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President's Prose

Dear Members,

As snow is falling outside, I am having warm thoughts of the upcoming Federation events. Students preparing for the various Federation Festivals (and hoping they will be eligible for the Mary Smart Preliminary Competitions). Teachers frantically hoping the students will be at their best for the festivals. District I members planning for the VFMC Convention in Roanoke April 30 – May 2. District II and District III members making plans to attend the VFMC Convention. Club Presidents just sitting down to review the State Evaluation Report (due March 1). Committee Chairmen processing the forms received by the Club Presidents (due dates are in the Club President's Manual). ALL members renewing their knowledge of the VFMC Web Site – www.vfmc-music.org and remembering to ask their Club President (or me) if they have forgotten the Login Name or Password. Yes, it certainly is a busy time.

The VFMC Data Base is in the process of being created for the VFMC Web Site. Hopefully this will be on the web site by the VFMC Convention. It will not have the various VFMC or NFMC offices listed at this time. The local club offices held by members will be listed. All VFMC and NFMC offices will change by the end of June. The new offices will be listed in the Data Base in the Summer/Fall of 2015. Also, in order to make the web site more secure, all members will create their own login name and password once the data base is added.

Please note – if your name is not included in the data base you will not be able to log on to the VFMC web site. This is a security measure that is needed and requested by the members.

Many wonderful plans are in the works for the VFMC Convention in Roanoke. This convention will be unlike any VFMC Convention you have attended. Our Young Artists will be Ellis Duo Competition Winners Hillary Mauler and Tiffany Delgado. This performance will be held Friday evening, May 1 and will be open to the public. Please invite friends and family to attend.

Plan to stay thru Saturday to attend the Club President's Breakfast – open to all members - and hear the reports from the Club Presidents and District Directors. Students throughout the state will be invited to attend the Saturday festivities and lunch. Saturday activities we are considering:

Master Class by Young Artist – Pianist Kwan Yi
Dance Class – by a Master
Bell Choir Class – by a Choir Director
Voice Class – By a Voice Instructor
Mary Smart Competition and Finals Concert
Presentation of 75 point and 90 point Gold Cups to Juniors

Linda Lind, NFMC Junior Division Chairman and VFMC Member will be our National Guest. It is my hope that this convention honors the Juniors of our state with their participation throughout our convention. Help make this convention successful by encouraging your juniors and the school juniors in your area to attend the activities on Saturday, May 2. More information will be available on the VFMC Web. These activities (except the Mary Smart Finals) will be open to all juniors (under the age of 19).

Sincerely,

Marcia B. Chaplin, President
Virginia Federation of Music Clubs



Great music is that which penetrates the ear with facility and leaves the memory with difficulty. Magical music never leaves the memory.

- Sir Thomas Beecham

Nancy Hoback Milne Citation

The time has come for you to send in your choice for the recipient of the 2015 Nancy Hoback Milne Citation for Distinguished Service. The recipient is chosen from the district our VFMC Convention is being held and this year it will be District I. Although the recipient must be from District I, any member of VFMC may submit a nominee from District I for this citation. There are two forms that must be filled out, they are NHM -1 and NFM-2 (2009) and they may be found on our VFMC website.

These forms must be sent to the NHM Chair Susan Tury, email: stury@earthlink.net (preferred way) or to 900 Aldrich Place, Woodbridge, VA 22191. Deadline for the Nancy Hoback Milne Citation Recipient is April 20, 2015. The Citation Committee will be looking forward to receiving your nominations.

Susan Tury, Chair

Student Scholarships

Please let your students know about the scholarships we have available. Or if you contact me, I'll send them the information they need.

Student Scholarships:
nfm-music.org, NFM Publications.
Anything with an **ST** prefix is for Students.

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National Music Week

*Let your community know about your club
Music...Heartbeat of the Soul*

One of the best ways to let your community know about your club is to observe National Music Week during the week of May 3-10. Take advantage of student recitals, school music programs such as end of the year Band and Choir concerts. Contact the local directors and ask

if you can promote their programs during that week and include a logo and information about your local club and the federation in their programs.

You may be surprised at the response of these educators as they long for recognition in the community. You would be helping to promote their school music programs, and elevating your own club's purpose, as well.

