One-Hundred Third FFMC CONVENTION

June 22 – 24, 2023
Carlisle Inn and Der Dutchman Restaurant
3727 Bahia Vista Street
Sarasota, Florida

FFMC President: Claudia Brill
Hosted by
Seminole District

Convention Co-Chairs: Janet Jackson & Mary Webb

Theme: Music is Tonic for the Soul

Song: It is Well with My Soul
GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT!

Welcome to the 103rd meeting of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs. We are so glad you are here. We thank the Sarasota Music Club for hosting this convention. We are so happy to have Dr. George Keck and Dr. Ouida Keck with us from the National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC). Dr. George Keck will present a wonderful program on the history of the NFMC, which is celebrating 150 years. Lisa Smith will enlighten us on the history of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs (FFMC).

It is a privilege to belong to this special Federation. Many have contributed immensely to our country as you will hear about in Dr. Keck’s and Lisa’s presentations. Belonging to the Federation will take on new meaning as you learn the history.

Many members of the Federation have dedicated an enormous number of hours this year promoting the mission of our organization. The festival area chairs, and the teachers have done an amazing job. The quality of music our young students are performing is proof of their excellent Our Senior Clubs have sponsored recitals and given scholarships. Teaching. We especially want to thank our Junior Division/State Festivals Chair, Esther Umansky-Roth, who has done an outstanding job. Our Junior Convention Chair, Emi Stefanov and her wonderful committee, put on a fantastic Junior Convention. This is an all-volunteer organization. These two outstanding members, who have devoted their time and expertise, certainly deserve our recognition.

We are so appreciative of their dedication, support of our young musicians, and successfully bringing live music to their communities. As our Senior Club members are becoming more mature, we look forward to younger members joining these special senior clubs. They are a very important part of our organization, and we want them to continue. The efforts of all those who are actively involved in our Federation are contributing greatly to the well-being of our lives.

Music is tonic for our soul. We are most grateful for the opportunity to bring beautiful music to our world through our support of music teachers, music education, giving scholarships, and sponsoring recitals and concerts. I thank you for the opportunity of serving as your president these last two years. It has been an honor and I have loved meeting all of you. I look forward to seeing you and hearing about the wonderful work you are doing around the state. Hope you have a very enjoyable time in beautiful Sarasota. Musically yours, Claudia Brill
## FFMC One-hundred Third Convention
**June 22-24, 2023**

### Thursday, June 22, 2023
**Breakfast Room/Carlisle Inn**

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**Middlebury Room/Carlisle Inn**

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### Committee Meetings
9:00 – 10:00 am

**Junior Division**

( Includes all Festival Chairs and Junior Counselors)

- Suzanne Carpenter – Financial Secretary Chair
- Esther Umansky-Roth – State Junior Division Chair
- Emi Stefanov – State Junior Convention Chair
- Amy Duncan – National Music Week Essay Contest Chair
- Julie Seltzer – Federation Cup Chair
- Lisa Moore - Junior Composer Awards Chair
- Monica Laude - Frances Rand Beery Classical Ballet Award Chair

10:00-10:15

Connie Tuttle-Lill

Collegiate Vocal Competition Chair

10:30 – 10:45 am

Musical Interlude

**Katerina Sommers**, piano  **Matrick Thorpe**, cello
11:00 am

**Board of Directors Meeting**
Claudia Brill, Presiding  
Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Adoption of the Agenda  
Approval of the 2022 FFMC 102nd Convention Minutes  
Approval of 2022-2023 Financial Report  
Committee Reports and Recommendations  
New Business  
Adjournment

(Voting members include FFMC officers, past state presidents, department, division and committee chairs, district, and senior club presidents)

12:15 pm – 1:15 PM

**Lunch at Der Dutchman**

1:15 – 1:30 PM

**Middlebury Room/Carlisle Inn**
Welcome:
Carlisle Inn: Mariah Miller  
Sarasota: Brian Hersh, Executive Director  
Arts & Cultural Alliance of Sarasota  
Invocation: Jerome Lowe, Th. D, FFMC Chaplain  
Musical Interlude:: Caleb Horner, piano

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 103rd FFMC CONVENTION**
1:30 – 2:15 PM
Call to Order Claudia Brill, FFMC President  
Pledge of Allegiance Jan Balazs  
National Anthem June Buck & Barbara Rothman  
Collect June Buck  
Recognition of NFMC Dignitaries Claudia Brill, FFMC President  
Dr. George Keck, NFMC Competition & Awards Chair  
Dr. Ouida Keck, NFMC Arts Division  
Suzanne Carpenter, NFMC Treasurer  
Cheryl Poe, NFMC Board Member Representing Florida  
Lisa Smith, NFMC Member at Large & Competition Chair  
Greetings Janet Jackson, Sarasota Music Club President  
Response Cheryl Poe, Suwannee District President
Organization of the Convention
- Credentials Report – Phil LeGrand (Quorum)
- Adoption of the Convention Standing Rules – Phil LeGrand
- Adoption of the Agenda (Convention Booklet)
  Mary Webb, Convention Co-Chair

