Happy Spring! The seasonal music of the holidays has filled the air and the music performed by our student musicians at the area Festivals has taken place.

Everyone has been busy promoting the mission of the Federation and the people of Florida have had their lives enriched because of the mighty efforts of all of you. It takes a lot of time and dedication from the teachers, chairs, committees, and Senior Clubs to achieve all that has been accomplished. I am so very grateful and proud of you. We are keeping live music and the study of music going strong and the world is a better place because of it.

Emi Stefanov and her committee have been working tirelessly organizing the FFMC Junior Convention that will be held May 5 and 6 at USF in Tampa. Sarasota Music Club and Gulf Coast Music Club are working on our state convention that will be held June 22-24 in Sarasota. We are so excited that Dr. George Keck and Dr. Ouida Keck will be our guests from NFMC. Dr. George Keck will give a wonderful presentation on the history of NFMC and Lisa Smith will give a wonderful presentation on the history of FFMC. We are also being invited on Saturday evening for a marvelous time with food and music at a Sarasota Music Club member’s home. You don’t want to miss this very special event. The convention hotel, the Carlisle Inn, is lovely and the adjoining restaurant, Der Dutchman, has the most delicious food and homemade desserts! We hope to have a large attendance as we Celebrate our Roots! Please mark your calendars.

The NFMC Convention will be held June 13-17 in Norfolk, VA. The information is on the NFMC website.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Junior Convention and at our state convention.

Many wishes for a delightful spring and summer filled with happy times and lots of music.

Musically yours,
Claudia Brill

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BAY RIDGE DISTRICT NEWS
Margaret Prosser, Friday Morning Musicale

The Tampa Chapter of the FFMC has been gaining speed these last few months as we emerge from the pandemic. Our live performances on Friday have resumed on a limited basis. A large crowd attended our December show with the audience closing out the event singing Christmas carols with the performers.

On January 29th, we held our Founders Day Observance and Silver Tea. Donations from this event were generous and helped replenish our Scholarship fund. Soloist Ashley Thunder sang a medley of songs from opera to ragtime and Sungkyeong Kim interlaced this with solo piano pieces on our new Steinway Grand piano.

Restoration of our 96 year old building continues, maintaining the original Mediterranean style architecture.

The Junior Club was able to continue their recitals these last 2 years following strict pandemic protocol. Several high school seniors are vying for the Scholarship this year. The winner will be highlighted in the next edition of Sharps and Flats.

One of our most rewarding endeavors has been our ability to attract new members. Our monthly board meetings have focused on innovative ways to meet these challenges and it is paying off. Attracting younger members has added new energy to the club and given us an optimistic approach for the future.

As always, we continue to provide quality entertainment to the public as well as supporting these budding musicians in our community.
Choctaw Bay’s first event of the year was the Sonatina Spectacular. It was held on Saturday, October 29, 2022 in the Tyler Recital Hall at Northwest Florida State College. There were 64 entries from 9 teachers. (53 live and 11 virtual)

The annual Student Showcase, which is an opportunity for students to perform a Festival piece, was held Saturday, January 29 at Crosspoint Church in Niceville with 10 students participating.

The Choctaw Bay Music Club Opera Brunch fundraiser was held Saturday, February 18 at Crosspoint Church in Niceville. This is the first time in two years that the club has been able to host this popular event, and we were able to raise almost $2,000 for student scholarships. Artists in Residence from the Pensacola Opera provided a wonderful program of excerpts from their upcoming opera – Carrousel. As a special treat, Choctaw Bay’s entrant and winner of last year’s FFMC Collegiate Vocal Competition, Cecilia Malley, attended and also presented a spectacular short program. Cecilia is planning to study in Italy this summer, and the club presented her with a check to assist with expenses. We were also honored to be joined by Connie and Bill Lill as special guests. Many thanks to Connie for continuing to chair this most worthwhile statewide event and showing such interest in these young artists! Also, thanks to CBMC member Fred Semasko and his wife Annette for being such generous benefactors of our scholarship programs! As in past years, we had many wonderful prizes for our raffle drawings, and everyone had a delightful time!

