



Sharps & Flats



An Official Publication of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs

Theme: "Music is Tonic for the Soul"

Song: "It is Well with My Soul"

Message from the President

Greetings to all the wonderful Federation members!

The Federation has had a very successful 2024 with festivals, award ceremonies, recitals, and programs dedicated to our mission of promoting the study and performance of music.

I was happy to attend the Founder's Day programs at Friday Morning Musicale and Orlando Music Club, the May meeting and installation of officers at the Orlando Music Club and serving on the committee for the Jr. Convention. Emi Stefanov, Ivanka Stefanov, and Esther Umansky-Roth spent many months in preparation for the FPMC Junior Convention. The convention was held at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Emi put together QR codes for the check in and balloting for the judges. It was a very successful event, and we are most grateful for the amazing committee: Emi, Ivanka, Esther, Jennifer Guzman, Julia Seltzer, and Cheryl Poe.

The Foundation for the Promotion of Music and the Orlando Music Club have received a grant from the Florida Federation of Music Clubs for their outreach projects bringing music instruction to young, underserved students in our state.

I appreciate the dedication and many volunteer hours the members of our Federation have given. There is nothing more valuable than supporting the musicians, music teachers, and music education for our students. The Suwannee District is hosting the Florida Federation of Music Clubs annual convention June 27-29, 2024, in Gainesville, Florida. The theme is: Taking care of the mind, body, and soul of musicians of all ages. Wonderful presenters and stellar student musicians are scheduled. Our NFMC guest is Joel Adams, Vice President of the Southeast District of NFMC. We hope to see many of you there.

Best wishes for a summer filled with many musical moments and peaceful times.

Best regards,
Claudia Brill

REMINDER!!! Chairs & Senior Clubs Presidents – we'd like to hear about the activities of your club throughout the year. Send it in NOW. Also bring along a copy to present the report during our Friday morning session. Plan to arrive Friday morning in sufficient time to get checked in and pick up your welcome packet with agenda. Details: <https://www.ffmc-music.org/senior-convention>

HOT OFF THE PRESSES: did you know – you can download the latest NFMC Newsletter, “**In Tune with NFMC**” to find out the latest happenings, complete with reminders about opportunities (and deadlines) for students, such as scholarships. Links to the current issue and recent issues are found on the NFMC website: <https://www.nfmc-music.org/about-us/monthly-newsletter/> OR – better yet – request the monthly newsletter come directly to your inbox, sign up for the monthly NFMC Newsletter is easy:

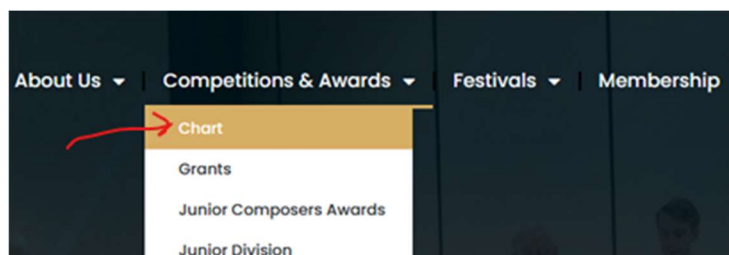
For NFMC newsletter: Visit [nfmc-music.org](https://www.nfmc-music.org)

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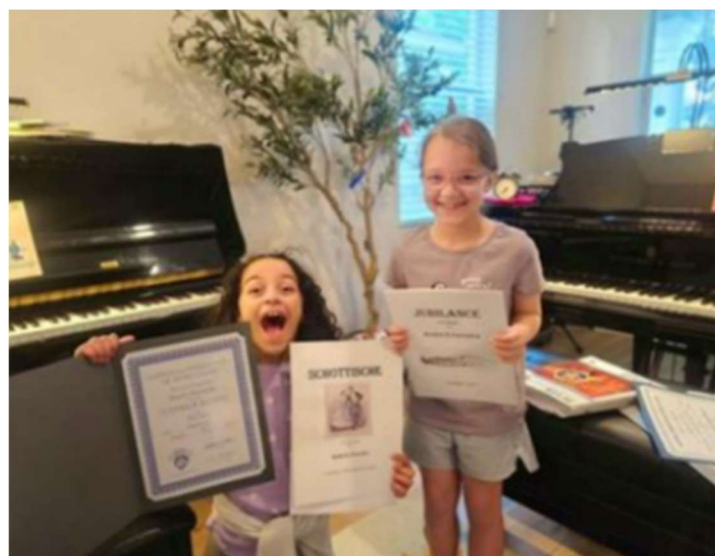
Speaking of “downloads” - the NFMC Competition and Awards Chart is available online. Please spread the word about the many scholarships and competitions available to junior, students, and senior members. Visit [nfmc-music.org](https://www.nfmc-music.org)



CUPS & MORE CUPS – Crown Awards



CERTIFICATES & FESTIVAL MUSIC!!! JOY!!!