Election of 2023-2025 Officers:
Lisa Smith, Nomination Committee Chair
Board of Directors Recommendations:
  Philip LeGrand, FFMC Recording Secretary

2:30 – 3:00 PM    “Navigating New NFMC & FFMC Websites”
                   Cheryl Poe and Esther Umansky-Roth
3:10 – 4:00 PM    NFMC – Past and Present, Dr. George Keck
4:05 – 4:50 PM    FFMC Past and Present, Lisa Smith

5:30 – 6:45 PM    Banquet at Der Dutchman
                   Honoring NFMC Board Members, District and Club Presidents
                   Claudia Brill, Presiding
                   Announcement “FFMC 2023 Member of the Year”
                   Presented by Tina Gant, FFMC Vice President
7:00 – 8:00 PM    Middlebury Room
                   CONCERT: OPERA to BROADWAY
                   Sherri Seiden, soprano and Lee Dougherty Ross, piano

8:00 – 9:00 PM    Reception Honoring Dr. George Keck and Dr. Ouida Keck

Saturday, June 24, 2023
2:30 – 3:00 PM    District, Club, and Committee Reports
                   Tina Gant, FFMC Vice President Presiding
                   (Three minutes allowed for each speaker.)
3:00 – 3:30 PM    Luncheon at Der Dutchman
                   “Florida Fellows Luncheon” Connie Lill, Presiding
12:45 – 1:15 PM  
(Meeting resumes in Middlebury Room)  
Announcement of FFMC & NFMC Performance & Essay Awards  
Moderator: Tina Gant, FFMC Vice President  
*Featuring Beverly Deauna SE Region Essay Contest Winner*  
*Featuring Vito Geraci NFMC Class III Jr. Composer Winner*  
**Keynote Speakers: Doctors George Keck and Ouida Keck**

1:15-1:45 PM  
CONCERT  
*Featuring 2023 Collegiate Vocal Competition Participants*  
Jackeline Petichakes and Kristopher Stam

1:45 pm – 2:00 PM  
Claudia Brill, Presidential Report  
Installation of 2023-2025 Officers  
Lisa Smith, Nomination Committee Chair  
Phil LeGrand, Final Credentials Report  
Invitation to the 104th FFMC State Convention  
Cheryl Poe, Suwannee District Chair  
Connie Tuttle-Lill, Resolutions  
Drawings for Silent Auction Items, assisted by Donna Cupicha  
NFMC Benediction *“The Gift of Song”*  
Led by Jackeline Petichakes and Kristopher Stam

**Official adjournment of the 103rd Annual FFMC Convention**

2:30PM (If necessary, Post Executive Committee Meeting)

5:30-7:30PM  
**Gourmet Dinner & Musical Soirée.**  
Hosted by John Fischer & James Weisenborne,  
7459 Cabbage Palm Court, Sarasota  
*Featuring an overview of our hosts’ piano & pipe organ collection.*  
*Followed by violinist Danae Tran and pianist, Michael Stuart.*

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FFMC Deceased Members 2022-23

Bay Ridge District
Ray Gill, Wednesday Musicale (Wauchula)
Mary Goodson, Friday Morning Musicale (Tampa)
John Wise, Friday Morning Musicale (Tampa)

Suwannee District:
Sonnhild Kitts, long-time member of The
Foundation for the Promotion of Music (Gainesville)
**FLORIDA FELLOWS FUND**

Established at May Convention 2001, a contribution to this fund shall go to the Florida Federation’s Operating Endowment Fund.

The donors shall be known as Florida Fellows

**Founder: Dr. Isabella Laude**

1. Dr. Isabella Laude*
2. Constance L. Tuttle-Lill
3. Claire-Frances Whitehurst *
4. Dr. Walter Laude*
5. Bonnie L. Hinely *
6. Suzanne Lapham Carpenter
7. Anne Sharpe Cruxent
8. Janet S. Craig *
9. Patsy J. Shaw (Mrs. Ray M. Shaw)
10. Louise Lennard Henderson *
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12. Rose M. Suggs*
13. Gretchen E. Van Roy *
14. Thelma C. Kells *
15. Helen J. Wooden *
16. M. Mildred McIntosh *
17. Claire Ulrich F. Whitehurst *
18. Dorothy M. Evans *
19. Carolyn Wheeler (Mrs. Irving) *
20. Lexie and Otto Lindsey *Given posthumously (by their daughter, Bonnie Hinely “Honoring Mom and Dad who gave me music”
21. William W. Lill
22. Robert H. Moore
23. Bess Stallings
25. Dorothy Baker
26. Kalmaine Graham
27. Barbara Huth West
28. Frances Dodge
29. Betty Najarian*Given posthumously by Jerry Najarian
30. Teresa Coopman*
31. Michael Edwards