On Saturday, February 25 Capital District held its annual Festival in the Arts Wing of Northwest Florida State College. We had 205 students participating in 360 events, including 5 from Alabama. Virtual performances were submitted from France, Bangladesh, Brooklyn, Tennessee, and Maine.

On Sunday, April 23 Choctaw Bay Music Club will host its annual Piano Duo Program at Tyler Recital Hall at Northwest Florida State College, featuring several of the club’s pianists in an afternoon of enjoyable piano duos. On Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m. CBMC will be hosting the Student Scholarship and Awards Recital. All Collegiate Scholarship winners, Senior Award recipients, and some Band Camp Scholarship recipients will be performing in the Tyler Recital Hall at Northwest Florida State College.

NFMC FEDERATION FESTIVALS BULLETIN

JULY 2020-JUNE 2024

TEACHERS - please continue to use the current repertoire list, valid through June 30, 2024. For the 2025 festival, make plans to order the “new” NFMC Festivals Bulletin, available NEXT Summer. As always, check the latest FFMC Junior Procedures Manual for the “division” of Junior Concerto II and III into A and B.

For the JPM, locate the link on our website: https://www.ffmc-music.org/about-us
LAKE DISTRICT NEWS
Lisa Moore, District President

We welcomed Claudia Brill as guest speaker at our fall meeting in Orlando. She talked about the importance of belonging to the NFMC and FFMC and mentioned some important events in the history of the Federation. She encouraged members of the Lake District to advertise NFMC scholarship awards to local college music teachers. She shared news of the launch of the FFMC Outreach Project. She encouraged all to attend the 103rd Convention to be held in Sarasota - June 22-24, 2023.

A successful year for all four Lake District festival areas, thanks to our tireless festival chairs. Registration was “smooth sailing” for all, thanks to Vivace, NFMC Festivals Online Management System. Many of our JUNIORS are looking forward to the FFMC Junior Convention to be held in Tampa, at the University of South Florida. Best of luck!!

In March, Lake District offered a Piano Master Class at Steinway Piano Galleries in Altamonte Springs featuring Dr. Yun-Ling Hsu as our Artist Teacher. The students of all ages enjoyed the opportunity to perform. Dr. Hsu offered insightful practice suggestions. (Photo right) We are also planning a Strings Master Class. If you would like to be added to the email notification list, please get in touch: lisa.moore@ffmc-music.org

Lake Altamonte Festival wraps up their busy festival year with nearly 600 events. Most hearty CONGRATULATIONS to Catherine Du and Hannah Shen (pictured left) who each earned the prestigious NFMC President Cup in Piano Solo. Each student also earned a 13-year Consecutive Superior Certificate. They both take piano with Zalina Gurevich. Isabelle Tseng has earned the President Cup and a 14-year certificate for Violin Solo, teacher Rimma Bergeron-Langlois. Safin Shabir Karim earned his 12-year Consecutive Superior and 60 point cup in Piano Solo. He studies piano and voice with Victoria Schultz.

And, drum roll, please! HONOR LIST: 60-point cups

Clara Barr Piano Solo / teacher Connie Millberg
Abbygail Caliboso Piano Solo / teacher Carol Hallberg
William Guan Violin Solo / teacher Rimma Bergeron-Langlois
Patrick Ouano Piano Solo / teacher Nanette Kaufmann
Nathan Wu in Piano Solo, teacher / Zalina Gurevich

Musical performances featured Safin Karim (pictured on right), NFMC Martha Marcks Vocal Competition winner, Jonathan Wang on piano, and a violin duet by Ethan Minsel with teacher Christina Gant, OMC Vice President.
East Coast Music Club - - - Report / Brevard 2023 Festival
Submitted by Tim Murphy

Our Festival was held on February 4, 2023 in Melbourne. There were 237 entries in 12 events representing 15 clubs, and the events included piano, voice, guitar, strings, woodwinds, and theory. A total of 27 15-point cups, 6 30-point cups, and 9 45-point cups were earned. A few of our teachers will have students participating in the FFMC Junior Convention in Tampa on May 5-6, 2023.

Lake-Brevard used the NFMC Vivace Festivals system for the first time this year. All of our teachers found it to be user-friendly, and we had a successful festival.

Our 2024 festival planning meeting will be in late August.

LAKE CENTRAL - HONOR ROLL - Two 60 point cups!

