.

Born in 1992, the Florida native began studying cello at the age of four with his father. After winning his first competition at the age of 8, he was introduced to the cello professor at Florida State University, the late Lubomir Georgiev. Mr. Georgiev, a prized student of the legendary cellist and teacher Janos Starker, took Mr. Allen on as a student immediately.

He gave his first solo performance with orchestra and solo recital at the age of 11. Embarking on a solo career in his teens with a commanding repertoire of over 20 concerti, Mr. Allen has

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### New officers, MUSIC coming April 4-6

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Gloria Febro Grilk, Vice-President in charge of South Central Region, will be special speaker and install 2013-15 officers. Matthew Allen, 2011 Young Artist in Strings, will perform on the cello. Receptions will follow both evenings. See the official call on page 3.



**Gloria Febro Grilk  
NFMC VP, South Central Region**

Gloria Febro Grilk of Bella Vista, AR., currently serving as Vice-President in Charge of South Central Region, NFMC, will be the National Guest at the Tyler convention. She will speak at the formal banquet and will install the 2013-5 officers.

Prior to her current position, Gloria served as Collegiate Division Chairman on the NFMC board. She is a past president of the Arkansas and Iowa Federations of Music Clubs. She and her husband, Ernest, have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

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<b>TFMC Officer Slate 2013-2015</b>	
<b>President</b> .....	<b>Gloria Thrasher, Rockdale</b>
<b>1st Vice-President</b> .....	<b>Lynn McNew, Brackettville</b>
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<b>Historian</b> .....	<b>Tim Danielson, Malakoff</b>
<b>Auditor</b> .....	<b>Lois Armor, San Antonio</b>

# From Your TFMC President

by Cletis Williamson, president

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Please know-Dear members of our local clubs- that the Annual conventions are for YOU! and not just for the Officers and Chairmen only. The assembly is designed for your opportunity to participate in the discussions, exchange of ideas and increase knowledge about the Federation. The various reports , workshops or forums should reflect the purpose of assimilating informative material. Invite, Involve, Innovate is my goal!! Let's use this convention to recharge our interest, reboot our creative innovation. re-energize our projects and objectives and enjoy being with our friends.

At this convention there will be an open forum/ discussion on topics and subjects of the members interest.. Perhaps a topic such as: What are the members expectation of their Federation? how can we improve our goals??What do you want from the

Federation??? Please bring your notes and suggestions to turn in to [me.as](http://me.as) the forum will be a time limited session . I do want to hear the suggestions.

I want to share a note to the Club presidents. Please make copies of the Official Call printed in this issue of the Musical Messenger give to each member who do not have a computer a copy. I do want everyone; members, associate organizations, teachers of students and Juniors in the Federation to be informed about the convention.

I am hoping for a convention with a high attendance. What a beautiful time to be in Tyler! The schedule is else where in the MM.

Mark your Calendars  
Make your reservations  
Come prepared to Sing;  
have Fun, Fellowship and Food

*Cletis Williamson*

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Gloria has helped organize several clubs in Arkansas and Iowa, serving as local club president. She is a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow and has served as NFMC Orientation and Leadership and Elizabeth Grieger Wiegand Competition chairman.

She is a Life Member of Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point and has served the Governing Board as vice-president. She built a practice cabin at the Point in memory of her parents. She has mentored clubs and officers at all levels.

She has taught private music and has also been a college instructor. She belongs to the Andante Music Club in Bella Vista and the Carroll County Music Group in Eureka Springs. She founded the Musical Gathering of Northwest Arkansas and is a co-sponsor with Northwest Arkansas Community College of the Young Artist Annual Concert. She also sponsors a full-page ad in the opera program promoting the youth camps.

## Allen, from p. 1

been featured with a number of orchestras throughout the United States including the symphonies of Cincinnati, Midland(MI), LaGrange(GA), Tallahassee, Kalamazoo, Asheville(NC), and El Paso.