**Chairman: Connie Tuttle-Lill**

32. Alan Clark
33. Nancy Ford *
    Given posthumously by her sisters Emma Leigh Goodman and Marian Siefriet
34. Marilyn Fisher
35. Rosemary P. Bybee *
36. Robert J. Coopman
37. Cecilia Maria Laude Given in her honor by parents, Drs. Isabella and Walter Laude
38. Barbara Kirby*
39. Alice B. Martinez*
    Given posthumously by her son, Michael and daughter-in-law, Wanda Louie
40. Lisa Smith Given in her honor by parents Dr. and Mrs. Haywood Smith
41. Claudette Kemen *
42. David L. Stockton Given in his honor by wife, Ann B. Stockton
43. Maria Laude Given in her honor by parents, Drs. Isabella and Walter Laude
44. Annetta Graham *
45. Violet Mandese
46. Michael Stoebber
47. Chai Chen Given in her honor by husband Robert J. Coopman
48. Dr. Jerome Lowe
49. Dr. Monica Laude Given in her honor by parents, Drs. Isabella and Walter Laude
50. Anne Pray
51. Cheryl Poe
52. Helen Dingus*Given in her honor by Loretta Hake
53. Dr. Doyle Dingus*Given in his honor by Loretta Hake
54. Claudia Brill Given In memory of Sarah Baird Fouse
55. Bette B. Hunting

*Deceased
Convention Standing Rules

- Members shall wear identification badges at business meetings and workshops.
- A member addressing the chair shall rise and give their name and unit affiliation or other status and wait to be recognized by the chair.
- Debate on any motion shall be limited to two (2) minutes per person.
- Reports of Units and Committees shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
- Cellular phones shall be turned off or set to silent.

Special Committee Appointments

- Credentials: Philip LeGrand
- Readers of the Minutes: Linda Blessing, Lisa Moore, Bess Stallings
- Resolutions: Connie Tuttle-Lill
- Parliamentarian: Wanda Sims

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SPECIAL THANKS

Carlisle Inn
Der Dutchman Restaurant
Clark Dawson, Pritchards Pianos
John Fischer and Jim Weisenborne
Parliamentarian: Wanda Sims, PRP.CP
Registrar: John Fischer
Seminole District Planning Committee:
Donna Cupicha, Susan Hicks,
Janet Jackson, Barbara Rothman, and Mary Webb

Welcome Bags Courtesy of:
Achieve Credit Union
Jersey Mike’s Subs
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Laura Jean’s Consignment Shops
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Way down upon the Suwannee River, far, far away,
There’s where my heart is turning ever,
There’s where the old folks stay.
All up and down the whole creation,
Sadly I roam,
Still longing for the old plantation,
All for the old folks at home.

All the world is sad and dreary,
Everywhere I roam,
Oh! Loved ones how my heart grows weary
Far from the old folks at home.

THE GIFT OF SONG By Lana M. Bailey

May we ever grateful be for the beauty of this day,
For love, for friends, for the gift of song, Lord hear us as we pray.
Bless us as we leave this place to go upon our way.
May the love of music bind our hearts
As we join as one and say,
Thank you, Lord, Gracious Lord,
Thank you for this day.
FEDERATION COLLECT

We praise and thank Thee, Father, for the gift of music. Through us, as channels of Thy grace, may this blessed legacy be shared with all mankind.

Grant that we may exemplify in our lives the harmony of Thy great purpose for us.

Give us magnitude of soul and such understanding hearts that we, who make music, may be as players upon rightly tuned instruments responding to Thy leading. Let us with renewed consecration dedicate ourselves to the purpose of our Federation to bring the spiritualizing force of music to the inner life of our nation. Open our minds that Divine knowledge and wisdom may teach us how best to execute our pledge.

Mrs. Thomas J. Cole
Excerpts taken from the Musical Ritual
Written by Mrs. Frank A. Seiberling

FEDERATION HYMN

To Thee, Our God, Creator, King
To Thee our hymn of thanks we sing.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thy boundless mercy crowns our days.
Thine be the mead of joyful praise.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thy truth and patience make us know,
Toward Thy perfection let us grow,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thy providence our path has led,
By Thy good Grace our souls are fed.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Free stands our Country, blessed by Thee,
Bless Thou our souls with liberty,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
From selfish pride, oh set us free!
With single hearts to worship Thee,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  

Text by Irena Foreman William