Anna Haralampiev in Piano Solo, teacher: Anne Jueng; and Amy Hong in Piano Solo, teacher: Priscilla Heffield;

LAKE MARTIN COUNTY - HONOR ROLL

Alexa Soriano earned a 60pt cup in Vocal Solo/Musical Theater. Her teacher (and proud Mom) is Maribel Soriano.

ORLANDO MUSIC CLUB
Elaine Knight, President

The Orlando Music Club held a grand Founders Day event in January at First Baptist Church of Sweetwater in Longwood: Celebrating NFMC 125 Years! Our honored guests included Claudia Brill, FFMC State President who spoke on “Highlights of NFMC History” and Cheryl Poe, who led the NFMC Collect. Christina Gant, FFMC Vice President, served as our emcee, who introduced each of our wonderful student performers: piano and strings. Selections include Vandall’s Lady Allyson’s Minuet, Liebesträume by F. Liszt, and Chopin Etude op. 10 No. 8 in F Major. Light refreshments followed. Thanks to Publix for providing a colorful sheet cake.

For our students with an interest in performance, two competitions are planned for the Spring. Our Strings Award Auditions Event was held on Saturday, March 25. A great success! The string judges were quite impressed with the caliber of the student performances! Our Piano Award Auditions is set for Sunday, April 16. We are thankful to Christina Gant, chair, for organizing the annual endeavors. Those students with a bit of creativity may wish to enter the OmniHarmoni Composition Contest, chaired by Christine Peterson. Deadline: April 10, 2023.
The Harmony Music Club was happy to sponsor 3 voice students in the FFMC Collegiate Vocal Competition held January 28th at the Historic Thomas Center, Gainesville. They are Nicholas Dieux, a sophomore/baritone at Stetson University who won second place in the male division along with Jackeline Petichakis a freshman/soprano at FSU who won second place in the female division. Kristopher Stam, a freshman/tenor at FSU won third place in the male division. Both he and his father are graduates of Boles School. All three students are performance majors. Nicholas Dieux invited Connie and Bill Lill to attend Stetson Opera/Theatre performance of “The Cunning Little Vixen” (considered the Wildest Opera of the 20th Century). Nicholas played the lead role of the Forester. This was his first major role. What a grand performance which included a 55 piece Stetson Orchestra.

We just finished our 2023 Saint Johns Festival, February 24-25th at the Baptist Church and the Presbyterian Church in Downtown Jacksonville. Ludi Mocke and Vickie Stake with Debra and Duane Carter were at the helm along with Susan Reed. We had a second festival site in Palm Cove on Saturday, February 18th. Linda Markey is the coordinator along with Duane Carter. We are getting ready for the Greater Jax Piano Festival.

SEMINOLE DISTRICT / Sarasota Music Club
Submitted by Janet Jackson and Mary Webb

This year the Sarasota Music Club is holding its musical programs in person in First Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. In addition to being easily accessible to downtown Sarasota, the church offers good acoustics and ample parking. All of our programs are free and open to the public, and we have been pleased to have a large, enthusiastic crowd at each program.

Our Communications Director, Susan Hicks, manages a website for our club that keeps not only members but also the general public aware of our programs and activities. This outreach has helped a great deal in enlarging our audience number each month. Our programs are also promoted through the club’s Facebook page.

Program Chair Barbara Chertok has arranged for outstanding musical talent for each month. We started the year with a beautiful concert by soprano Joanna Fincher, followed the next month by a concert featuring Rick Aaron, flutist, and Lee Dougherty Ross, pianist.

We were honored to sponsor a young baritone, Andrew Kapsar, in the FFMC Collegiate Voice Competition in 2022. He was declared a winner in the men’s division and we heard for ourselves his winning voice and personality as he performed a beautiful holiday program for us in December! (We also sponsored a young lady, Claire Goodwin, in the competition in January of 2023, and we look forward to hearing her at the FFMC convention in Sarasota in June!)

January brought us a program by an extremely talented and vibrant violinist, Margot Zarzycha, followed in February by a departure from classical music to one of “Songs of the Jazz Age, Broadway and More”. This was presented by vocalist Jane Delaney and her husband, Bart Delaney, guitarist.