Concerto performances have also been with the State Hermitage Orchestra of Saint Petersburg in Russia and the Tokyo Philharmonic. The teen cellist has already graced the stages of the world's most prominent venues including the Millennium Stage at Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center in March 2010, Tokyo's Suntory Hall in July 2010, and most recently, as winner of the 2010 Cleveland Institute of Music's esteemed concerto competition, the Cleveland Orchestra's Severance Hall in April 2011, performing Prokofiev's Sinfonia Concertante.

In addition to his international triumph in Japan, Mr. Allen has been a prizewinner in numerous competitions. Top prizes include 3rd place in the Johansen International Competition, 2nd place in the Irving M. Klein International String Competition, 1st place in the ASTA National Solo Competition, 1st place in the NFMC (National Federation of Music Clubs) Young Artist Award, and the Gold Medal in the Stulberg International String Competition. Also in 2008, Mr. Allen made his international recording debut with David Popper's Hungarian Rhapsody for TELARC Records alongside Erich Kunzel and the Cincinnati Pops, released in August, 2009.

Summer studies have included the Meadowmount School and Pinchas Zukerman's Young Artist Programme in Ottawa, Ravinia's Steans Institute, and Itzhak Perlman's Chamber Music Workshop. Mr. Allen's musical mentors have included Janos Starker, Joel Smirnoff, Michael Tree, Peter Salaff, Alisa Weilerstein, Andres Diaz, Zuill Bailey, David Finckel, Matt Haimovitz, and Steven Isserlis. By audition, Mr. Allen was selected to be the Young Artist Fellow for the Cleveland Orchestra's 2009-2010 season. Mr. Allen currently studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music with Melissa Kraut.

# OFFICIAL CALL

**Texas Federation of Music Clubs 98th Annual Convention  
 April 4-6, 2013 Holiday Inn 5701 South Broadway, Tyler 75703**

**Rooms \$89 + tax (includes free breakfast) individuals must make own reservations, use **group code H45**  
 Phone reservations 903-561-5800, Online reservations – [www.holidayinn.com/tylertx](http://www.holidayinn.com/tylertx) Cutoff date **3-21-2013****

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Local Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office(s) or Chairmanship(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Life Member? yes no      Rose Fay Thomas fellow? yes no      First Time at State Convention? yes no  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHEDULE

Thursday --- April 4, 2013  
 9:00 am .....Finance Committee  
 9:45 am .....Executive Committee  
 10:15 am ..... Tentative tour of Azaleas  
                   Lunch on your own  
 1:15 pm .....TFMC Board Meeting  
 2:00 pm .....Opening Ceremonies  
 4:30pm to 5:00pm..... Workshops  
 6:00 pm .....Semiformal Dinner  
 7:00 pm .....Young Artist Concert  
                   ..... Young Artist Reception

Friday --- April 5, 2013  
 7:15 am .....Life Members Breakfast  
 8:45 am – 11:45am.....Business Session  
 12 noon ..... Buffet Luncheon  
 1:15 pm -- 4:30 pm ..... Business Session  
 6:15 pm ..... Semi-formal Banquet  
 NFMC guest speaker --- Installation of Officers  
 8:00 pm ..... Musical Concert/Reception

Saturday --- April 6, 2013  
 8:45am .....Business Session  
 10:30 am .....TFMC Festival Chorus  
 12: 00 noon .....Buffet Luncheon  
 1:00pm – 1:45 pm .....Junior Showcase  
                   .....Adjournment.....

## REGISTRATION FORM

EVENT	Price	No.	Total
Registration Fee (required)	\$25	_____	
or One Day Registration	\$15		
Thursday Dinner	\$17	_____	\$_____
Lifer's Breakfast (Free - must register)	Check here		_____
Friday Luncheon	\$13	_____	\$_____
Friday banquet			
Choice of menu ( <b>choose one per reservation</b> )			
1. Grilled salmon	\$21	_____	\$_____
2. Roast beef Au Jus	\$17	_____	\$_____
Saturday Buffet luncheon	\$15	_____	\$_____
Total Registration		_____	\$_____

Make checks payable to TFMC, **due by March 21, 2013**  
 Mail To: Dorene Allen, TFMC Treasurer  
 4606 Fountain Lane  
 Odessa, TX 79761  
 432- 367- 2827      [E-mail: ldoreneallen@yahoo.com](mailto:ldoreneallen@yahoo.com)

Please consider mailing in a registration even if you are unable to attend. It will help defray the cost of the convention.  
 Those giving reports (officers, chairmen) please bring or send two copies of your report.

