



# The Voice of Music

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## President's Musings

BY JEAN FRAZIER - PRESIDENT

**Marcia Chaplin**, thank you for all the wonderful accomplishments you achieved during your 6-year tenure as President of the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs. Through your hard work and dedication you touched each club in Virginia and each member within those clubs helping them benefit and grow through your influence, knowledge and expertise!

Marcia was awarded the Rose Fay Thomas Fellows Award with medal and Pin for her work to and for Virginia Federation of Music Clubs. This award was given to her by her husband George, at the Brevard Music Center, Brevard, North Carolina, in July 2015. Hooray!

Thank you to **all members** of the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs for the excellent work you've contributed to the Club. You do not go unrecognized for your contributions.

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*Merry  
Christmas*



I have had 4 meetings to date as president. The fall board meeting in Charlottesville, and the 3 district meetings in Dumfries, Bristol and Virginia Beach. District III had 26 attendees on 24 October including me.

It was good to see folks from all 3 districts I haven't seen for a while and be able to visit with them. On item I discussed which had been on my "TO DO LIST" for more than a year was to ask the opinions of the members present about having the annual convention in 1 central location, i.e. Charlottesville. The opinions were the same at each meeting: some liked the idea of 1 location and others liked going to different areas of Virginia. Steven Fey suggested we try the convention in 1 location for 2 or 3 years to find out how everyone felt about the idea. Several other members at the District I meeting also thought we should try it at 1 location. This will be discussed at the convention in Colonial Heights in May 2016 as well as at the Fall Board Meeting in Charlottesville in August 2016.

We are going to continue building the database that Marcia Chaplin started in 2014. Help is needed from each member to accomplish this. Marcia's letter will be sent to each club president via e-mail/letter to help build the database the second week of December.



### Sad news –

*Margaret Ann Cummins* passed away 23 May 2015; her memorial service was 31 May 2015 at the Free Mason Baptist Church in Norfolk. It was a very nice service; she would have been proud. Margaret Ann's beautiful smile and her persona is missed by many members and friends

*Nancy Turner's husband, Charles*, passed away in September 2015 after a long illness. Let's keep these folks and their families in our prayers.



### **Dates to remember:**

State Evaluation Reports are due **1 March 2016**. I will be forwarding the form to the club presidents very soon.

VFMC Annual Convention is **19-21 May 2016** in Colonial Heights.

NFMC Southeastern Region Brevard meeting is **22-23 July 2016** at the Brevard Music Center in Brevard, North Carolina. If you've never been, you should make an effort to go to see and hear all the young musicians attending the summer camp. They are FANTASTIC

Fall Board Meeting at the Holiday Inn in Charlottesville is **24-25 August 2016**.

### **VFMC Needs:**

A full-time Web Site master

Chairs for: Together We Sing and Sacred Music; Chamber Music, American Women Composers.

If anyone is interested in any of these, please let me know at [gjeanfrazier@Verizon.net](mailto:gjeanfrazier@Verizon.net); 540-345-0393.

I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas.



### Remember those who Serve You

Remember to pray daily for our Armed Forces because without them we would not be able to do the things we love and/or have our music clubs. Each time you are out and about and see a military person in uniform thank them for serving our country and shake their hand.



*Margaret Ann Cummins*

You would be amazed at the glow which comes over their faces. You may even see a tear or 2 come across their face

### Officers of the Portsmouth Music Club



Judy Liles, Breena Branham, Rebecca Padrick, Barbara Green

### Portsmouth Music Club

BY JUDY S. LILES, PRESIDENT

Portsmouth Music Club had a festive beginning of our new Club Year. For the September meeting a "Getting to Know You" program was presented, with eight members performing, displaying a variety of musical talents. All PMC members joined in on the theme song for the day.