Our club, in collaboration with the outstanding Sarasota music organization Artist Series Concerts, conducts a student competition yearly to award cash prizes to talented 10th, 11th and 12th grade musicians. Luca Stine, a two-time Suncoast Music Scholarship winner, will be performing with his jazz trio on March 17th.

The scholarship auditions will be held in April of this year, and winners will be performing in concert at the church on May 13, with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. We always look forward to hearing talented young people!

And last, but certainly not least, we are looking forward to seeing YOU in Sarasota June 22-24 at which time Seminole District will be hosting the FFMC State Convention. You’ll be hearing more about this event from Claudia and Cheryl, and we hope many of you will travel here and enjoy Sarasota’s hospitality, beaches, and, of course, excellent music.
The Historic Thomas Center in Gainesville was the site of the 2023 FFMC Collegiate Vocal Competition. FPM Board members hosted the event and provided a “Southern Style” catered luncheon for participants and guests on January 28, 2023.

Events sponsored by FPM and held at the Historic Thomas Center:
- November 20, 2022 – Stellar Student “Piano Honors Recital”
- The Suwannee District and FPM members continue to actively support musicians of all ages in our community. FPM Teachers devote countless hours training and encouraging their students. More than 657 young musicians participated in the recent Gainesville Area Festivals that were held in February.
- February, 2023 – Scholarship Award Auditions honoring (Sarah B. Fouse, Dorothy Reaves, Betsy Schnell & William Dishman)
- February 26, 2023 – Early American Folk Music Concert … featuring Laurie Alsobrook, dulcimer, Eli Tragash, fiddle, and Virginia Carr, guitar.
- April 2, 2023 – Recognition of FPM Musician of the Year and Awards Recital featuring winners of the Fouse, Reaves, Dishman and Schnell Auditions.

In addition to the above-mentioned recitals and projects, FPM expanded its efforts to promote musical education for underserved students in our community. FPM applied for and was awarded an FFMC Outreach Grant of $1,000.00. FPM matched the grant which made it possible to offer group piano lessons to elementary students in the after-school program at Caring and Sharing Learning School in Gainesville. It is a joy to see the enthusiastic sparkle in the eyes of these children as they learn to make music on the piano!

NEW FFMC JUNIOR CONVENTION ENDOWED AWARD:

Wanda Louie and her husband, Michael Martinez, have permanently endowed a new FFMC State Junior Convention Award in honor of Wanda's parents Kong and Jean Louie who passed away this last year. Wanda is an active, devoted member of FFMC: Financial Secretary, Federation Cup Chair, Suwannee District Treasurer, Gainesville Area Festival Chair to mention a few positions held by her. In 2010, she was selected as “FFMC Member of the Year.”

The winner of Piano Solo Very Difficult I at the Junior Conventions will receive the Kong and Jean Louie Memorial Award of $200.00.
HAPPY WINNERS 2023:
Jabari Lewis and Claire Goodwin – First Prize Winners

What a grand group of talented singers!!

Our Annual FFMC Collegiate Vocal Competition took place on Saturday, January 28th, 2023 at the Historic Thomas Center in Gainesville, Florida sponsored by the Foundation for the Promotion of Music of Gainesville. Cheryl Poe, Linda Blessing, Suzanne Carpenter, and Wanda Louie set up the luncheon-High Tea – “Southern Style.” Last Year's first place winners, Cecilia Malley and Andrew Kapsar sang a concert before awarding this year's winners, Claire Goodwin, FSU soprano sponsored by Sarasota Music Club – Janet Jackson President and Jabari Lewis, FSU tenor sponsored by Hollywood Music Club – Robert Coopman President. Phil LeGrand and Ted Urquhart (Choctaw Bay Music Club) were in attendance, but were quickly put to work with photography duties, etc. while cheering on their candidate.

Second Place winners were Jackeline Petichakis, FSU soprano sponsored by the Harmony Music Club and Nicholas Dieux, Stetson University baritone also sponsored by the Harmony Music Club of Jacksonville – Connie Lill, President. Third Place winners were Shayna Singer, FSU soprano sponsored by Choctaw Bay Music Club – Loretta Hake, President and Kristopher Stam, FSU tenor sponsored by Harmony Music Club.