There is ample information to help you get started on the website under the Arts Division. Look at the brochure, the poster, the coloring page for elementary school use, etc. You can begin now by gathering information to share with your clubs. May will be upon us quickly, so begin now. I encourage you to get involved with this yearly event. Begin simply. It is not a hard task and you will be delighted at the results.

Judy Barger Edgell, Chair of National Music Week

Life Membership

GET A LIFE!

It's so easy to do. Just a one-time fee of \$200 is the price of LIFE Membership in the National and Virginia Federations. \$125 is sent to NFM and \$75 remains in the VFMC treasury. A subscription to the *Music Clubs Magazine* comes with the first year and the VFMC pays the renewal after that. Now, for the LIFE of me I can't imagine why you don't do it.

A portion of the Senior Club dues includes National and State dues and those can be waived for all LIFE members. You can bet your LIFE on that. LIFE'S too short to pass up this opportunity. \$75 dollars will again be awarded at the 2015 VFMC Convention to the Senior Club with the most new LIFE members since the last convention. Now that's the LIFE!

The LIFE Membership form can be found on the VFMC website and is available from all Senior Club Presidents or from this Chairman. Give a LIFE! What a great way to honor a special someone's LIFE.

Linda D. Lind
Individual Membership Chairman
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PORTSMOUTH MUSIC CLUB PLANS A BUSY SEASON

Portsmouth Music Club plans some exciting musical programs to welcome the 2015 Season. The highlights and dates are as follows:

January, 28, 2015 – “Broadway Show Tunes” sung by popular Carrie Grace Morgan, as well as, a special observance of NFMC Founders Day. February 25 – Beazley Singing Beez (ladies chorus) and the Heart Songs Trio. March 25 – “A Variety of Classical, Ragtime, Big Band, and Broadway Tunes” performed by the much sought-after Southside Brass. April 22 – Tapestry, a well-known Handbell Quintet, performs beloved selections of folk, sacred, classical and pop music. May 3 (Sunday Afternoon) – in observance of “National Music Week” – “Music for an Olde Towne Afternoon” celebrated at the historic Monumental United Methodist Church, Portsmouth, with organist Ryan Michael Blake and musical talents from local university students, all followed by a formal reception for all attendees. May 27 – “Scholarship Recital” featuring PMC current and past scholarship winners, with a luncheon afterwards.

All regular monthly programs are free and open to the public. A small fee is charged for Sunday, May 3, “Music for an Olde Towne Afternoon, to raise funds for scholarships.

PMC invites anyone in our area and across Virginia to attend our meetings and programs! You will enjoy our hospitality, as well as, meeting our performing artists.

Judy S. Liles, Vice President
Portsmouth Music Club

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Woodbridge Music Club

The Woodbridge Music Club started off the New Year with a wonderful performance on January 24 by pianist Marianna Prjevalskaya at Westminster at Lake Ridge. The club is also looking forward to some exciting events in the next couple of months, to include a student recital on February 8. In March, the club will hold its annual Kiki Thomaidis Piano Scholarship Competition, and its annual WMC Instrumental and Vocal Scholarship Competitions. Winners of these scholarship competitions will perform in a Winners Recital on

Sunday, March 15 at St. Paul United Methodist Church at 5pm. The club’s next Saturday evening performance will take place on March 21 at 7pm at Westminster at Lake Ridge, and it will feature flutist Geoffrey Crowley, a member of the WMC.

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Piedmont Music Club

Piedmont Music Club kicked off the new year by hosting a conductor’s workshop with Manassas Symphony Orchestra conductor, Jim Villani. Our Club’s teachers, students, and the community were invited to attend this exciting workshop where they learned the history of conducting, the role of a conductor, how to read a conductor’s score, and how to conduct properly. The attendees were given a conductor’s baton and a conductor’s score to take home for further practice. Attendees were invited to conduct the large string ensemble from the Manassas Symphony Orchestra. Conductors who tried their hand conducting the ensemble varied in age from 7 all the way through adults. What an exciting way to learn how to conduct! There are pictures below of our workshop.

In March, we will be hosting a master class with the NFMC Ellis Piano Duo, Tiffany Delgado and Hilary Mauler. Student piano ensembles from our area are invited to apply to participate in this master class and all students are invited to attend. The Duo will be performing the following evening with the Manassas Symphony Orchestra in the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas.