Please **bring items** for the Silent Auction  
**"Lifers" bring your hats& black and white stripped attire**  
**Rose Fay Thomas Fellows and IPFAC Life Members**  
**bring your medallions**

## Yellow Rose Society to honor Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Glenn L. (Mary Prudie) Brown, president of NFMFC from 1987-1991, made an indelible impression on all who knew her, whether as president, student advisor, junior counselor, or Federation friend. She served her fellow man at all levels, from national to the Texas Federation of Music Clubs, to Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, and to the Stanton Music Club.

In March 2010, she and Francis Christmann were presented the first Distinguished Service Awards from TFMC at the Lubbock convention. The following month, she slipped into a coma and quietly ended a lifetime marked by highs and lows, but always met with her traditional wit and graciousness.

We in TFMC want to commemorate her service and ensure that she is never forgotten. Therefore, we are organizing The Yellow Rose Society, an endowment to be administered by TFMC, recognizing her preferred title as The Yellow Rose of Texas. We are patterning it after the Rose Fay Thomas Fellows, which began during her presidency in 1989, and also the Florida Fellows and the Prairie Rose Society in North Dakota. All of these offer people the opportunity to support worthwhile musical endeavors.

Membership is open to everyone, not just Texans. Membership fee is \$500, which will entitle the donor to a commemorative medallion and certificate, and recognition at each TFMC convention and in the TFMC directory. Those joining in 2013 will be known as charter members.

When she went out of office in 1991, Mary Prudie designated that her Past National President's award be a biennial \$1,000 educational scholarship to a company member at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The award would go to the winner's college or university to help pay educational expenses.

Unfortunately, the award has shrunk in the intervening years. For one thing, interest rates have decreased. For another, the award has been presented annually rather than biennially, causing it to shrink faster. During her lifetime, Mary Prudie would personally make up the difference between what NFMFC could provide and the \$1,000 the winner was to receive. Now that she is gone, there is no one to make up that difference.

Lana Bailey, NFMFC chairman of the finance committee, estimates that \$10,000 would shore up the award so that it can be presented annually in the \$1,000 amount originally pledged. TFMC requires that \$7,500 be donated to set up an endowment. We hope to reach these amounts



Mary Prudie Brown acknowledges the applause from those attending the 2010 TFMC convention in Lubbock as her son, Dr. Guy Brown; her daughter, Suzanna Brown; and TFMC president Carla Johnson surround her. The occasion was to present her with the first Distinguished Service Award from TFMC. The following month, she passed away. TFMC is establishing the Yellow Rose Society to honor her and carry on her love for music.

quickly. The interest will be used to further projects Mary Prudie would endorse. A committee will oversee its management.

TFMC Dorene Allen will accept the donations and keep a list of Yellow Rose Society members. Donate for yourself and for a friend you want to honor. We will design a medallion and certificate and mail them when they are ready. Dorene's address is:

Dorene Allen, TFMC treasurer  
4606 Fountain Lane  
Odessa, TX 79761  
432-367-2827

[ldoreneallen@yahoo.com](mailto:ldoreneallen@yahoo.com)

We want to do this now, while people still remember Mary Prudie Brown and the wonderful things she accomplished for us all. Please join us in this worthy endeavor. Spread the word among your Federation friends.

### Silent Auction This Year

TFMC will again have the ever popular Silent Auction to benefit Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony at the TFMC Convention. Opera in the Ozarks is the NFMFC Summer Music Center located in Eureka Springs and called the South Center Region ( composed of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kansas-) the 5 states that supports IPFAC.