Many thanks to the Friday Morning Musical of Tampa – Margaret Prosser, President and Lynda Goetz And to FPM for sponsoring candidates as well.

As for 2024, FPM has offered to secure the historic Thomas Center. Now is the time to include sponsorship of a vocal candidate in your budget. Contact Connie Lill, Chairman, for information: (561) 703-7333 or connielill@cltuttle.com

Vivace - NFMC Festivals Management
FFMC Festival Chair Esther Umansky-Roth

This year, we are seeing an impressive number of Festival participation throughout all of Florida. Our Festival Area Chairs are hard at work, either running their local Festival or wrapping up their End-Of-Year reports. Even though the majority of Florida's Festivals offered in-person evaluations, some locations opted for a hybrid model by using virtual platforms, such as Zoom and Skype, for those who could not attend in-person. We are lucky to have these tools at our disposal, so that more students have the chance to participate, earn points and benefit from Festival evaluations!

Distance is no longer an issue with Vivace! Students who study virtually with out-of-state teachers are able to enter their nearest Festival location with the help of Vivace. Teachers simply enter their local Festival as they normally would, and let their Area Chair know that they teach out-of-state students. The Area Chair submits the student's rating sheet and any necessary funding to the Festival site nearest the student. The point history and records remain in Vivace!

As Festivals are wrapping up, a quick reminder to all teachers: if your student earns a Superior rating at their local Festival, they qualify to enter the State Junior Convention (a state-wide competition!) where they compete for trophies, ribbons and even monetary awards! Keep an eye out for important updates by visiting FFMC's website.
NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK ESSAY

Amy Duncan, FFMC Chair

The theme for the 2022 - 2023 FFMC Essay Contests was “Music ...is a Worldwide Adventure”.

We had 12 juniors submit essays for the FFMC Essay Contest, representing four teachers from across our state.

7th – 8th Grade

The 1st place winner was Titus Phillips of Winter Garden (Teacher: Amy Duncan).

The 2nd place winner was Jackson Cowart of Milton (Teacher: Edward Varela).

9th – 12th Grade

The 1st place winner was Myah Beck of Cocoa (Teacher: Balina Smith).

The 2nd place winner was Christopher Dunham of Pensacola (Teacher: Edward Varela).

ESSAY AWARDS: 1st place winners will be awarded $150.00. 2nd place winners will be awarded $100.00.

Please remember to encourage your juniors to enter the essay contests next fall! The contest is open to students in grades 7 through 12. Membership is required for the FFMC Essay competition. The 2024 theme will be announced on the FFMC webpage: ffmc-music.org/essay-contest

FFMC Junior Composition Contest
Submitted by Lisa Moore, Chair

FFMC received fourteen compositions for its annual composition contest. Applications were uploaded via the NFMC website along with the music score and the mp3 recording along with the entry fee of $30.00. Some students added $6 more to earn gold cup points. The judging panel was very impressed with the entries. The judges provided each of the applicants with specific feedback, addressing aspects such as originality, expressivity, and idiomatic writing (35%); formal structure (20%); melody, harmony, and rhythm (25%); and notation (20%). Visit: ffmc-music.org/junior-composers-contest

Congratulations to all of our 2023 Junior Composers for their creative efforts!

Class 1  First Place - William Wang - $100  Second Place - Emilia Freeman - $50
Class 2  First Place - Nicholas Beh - $200  Second Place - Andrew Irwin - $150
Class 3  First Place - Vito Geraci - $400  Second Place - Tiffany Beh - $250
Class 4  First Place - Yangying Jiang - $500  Second Place - William Thomas - $350

Honorable Mentions:
Class 2: Caroline Smith and Ethan Stillwell
Class 3: Eren Kirli, Anshita Sahu, and Matheus Valle
Class 4: Henry L. Swenson
Nominations: 2023 FFMC Member of the Year - To be Announced!

Each year FFMC recognizes one of our exemplary members at our State Convention in the spring. We know that hundreds of our members go above and beyond the “volunteer” call of duty to keep our Federation active and thriving. The state and district presidents have voted on the nominations that are submitted. Hmmm. Who will be the recipient of the prestigious award this year? A commemorative plaque will be presented at the 2023 FFMC State Convention in Sarasota June 22-24 to the worthy honoree.

