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President's Prose

Dear Members,

I hope the holiday season has brought everything you had wished for. The holidays are a wonderful time to reunite with family and friends and make time for some beautiful music. There are many things to discuss in this letter, but I would like to begin with the sad news of the death of Esther Owen. She was a member of Thursday Morning Music Club and Chairman of VFMC Music Outreach. She has been actively involved in the federation and attended the District I meeting in November. More information may be found on the VFMC Web site. I am sure her family would appreciate receiving cards or letters.



As many of you already know, the Southeastern Federation Weekend which was scheduled to be held July 12 & 13, 2013 in Brevard, North Carolina has been rescheduled. The meeting will be held during the NFMC Convention in Greenville, South Carolina. Next year the Southeastern Federation Weekend will be held in Brevard July 11 & 12, 2014. Virginia will host the weekend.

The Virginia Federation of Music Clubs Annual Convention will be held May 15 – 18, 2013 at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia. We will be welcoming the 2011 Young Artist Winner – Maria McDaniel – to perform after the Saturday evening Banquet. All newly elected officers should plan to be present for a special Installation of Officers at the Banquet. NFMC First Vice President of the Southeastern Region, Barbara Hildebrand, will be our National Guest and of course you, the members, are invited to participate in the programs and activities planned by District III. The Friday Awards Luncheon is always a highlight of the convention as each club receives recognition for their participation in federation activities. Saturday morning everyone is welcome to hear the winners of the VFMC Mary Smart Competition. The Finals will be held Saturday morning followed by a concert of the winners. Of course, there will be more activities and programs. Please check the VFMC web site often for updates and for the Official Call and hotel information.

The NFMC Convention will be held in beautiful Greenville, South Carolina June 25 – 29 and this year the Young Artist Competition is scheduled. It is always a treat to sit in on this competition and of course to hear the winners perform during the convention. More information will be available on the NFMC web site and in Music Club Magazine. Club Presidents, VFMC Officers and VFMC Committee Chairmen should check the web site frequently for updated information. I am going to start posting a letter at the beginning of the month with current information from NFMC and VFMC. In the past, I have been sending the letter to District Directors, but I would like to utilize the web site more. This will be under the title "Current Events". I appreciate everyone's feedback regarding the web site and hope that you will keep the comments current and let me know if there are any corrections necessary.

Wishing all of you a happy and music filled 2013!

Sincerely,
Marcia B. Chaplin, President
Virginia Federation of Music Clubs



VFMC Positions Available

VFMC needs your help to fill the positions of :

**Music Outreach Chairman
International Music Relations Chairman
Dance Chairman**

Please contact Marcia Chaplin for more information if you are interested in being a more involved member of your federation.

Marciachaplin2@gmail.com 703-281-5342

Cookbook Recipes Needed for Scholarship

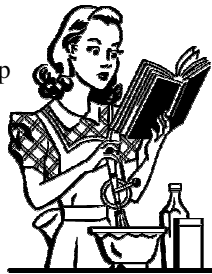
The Southeastern Region is creating a cookbook to be sold at the NFMC Convention this year. The proceeds will go towards a Scholarship Fund for students attending Brevard Music Camp. Please read the instructions and email entries to Marcia Chaplin - marciachaplin2@gmail.com. Deadline is March 31, 2013.

MENU SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Type out your favorite menu in a Word Document, if possible. Handwritten menus will be accepted and printed in the cookbook that way.
2. Included in your menu should be a brief history of why this menu is so special....followed by the recipes....you may want to give insight as to why this recipe is different and the secret ingredients that make it special and good. We are after an heirloom, quality and keepsake cookbook!! Please give your best to this project.
3. Listed below are the categories you can enter:
 1. HERD MENUS (FAMILY FAVORITES)
 2. DOE BRUNCHES, LUNCHEONS, & TEAS
 3. STAG MENUS
 4. FAWN MENUS
 5. HOLIDAY MENUS
 6. SEA TO SHINING SEA MENUS

I think the above categories are self-explanatory...#6 Category is open to our friends in other regions who would like to contribute to our project....please encourage your friends from other regions to submit. Please try to proofread all recipe.