District III, TFMC Convention host, Tim Danielson and committees are working hard and asking members to bring items for SHOPPING and BIDDING. Items such as homemade items, books, CD/DVDs, jewelry is popular; and other items suitable for gifts. There will be items of interest for the gentlemen-- so men bring you wallets too. There will be something for everyone .Bid-Bid!. Remember the proceeds help the young artists at IPFAC.

# Calendar of Club Report Due Dates

Due Date	Form #	Form Description	Receiving Chairman
January 1	AR 13-1	NMW Essay Contest	Glenda Reynolds
March 1		Leake J. Ward Music Therapy Award deadline	Amy Andrus
March 1	ME 5-2	Yearbooks	Peggy Jones - State; Patsy Whitaker, NFMC
March 1	AM 1-1	Parade of American Music	Regional Chairman Pauline McMurry, State Chairman
March 15	FL 3-2	Founders' Day	Betty Hall
March 15	AR 14-1	Club Opera Report	Barbara Shinn
April 1	AR 8-1	Choral Music Report	Mary Frances Ross
April 1	AR 7-1	Music in Schools and Colleges	Dortha Bennett
April 1	JR 17-4	Dance Report	Laura Holleman
April 1	AR 3-1	Crusade for Strings	Mary Lou Connelly
April 1	AR 10-1	Music Outreach	Patricia Hill
April 1	AR 2-1	Chamber Music	Shelia Neale
April 1	AR 5-1	International Music	Don Shinn
April 15	AR 6-1	Music in Poetry	Jean Barlow
April 1	AR 11-1	Sacred Music	Laverne Love
April 1	AR 9-3	Together We Sing	Betty Cooper
April 15		Music Service in the Community-Choral	Mary Frances Ross
April 30	AM 7-2	Folk Music	Jo Ann Collett
May 1	FI 9-3	Chapter PPA Report	Carla Johnson
May 1	PR 3-1	Radio/TV Report	Darline McKinney
June 1	AR 12-1	National Music Week	Glenda Reynolds
		Include programs, pictures, news articles, church bulletins, etc.	
May 15	ME 7-1	Senior Club Reporting	Brenda Ford
June 1	JR 1-1	Junior Club Rating Sheet	National Chairman
June 1	AM 2	American Music NFMC Club Award	Regional Chair
June 1	AM 6	American Women Composers	NFMC Chairman

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

## Opera in the Ozarks season looms

The 2013 season of the Opera in the Ozarks will begin performances on **June 22** and continue until **July 18**. South Central Region Federation Days will be **July 17-19** and the Governing Board will be meeting on **Saturday morning, July 20**. If you are a new member or increase your level of membership this year, you are entitled to a discount on one opera ticket this season. TFMC members are encouraged to become a member of the OIO also. The experience of "belonging" is so rewarding, the promoting and supporting these aspiring young artists is well worth the membership cost of \$25. WE can also support OIO by donating to the scholarships, sponsor-

ing a "night of opera"; underwriting a production and attending Federation Days in July. This year you will get to experience three operas. Puccini's, Madame Butterfly; Donizetti's, L'Elisir d'Amore; and Gilbert and Sullivan's, The Pirates of Penzance. What a treat!!!

Texas members serving on the IPFAC Governing Board are Cletis Williamson, TFMC President; Jean Moffatt, who serves as Recording Secretary; Sue Breuer, who serves as Vice-President; Lee Meyer, who serves as Texas Trustee. Members-at-large are Dr. John Schmidt, Tim Danielson, Richard Drapeau, Gloria Thrasher, and Sue Breuer.

Carla Johnson, Lubbock, Texas has been named the NFMC Chairman

of the new Martha M Mack Voice Award at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Center, at Eureka Springs, Ark. Martha M Mack had been a professional singer and wanted her award to help outstanding singers. IPFAC was fortunate to be worthy of receiving an endowed scholarship from this bequest. Beginning in 2013 IPFAC will receive two \$2,125 scholarships. The scholarship winners will be chosen through the OIO guidelines.