Criteria for Nominations and Consideration:
- Locally – has served on committees, as an officer, teacher, etc.
- District Level – has served as chair of various committees
- State Level – has served as chair of various committees
- National Level – has attended and participated in NFMC conferences

SAVE THE DATE!
OFFICIAL CALL
FFMC 103rd Spring Convention
Celebrating Our Roots
Featuring NFMC Dignitaries: Dr. George Keck and Dr. Ouida Keck
June 22-24, 2023 – Sarasota, Florida

Local Hosts:
Seminole District – Sarasota Music Club & Gulf Coast Music Club

For activity and meal reservations; and voting credentials please visit ffmc-music.org after April 1, 2023
FFMC 103rd STATE CONVENTION  
June 22, 23, 24, 2023  
REGISTRATION & MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Make check payable to: FFMC  
Complete this form and send along with amount due to:  
John Fischer, Registrar, 7459 Cabbage Palm Court, Sarasota, FL 34241  
Receipt of registration will be acknowledged via email.

Name _____________________________________________________________________
Address ___________________________________________________________________
Preferred Phone #:__________________ Email: ___________________________________
Club Name Title(s) for Badge ________________________________________________

Room Reservation: CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY. Carlisle Inn, Sarasota.  
844-369-2275, 3727 Bahia Vista Street - carlisleinns.com. Indicate group rate ($139) for Florida  
Federation of Music Clubs. Cutoff Date for group rate May 21, 2023  
Complimentary Breakfast for all registered guests during your stay.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: due by June 1, 2023 $50 _____________
Late Fee after June 10, 2023 + $10 _____________
Students attending day events: $5.00 per student $ _____________
List Names ______________________________________________

MEAL RESERVATIONS:  
(Vegetarian options available on buffet.)  
Friday, June 23 - Buffet Luncheon at Der Dutchman $25 _____________  
Friday, June 23 - Family Style Dinner at Der Dutchman $30 _____________  
(Request Vegetarian Option______)  
Saturday, June 24 - Buffet Luncheon at Der Dutchman $25 _____________

TICKET(S) for Friday Evening Concert (FREE with registration)  
Add’l guests: ($15 x # of Tickets__) $ _________

SATURDAY EVENING - DINNER & MUSICAL SOIREE:  
Hosted at the home of John Fischer & James Weisenborne  
7459 Cabbage Palm Court, Sarasota. Musical Entertainment,  
Gourmet Food & Wine. $30 _____________  
Guests: ($30 x # of Tickets____) $ _________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $_______________

VOTING DELEGATE? CLASSIFICATION (CHECK ONLY ONE)  
____ FFMC Executive Committee  
____ FFMC Board of Directors  
____ FFMC Life Member  
____ Club Delegate  
____ Junior Counselor  
____ Individual Member

Please check if you are______Florida Fellow ______FFMC Past President
Lisa Smith, Chair of the FFMC Nominating Committee, is pleased to announce the candidates willing to serve on our 2023-2025 FFMC Executive Committee:

**PRESIDENT:** Claudia Brill  
**VICE PRESIDENT,** Christina Gant  
**RECORDING SECRETARY,** Philip LeGrand  
**TREASURER,** Suzanne Carpenter

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**LET'S MEET YOUR CANDIDATES:**

Claudia Brill, PRESIDENT  
President of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs 2021-2023  
President of the Senior Club, Foundation for the Promotion of Music, Inc. in Gainesville, 2006-2009  
Suwannee District President 2009-2021  
Secretary/Treasurer of FPM 2012 to present.  
Hospitality committee for NFMC Convention in Jacksonville 2019  
Host District Chairman for FFMC Convention in Ocala in 2009  
Suwannee District President for 2016 FFMC Convention in Gainesville  
Serves on FFMC Collegiate Vocal Competition committee.  
Served on FFMC Junior Convention committee for cancelled 2020 meeting.  
Served on FFMC Junior Convention committee for virtual 2021 meeting.  
FFMC Junior Convention Co-Chair 2022  
Established Sarah Baird Fouse Woodwind Award for FPM Senior Club 2010  
Established William Dishman Brass Award in 2019 for FPM Senior Club  
Past president of the Gainesville Community Band. Currently serves as secretary.  
Past president of the Florida Flute Club at Gainesville  
Member of the Gainesville Community Band, Gainesville Pops, Gainesville Flute Ensemble, Space Coast Flute Orchestra, Florida Flute Orchestra, International Flute Orchestra, and Metropolitan Flute Orchestra in summer residence at New England Conservatory.  
Has toured with the International and Metropolitan Flute Orchestras to Belgium, the Netherlands, Iceland, Germany, Austria, Northern Ireland, Italy, Sicily, Malta, Portugal, Russia, Latvia, Estonia, Spain, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Turkey, Greece, Chile, Croatia, Slovenia, Slovakia, and Japan.  
Serves as a Core Leader for the Life Teen youth ministry at Queen of Peace Catholic Community.  
Serves as a co-leader of Seeking Hearts Bible Study, a nondenominational study for women.
Christina Gant, VICE PRESIDENT