Good luck and thank you all....it is up to you to make this cookbook good!
- Marcia Chaplin, State Chairman



Orientation and Leadership

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas spending time with family and friends! Now that the tree and decorations are put away, there is VFMC reports to get ready. 2011~2012 was the least amount of clubs reporting for Orientation and Leadership. Only two clubs sent a report. You have shared with your club members and guest leadership responsibilities, goals for your club and fundraising for scholarships. Please send your report in by April 15, 2013. That date will be here before you know it! Thank you for taking the time to get all your reports completed. See you in Norfolk ~ May 15-18 at our VFMC convention.
Faith Ewell Gutierrez, Chairman

Celebrate National Music Week

I would like to encourage you to plan an event or several events during National Music Week May 5-12, 2013. The theme is: "The Colors of Life." If you plan now it will be easy to prepare and publicize the event. You may highlight your local students in a recital or invite a local school to perform. Invite a few professional musicians to give a recital or possibly have a church choir perform. There are as many ways to celebrate as there are ideas. The publicity you receive from having these events is great for your club. The public becomes aware of who you are and what you do. There is ample information on the NFMC website. There is a booklet with detailed information about how and what to do. There are posters and color pages for children, etc. to get you started. If you plan now, I promise it is not difficult to celebrate National Music Week. You will be glad you made the effort and you will want to start a tradition with your club. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to call me at 540 563-4782. I will be glad to help.

"Sing"cerely yours,

Judy Barger Edgell, State Chairman.

Let's Make Sure Our Numbers Are Correct

Life Membership of the VFMC and the NFMC is just one type of Individual Membership. Cradle Roll, Junior, Student and Senior Individual Membership make up the other categories. We are proud of our Individual Members and thank them for their continued support.

For Life Members the first year of the *Music Clubs Magazine* is included in the \$200 dues. After that the VFMC picks up the tab. To make sure that all our Life Members are receiving their *MCM* their names must be submitted to the VFMC Treasurer when Senior Club dues are remitted. Did your Senior Club include these names? Please check and make sure this is done each year.

Once again this chairman is issuing a challenge to all Senior Clubs. The one reporting the most NEW Life Memberships between the 2012 and the 2013 VFMC Convention will receive an award in the amount of \$75.00. (If there is a tie – both Senior Clubs will receive the same award.)

Get busy and let your members know about Life Membership. NFMC and VFMC wins and your Senior Club could win.

Linda D. Lind
Individual Membership Chairman

Nancy Hoback Milne Citation

It is time to think about your nomination for the VFMC Nancy Hoback Milne Citation for Distinguished Service. This years nominee needs to be a member from District III, our VFMC Convention host. Please fill out the appropriate forms: NHM-1 (2009) and NHM-2 (2009) and send them to the Chairman: Susan Tury, 900 Aldrich Place, Woodbridge, VA 22191 or email to stury@earthlink.net. Any member of VFMC may nominate a member of District III for this citation. The Citation Committee will chose one person from the nominees submitted to receive the 2013 Nancy Hoback Milne Citation for Distinguished Service. All nominees must be submitted no later than April 30, 2013.

Susan Tury, Chairman



Founders Day

Club Reports are due this State Chair by MARCH 15th. Reports have been received from Rappahannock Music Society, Scherzo, Springfield, and Woodbridge clubs. Beaucoup thanks to them! All other clubs - please send yours in ASAP!!!!

Agnes Downie

Bylaws

If anyone has any suggestion or idea on amending a Bylaw, please send a memo to the Chair of Bylaws Committee (yours truly). The Committee will study it carefully and determine whether to proceed to a vote.

Agnes Downie



Sunshine Corner



Esther Owen, VFMC Music Outreach Chair, died December 3, 2012, doing what she loved....at nearly 95 years young, she had flown to Berlin, Germany with her daughter, on a pleasure trip. Esther has served the VFMC for several years – and in 1972, was elected Director of VFMC District IV. She became a Life Member in 1998. She was awarded the VFMC Nancy Hoback Milne Citation award at the State Convention in 2009 and currently served as VFMC Music Outreach Chairman.

She was from New York originally, but husband Neil (with General Electric) was transferred to Roanoke in the 60's. Esther joined the Thursday Morning Music Club and in 1963 was elected Second Vice President and supervised the Student Club. She was elected President of Thursday Morning Music Club, 1967 – 1969.

Esther possessed a lovely voice and sang in her church choir, the TMMC Chorus, and many outreach programs. She remained active in both the Thursday Morning Club as a Board member, and in her choir and chorus, until her death. She is most certainly singing in the Celestial Choir now --- we shall miss her!!

Mary Smart Scholarship Competition

ATTENTION AREA FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN -

All information regarding the Mary Smart Preliminary Competition can be found on the VFMC Web Site under Club Presidents's Information/ VFMC Handbook. You will find the Application, Information and list of awards. Please download the Application and Information and give it to all teachers with students entering the Federation Festival. It is important that this application be used rather than an older one. If you have any question or are not able to download the application and information, please contact Pat Boots, VFMC Chairman at fredboots@verizon.net or (703-370-4648) .

The finals will be held on May 18 on the last day of the VFMC annual convention in Norfolk.

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