Other interesting and entertaining programs for the year are listed below:

October – Jazz Pianist, Kyle Becker, performing various types of Jazz, while giving a history of Jazz;

November – “Parade of American Music” with Art Morgan and The Southside Brass; December – Beazley Bees (22 singers), presenting “Sacred and Popular Christmas Music”; January – “Founders’ Day Observance with Rose Fay Thomas” portrayed by Muriel Shumate and “Music of the Era: 1898” by PMC Members; February – Celebrating our own Club member and composer, Jean Hilton, as “American Woman Composer”; March – “Traditional and Contemporary Folk Music” and “Teaching Music to Deaf Students” by the group Wildflower; April – PMC’s annual Memorial Service by Rev. Terry Taylor and “Opera and Contemporary Art Songs” by Dr. Liana Valente; May 7 – Observance of “National Music Week”

by an “Olde Towne Cabaret” featuring guest artist Katherine Lakoski, Vocalist, with a reception following the program, open to the public; May 25 – “Scholarship Recital and Luncheon,” which concludes our meeting year.

All programs are published in newspapers inviting the public and announcing that programs are free and open to them.

We invite YOU to attend any meeting or program! For more information on dates and times, email PMC President, Judy Liles, [jdsliles@cox.net](mailto:jdsliles@cox.net) or call (757) 488-0321.

The Lynchburg Music Teachers Association (LMTA) met September 9, 2015, at Lynchburg Music Center, our new meeting location. We formally installed our officers for the year and welcomed our new members by presenting them with their Federation pins. Julia Sansone, National Certified Teacher of

music of the Armed Forces played by Elaine Gothe. Dora Purvis gave a vocal workshop featuring “The Star Spangled Banner.”

December is our Holiday Celebration, a Christmas tea and gift exchange at The Ploughcroft Tea Room in downtown Lynchburg. Holiday music will be provided by Linda Reid and June Bloodworth, a student harpist duo. The Ploughcroft hosts student



### Lynchburg Music Teachers Association (LMTA)

BY ROSAÑA F. TROXEL, PRESIDENT

Music, presented our program. Her presentation was “Help! I Have too Many Students!”

Our October 14 meeting was a “Festival Workshop Walk-through,” for all teachers. It was presented by the club officers. Festival music was available for purchase from the Lynchburg Music Center.

Our November meeting provided a patriotic program, “Celebrating American Music Month” with

harpists bi-monthly to perform for the Tea Room’s guests.

We encourage our advanced students to use their talents in public settings such as churches, nursing homes, and other venues where they can gain experience in playing in front of an audience.

We are having an exciting year, and we look forward to an even better 2016.

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## Springfield Music Club

BY SUSAN R. MAHER, PRESIDENT

Springfield Music Club (SMC) started 2015 with a new set of officers. Susan Maher took over as president with Cindy Abernathy as Vice President. Marietta Morris accepted the treasurer's position and Nina Compton as Recording Secretary. The new officers started work on putting together the board and were happy to see many members return and new faces join. New beginnings always bring new ideas and rejuvenate the programs and the clubs.

The club was favored by the amazing performance of pianist Marina Chamasyan who delighted the audience with her emotional and clear delivery of a great piano program. October was a busy month as we dedicate our meeting to prepare our members in all aspects to enter their students into the Spring Festival. We have automated our Festival registration and we take the time to instruct our members on this procedure and remind them of all other important requirements. November we celebrated American Music Month with an amazing program performed by baritone Bradley J. King, called My Happy Home, a Reflection on American Spirituality. In October, SMC holds its Jazz festival. This year 120 students participated. The highlight of this festival is the chance for the students to enjoy a jamming session with a professional drummer. It is a lot of fun and a great opportunity for growth. SMC has many performance opportunities lined up for the rest of the year to allow our teachers the ability to offer their students many venues to showcase their strengths and to be able to test their progress. December and Christmas are great times to enjoy great music and we are looking forward to great programs in our club.

SMC is working on improving its online presence by taking their website to the next step. The goal is to offer more than just online registration but also online payment in the future.

We hope to offer a place where our teachers feel they can come and be part of a team of professional musicians who are helping each other grow. Together we can achieve great things.



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