Violinist, and Educator. 35 years, a specialist in the Suzuki method and traditional Violin training.
Bachelor of Music degree, violin performance, from the New England Conservatory in Boston.
Master of Music degree in performance from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.
Studied the Suzuki Method under long term teacher training with Kay Slone, Katherine Wood, and Anastasia Jempelis.
Member Orlando Philharmonic, Walt Disney World Epcot Orchestra and Rollins College Bach Festival orchestra

Philip J. LeGrand - RECORDING SECRETARY

Currently
- Serving as FFMC Recording Secretary
- Currently serving as Treasurer of Capital District, FFMC and the Choctaw Bay Music Club.
- Organized financial records and produced an accurate report after several years of incomplete information.
- Active member of the local club, sending out information about the meetings to members, organizing the setup and refreshments for meetings.
- Co-chair for Federation Festival since 2015
- In the past assisted Festival Chairman in organizing the annual Festival by providing lunch for the workers and judges and “anything else” that needs to be done to make the event successful.

Musical Experience:

Enjoy listening to good music, especially when performed by young musicians.

Previous Positions:

- Served 27 years in Air Force Civil Engineering with assignments at all levels of command.
- Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.
- Retired after 20 years with a Florida based engineering firm

Education:

BS Electrical Engineering, University of Cincinnati
MS Computer Information Systems, Boston University
Suzanne Lapham Carpenter, TREASURER

Professional Experience:
- Private Piano Teacher, 1976-2021
- Elementary School Teacher, 1966-1967
- Bookkeeper, 1959-1962

Professional Organizations and Positions:
- National Federation of Music Clubs, 1976-
  Life Member since 2001
- Board of Directors 2009-2022

Florida Federation of Music Clubs, 1976-
- State Junior Festivals Chairman, 2003-2005
- Treasurer, 1999-2003; 2005-
- Member of the Year, 2002
- Charter Florida Fellow, 2001
- Financial Secretary, 1993-1999, 2022-

Suwannee District:
- Foundation for the Promotion of Music 1977-
- Named Musician of the year 2008
- Gainesville Festival Chairman, 2002-2020
- Gainesville Area Gold Cup Chairman, 1980-1999
- Riverland Music Club, 2000-2007
- Music Teachers National Association, 1978-2020
- Florida State Music Teachers’ Assoc., 1978-2020
- Secretary/Treasurer, FSMTA Conference 1998
- Gainesville Music Teachers’ Association

Educational Background:
- Master of Fine Arts, University of Florida
  Major: Music History and Literature
- Bachelor of Science, University of Wisconsin
  Major: Elementary Education, Minor: Music

Personal Information:
- Widow
- Three children:
  - Dr. Malinda J. Carpenter (St. Andrews, Scotland)
  - Nicole Carpenter Owens (Atlanta, Georgia)
  - Ronald H. Carpenter Jr. (Tampa, Florida)
FFMC Chaplain, Dr. Jerome Lowe, will offer the Memorial Thanks-Giving Service at our FFMC State Convention on Saturday, June 24 at the Carlisle Inn, Tampa, Florida. Please send information to: jlerome777@yahoo.com with copy to Cheryl Poe ffmc1917@gmail.com

So that Dr. Lowe will have correct information about our FFMC members who have passed between June 2022 and June 2023, please include the following:

- Full Name of deceased member
- District and/or senior club affiliation
- A brief paragraph about the person
  - - - their participation and service in FFMC.