IPFAC Youth Camp is another worthwhile summer music camp for youth grades 9-12. The camps give a wonderful opportunity to Juniors and High school students to enhance their musical talent /skills. Texas teachers of music, parents and stu-

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# TFMC mourns president's loss

TFMC was saddened to learn of the loss December 9 of Louise Whitworth of Austin. Louise served as TFMC president 1987-89 and held many other positions of authority within the Federation. She was a member of the Wednesday Morning Music Club of Austin.

Louise served as recording secretary for the Governing Board of Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony until illness prevented her from serving. She judged club yearbooks for many years.

Always a woman of class and distinction, she will be missed by her club and friends. Her husband, Lavoy, preceded her in death. She is survived by several daughters and grandchildren.

Another member of the Wednesday Morning Music Club who passed away in December was Bonnie Cummins Fielder, who died December 17, two months shy of her 87th birthday. Her husband, Parker C. Fielder, predeceased her.

In addition to her years as a classroom teacher, Bonnie taught all who knew her the beauty of the classical arts, the importance of world travel, and the joy of getting lost in a good book. Bonnie possessed an amazing intellect, was fiercely independent and self-reliant, and remained so until her final hours.

A world traveler, Bonnie had an insatiable curiosity about the world and actively investigated cultures and customs different from her own. Eschewing standard package trips as "too touristy," she became adept at exploring the world beyond brochures, and would share wonderful stories about following footpaths on the shores of the Amazon or wandering the back streets of European towns while stepping over the rubble of the Second World War. She started her own company, Cummins World Tours, so she could introduce her passion for world travel to her high school students. Many were the beneficiaries of her custom excursions as Bonnie delighted in introducing them to the magic of mingling with the locals at a neighborhood pub or exploring the wonders of a village market far from the beaten path.

From her earliest years, her greatest love was classical music. She once said that she was probably the only elementary school student in Uvalde, Texas, who couldn't wait to listen to opera on the radio "They really didn't know what to make of me," she chuckled. A dedicat-



**Louise Whitworth**

ed. and active member of the Wednesday Morning Music Club the Fielder Grant Competition is named in her honor. She was also a generous supporter of many promising vocal students by providing them scholarships, travel and coaching expenses, living quarters, and practical advice about careers and life in general. She loved showcasing their talent at her legendary living room soirees. Bonnie became a maternal surrogate to many of her students with relationships enduring far beyond their college years, and she took great pride in their professional accomplishments.

At Bonnie's request, there was no memorial service. A final celebratory soiree honoring her memory will take place in the spring with many of her beloved students and friends gathering one last time to celebrate the accomplishments of a brilliant woman whose memory we now carry within our hearts.

For those wishing to make a donation in her memory, the Bonnie Cummins Fielder Scholarship Fund has been set up at University Federal Credit Union. Please contact Ms. Ashley Marquez, 701 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., Building J, Austin, Texas 78746. Phone 512-467-8080, extension 22774.

Thanks to another past TFMC president and NFMC historian, Sue Breuer, for obtaining these pictures for the MM.

## In Memoriam

July 2; Vivian Mansell, WMMC. Austin

July 3: Anna Carroll. Midland Musicians

November 29: John Haeussler, Lubbock Music Club

Dec. 9: Louise Whitworth, WMMC, Austin

Dec. 16: Elinor White, WMMC, Austin

Dec 17: Bonnie Fielder, WMMC, Austin



**Bonnie Fielder with Carolyn Poe, past TFMC president**

# South Central Region Campaign Continues

Texas FMC members are already aware of the SCR adopting the special campaign to provide a SCR Scholarship/Endowment Fund for Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point, Eureka Springs, AR. The Scholarship Fund will award one or more scholarships each year to SCR students or other deserving students who have been accepted for study at Opera in the Ozarks. The goal of the campaign was to raise \$25,000 in five years. The Regional Project was called "Everyone Give One for Opera in the Ozarks" and began last year, so we have several more years to participate

**Procedure for Participation:** Clubs with members giving \$1. each by MARCH 15, will be listed in the May-Opera in the Ozarks Newsletter as 100% club. Clubs with each member giving more than \$ 1.by MARCH 15 will be listed in the OIO Newsletter as 110 % and receive a certificate at Federation Days. States who have 100% or 110% level by MARCH 15 all five years will be listed as "Above and Beyond Clubs" in the May Newsletter, and also receive special recognition at Federation Days.