If preferred, you can mail the information to: Dr. Lowe, 2843 Buffalo Run Drive, Gibsonton, FL  33534

NFMC - 125th Year Celebration

The big celebration is underway! CONGRATULATIONS!

Be on the lookout for special commemorative pins, luggage tags and stickers with the 125th logo available for purchase from National. These could be great ideas for SPRING RECITALS and as convention favors!

Thank you for the enthusiastic response to our Celebration logo. We’re thrilled to have a symbol to mark this milestone. We are also welcoming talented Juniors to submit cover art highlighting our 125th and our dates 1898-2023 to be displayed on upcoming Junior Keynotes. Although our Spring issue has a February 1st deadline – we’d love to get them as soon as you can.

In honor of this landmark, we’re asking every Junior, Student and Senior member to donate $1.25 toward our 125th Anniversary. Any remaining funds will be donated to the Fund for the Advancement of Musical Arts (FAMA). Clubs should collect donations and send a check to NFMC headquarters or upload funds to the NFMC website. Please indicate 125th Celebration on all checks. Sponsorship donations received by May 1st will be listed in the NFMC Convention program booklet in Norfolk, Va, but all donations will be accepted through the 2024 Conference. Senior Clubs should collect donations and send a check to NFMC headquarters or upload funds to the NFMC website. Please indicate 125th Celebration on all checks.

In honor of our 125th Celebration NFMC is offering an Invocation Competition. Download Form AD 1-5 from the NFMC website for further information or contact Julie Watson for questions or concerns. (Refer to AD 1-5.) We want to give our members (any age!) a chance to create our next Invocation in honor of this Celebration. The entry deadline is November 1st and the winner gets a $125 award. Eligibility: All current Junior, Student/Collegiate, Senior members of NFMC. If not currently a member, visit nfmc-music.org/payment to pay the required dues.

We will be giving special recognition to those who choose to be 125th Celebration Sponsors by donating $125. Donations received by May 1st will be listed in the NFMC Convention program booklet in Norfolk, VA, but all donations will be accepted through the 2024 Conference.

We hope you will join us in celebrating this anniversary!

Visit the NFMC website for more information: nfmc-music.org
Anne Pray fell in love with piano as a young girl, and continued learning through her school years, entering competitions, and performing. She graduated from Catonsville High School and went on to earn a Teacher's Certificate and Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance from the Peabody Conservatory of Music. Anne was truly a gifted pianist, enjoyed performing, accompanying others, and loved teaching her beloved students. She also was a church pianist and had a real eye for details, gifting her talents to the Junior Friday Morning Musicale with organizing recitals and with the Senior Club as their Librarian/Historian, volunteering with the monthly recitals and luncheons. Anne worked tirelessly as the Gold Cup Chairman for the Florida Federation of Music Clubs and served on the Bay Ridge Festival Committee for decades. Anne was an integral part of our music community, and we would like to remember and honor her memory by creating the Anne Pray Memorial Award.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY 2023**

*July 7th-8th 2023 Southeast Region Weekend*

*Brevard Music Center, North Carolina*

*Host: Louisiana Federation of Music Clubs*  
*Submitted by Elaine Knight*

The Southeast Region Weekend will be held at the beautiful campus of Brevard Music College in the North Carolina Mountains. The Louisiana Federation of Music Clubs will host the weekend. This means when we arrive on Friday afternoon, we get our “goodie” bags, schedule, and concert tickets from them at the afternoon reception. After supper, we walk over to the open-air Brevard auditorium. One is always amazed that this town of Brevard turns out in mass and fills the auditorium during this Summer Music Festival. Brevard announces the concert music closer to the concert time. Saturday morning, we have the business meeting, presided over by the Southeast Region Vice President Joel Adams from North Carolina. Next, will be our luncheon at which our National Guest will speak. A Saturday Night Concert is part of the BMC Festival Celebration, and we will have an opportunity to buy a ticket for that, if desired. In June 2023, The Southeast Region luncheon will be during the NFMC Convention at Norfolk, Virginia. We have the largest (and best) region, so we always have an exciting luncheon! Southeast Region Weekend invitation and information will be a hot topic!

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