**Procedure for Collecting and handling donations:** Each club asks for donations from members during the year or though out the year ( Some clubs pay the cor-

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dents this is a program worth inquiring about. [www.opera.org](http://www.opera.org) for more information. The youth camp follows after the Federation Days; Vocal camp is July 21-28, 2013; and Piano/Strings camp is July 28-August 4, 2013.

The camps are under the direction of Kathryn Hickman The cost per week is \$350. per student. If attending both camps the tuition is \$275. We are always looking for donations to help scholarship students that can not afford to attend one or both of the camps If your club has a student that is interested in attending, please contact Kathryn 580-357-3775 or 580-353-0716. Applications can also be downloaded from [www.opera.org](http://www.opera.org) websit

rect amount from their Treasury ). Clubs must then send the number of members and amount raised to their state treasurer by MARCH 15 ( in order to be recognized). The state treasurer then send the amount collected to the IPFAC treasurer by APRIL 1 in order to be recognized.

## Note To Treasurers

TFMC dues notice were sent to all Clubs in September and are now past due, thus this reminder. Treasurers please review your club's records to check accounts..Senior clubs must send a list of all members name, and address along with the dues. This list is for the mailout of the Music Clubs Magazine from National Federation of Music Clubs.

Please include the Founder's Day contribution (\$ 1. per member) and the Past President Assembly (PPA) dues of (\$2) for each term served as President of local club, District, or State. And any contribution you wish to give for State or National Funds. This supports the Young Artist Fund. This is also a convenient time to participate in the Outgoing President's Fund (PNP) ; Fund to endow the scholarship fund of NFMC President Carolyn Nelson at the conclusion of her term in 2015. Clubs are asked to send \$ 5. per club.

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## Music in Poetry

Jean Barlow, Poetry in Music, Chair reported there was no response to the Poetry in Music Contest this year. Each interested member was asked to send in a poem for the chairman to choose one, to be set to Music by the contestants by March 1st

Composers contact Jean Barlow for more information.

Many Texas FMC clubs received certificates and was recognized for their support last year. Texas is proud to be a supporting member of OIO and takes pride that this project offers opportunities to these aspiring young artists. Texas FMC clubs lets make

## Reporting Form Due Dates Printed

Hopefully by continuing to publish the Calendar of Reporting Forms Dates in the Musical Messenger, the list will be a helpful tool to local clubs as to when to return their form much easier. These forms are used to correlate and/ or reflect the hard work each club is doing to keep music alive in their communities and state. Too each club deserves to be recognized and rewarded for the accomplishments and achievements they do.

Another avenue to help members ; State Chairmen please bring a stack of the printed forms with your name and address (due date too if not on them) for distributing; put on the publication material table available at the Convention. Also available web site: [www.nfmc-music.org](http://www.nfmc-music.org)

Let's make 2013 a GREAT Year for Reporting Your Activities!

## Achievement Record Books to be judged at state

Betty Hall, Achievement Record Chair; will be judging the blue ribbon Achievement Books on Thursday ; time TBA .[Achievement Record Books are judged at the district level and these awarded blue ribbons are judged at state level] If if you prefer to just bring your book for viewing, we would like to see it.

Betty will be leaving on Friday for Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi to help Texan Francis Christmann stage the Ellis Duo Piano Competition. Francis, the Texas Representative to NFMC, is chairman of the Ellis Competition, which is April 5-6.

## NFMC/TFMC Life Membership is an honor, privilege

Membership in a federation-affiliated music club is not only a privilege and an honor, but comes with a commitment. You can take that commitment a step further by becoming a Life Member.

If you are already a Life Member of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs, then you know about that kind of dedication. You have learned that, believe it or not, it's not just about you!

The \$200 fee for Life Membership illustrates that one is determined to do all that she/he can do to see that "the music will go on," because that fee goes directly to fund the Federation's "Young Artist" program. If there is such a thing as an "elite" cadre in the TFMC or the NFMC, it is the membership that has gone that extra step of support. . .the Life Members.

Of course, we like to sweeten the pot a little by adding an enticing incentive. . .the TFMC Convention in March presents the opportunity for "Lifers" to attend that mystique-filled event known as the "Lifers Breakfast." If you are not a Life member, maybe never even considered it, know that you are eligible and ever so cordially invited to join that special group.

If you are already a "Lifer," what a great opportunity to honor a fellow club member, club officer, or dear friend. . .could there be a more meaningful gift for a music lover? Some districts honor their president with a Life Membership; clubs could do the same for their president.

The convention is fast approaching, but it's not too late. Dorene Allen, TFMC treasurer, will accept Life Membership requests at any time. Write her at 4606 Foundain Lane, Odessa, TX 79761 or call 432/367-2827 or email [ldorene-allen@yahoo.com](mailto:ldorene-allen@yahoo.com). Make your commitment to Music for Life!

### Texas Federation of Music Clubs NFMC/TFMC Life Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed form with a check for \$ 200 made out to TFMC-Life membership to

Dorene Allen, TFMC Treasurer  
4606 Fountain Lane  
Odessa, Tx. 79761

## TFMC Chorus To Perform

Everyone is invited to join the TFMC Chorus that will be in concert on April 6, Saturday morning. The Chorus is open to all singers and we especially invite all male singers to participate. We are asking each district to send a minimum of one trio. We all anticipate this traditional part of the convention.

Please send names, vocal parts and e-mail addressees to Doris Ann [Stanford, Box 185, Lorena 76655, email dorisannstanford@yahoo.com](mailto:Stanford_Box_185_Lorena76655_email_dorisannstanford@yahoo.com) or Carla Johnson; [CarlaTFMC@aol.com](mailto:CarlaTFMC@aol.com) who will be directing and arranging the TFMC Chorus, so we need all you music lovers "Let's Make Music"

## Fundraising due

TFMC members ;we will be talking about "FUNDRAISING" at the Convention. There are several events and projects occurring in the near future that will need addressing. 2013: OIO Federation Days at IPFAC, Eureka Springs. Texas will be asked to furnish the Theme of an Opera and the decorations , July 17-19th. Districts participate, Simple! Same in 2014. 2015: TFMC Centennial "100" Celebration, Our Big Gala 2015: TFMC will be host state at OIO, which requires more preparation- Themes, Luncheons, decorations etc. 2016: The National Federation of Music Clubs Convention Committee has tentatively selected Oklahoma City as the location for the 2016 Convention.

NFMC Vice-President Michael Edwards wanted the Convention to be in the South Central Region and after much research they picked Oklahoma. Texas, being one of the five states in SCR will be asked to participate and furnish our share of funding for the convention.

Michael will be our National guest at Federation Days , in Eureka Springs next July so informational meetings will begin. As you see TFMC will be Fundraising in several events and we need to be thinking of ways to accomplish our goals.

## Calendar of Events

March 1, 2013= Opera in the Ozarks Governing Board Meeting, Wyndham Gardens Hotel Oklahoma City, OK,  
April 4-6, 2013= 98th TFMC Convention, Holiday Inn South Broadway, Tyler  
April 5-6, 2013=Annie Ellis Duo-Piano Competition, Belhaven University, Jackson, MS  
May 5-12, 2013=National Music Week; theme: "Music. . . the Colors of Life"  
May 18, 2013=TFMC Festival, Texas State University, San Marcos  
June 24-26, 2013=Young Artist Competition, Hyatt Regency, Greenville, SC  
June 25-29, 2013=NFMC Biennial Convention, Hyatt Regency, Greenville, SC  
July 17-20, 2013=South Central Region Federation Days, Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Eureka Springs, AR  
August 2013=TFMC Fall Board Meeting, Embassy Suites Love Field, Dallas