FFMC Collegiate Vocal Competition Has Nine Contestants

Connie Lill, Chairman

On Saturday, January 27, 2024, the FFMC Collegiate Vocal Competition was held at the Historic Thomas Center in Gainesville, Florida. This was a one-day event with vocal auditions beginning at 11:00 am followed by a gala luncheon – “Southern Style.” Many, many thanks to the Foundation for the Promotion of Music of Gainesville for organizing and setting up the luncheon. They also have underwritten the payment of the Historic Thomas Center. Claire Goodwin, (20-yr-old FSU junior soprano) our 2023 first place in the Women’s Division crowned our 2024 winner, Madison Riley sponsored by CL Tuttle Interiors LLC. Madison is a 20-yr-old FSU junior/soprano.

Jabari Lewis, (22-yr- tenor/ FSU graduate) now working on his master’s degree at the University of Michigan was our 2023 First Place winner in the Men’s Division. He presented the medallion to 2024 First Place winner Nicholas Dieux, (20-yr-old Stetson University junior baritone). Nicholas is sponsored by the Harmony Music Club – Jacksonville.

Many thanks to the following clubs who sponsored vocalists ages 17 – 24: Foundation for the Promotion of Music in Gainesville; Choctaw Bay Music Club in Niceville; Friday Morning Music in Tampa; Harmony Music in Jacksonville; Music Club of Hollywood; and to the Orlando Music Club.

A round of applause and a drum roll to the Sarasota Music Club for a gift of \$5,000 to enable the previous First place winners to return and perform a concert plus assist in the program. Many thanks to Publix who provided the Corsages and Boutonnieres. Thank you, also, to Lisa Moore, for editing the written program. Thanks to photographer, Simya Phillip.

Florida Federation of Music Clubs - 2024 Vocal Auditions - SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
Photo: Courtesy of Simya Phillip



Pictured from left to right: Benjamin Ketts, Kristopher Stam, Nicholas Dieux, Madison Riley, Madison Mintzer, and Kaitlyn Graulich

Last year's winners also sang a concert accompanied by Nadiya Caspary of Tallahassee. They completed the set with "We Kiss in a Shadow" from the King & I by Rogers and Hammerstein.

Second Place Female Division Winner is Madison Mintzer (21-yr-old University of Central Florida-Orlando senior soprano. She is sponsored by Orlando Music Club. Second Place Male Division Winner is Kristopher Stam (20-yr-old FSU sophomore baritone). He is sponsored by Harmony Music Club-Jacksonville. Third Place Female Division Winner is Kaitlyn Graulich (19-year-old USF-Tampa freshman soprano). She is sponsored by Friday Morning Musicale-Tampa. Our Third Place Male Division Winner is Benjamin Ketts (20-year-old Stetson University sophomore baritone). He is sponsored by Harmony Music Club-Jacksonville.

Information of the 2025 Competition will be posted on the website soon.

Current members of the committee are Phil and Karen LeGrand; Claudia Brill; Cheryl Poe; Lisa & Fred Moore; Linda Goetz; Petra Sussman; Suzanne Carpenter; Linda Blessing; Lisa Smith; Connie & Bill Lill. ##

Memorial Service – In Memoriam – Saturday, June 29

FFMC Chaplain, Dr. Jerome Lowe, will offer the Memorial Thanks-Giving Service at our 2024 FFMC State Convention on Saturday, June 29 at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel in Gainesville, Florida. So that Dr. Lowe has correct information about our FFMC members who have passed between June 2023 and June 2024, please provide the following details: full name of deceased member with their district and/or senior club affiliation, a brief paragraph about the person's participation and service in FFMC. Questions? Please send email to: ljerome777@yahoo.com or call: (347) 210-6600. Mail information to: Dr. Jerome Lowe: 12843 Buffalo Run Drive, Gibsonton FL 33534 with copy to Cheryl Poe, email: ffmc1917@gmail.com

NFMC – Florida Essay Contest Winners

Amy Duncan, FFMC Chair

FFMC website: <https://www.ffmc-music.org/essay-contest>

2024 Theme: "Music is... *Yours, Mine, and Ours*"

Grades 7 & 8

1st Place – Sydney Back – Minneola

2nd Place – Landon Varela – Pensacola

Grades 9 – 12

1st Place – Nathan Kwok – Orlando

2nd Place – Titus Phillips – Winter Garden

2025 Theme: "Music ... is Unstoppable"

Choctaw Bay Music Club – Opera Brunch

By Connie Lill

FFMC Vocal Collegiate Competition First Place Female Winner for 2024 is Madison Riley, a 3rd year vocal performance major at Florida State University, Tallahassee. Madison was invited to sing at the Choctaw Bay Music Club Opera Brunch, now in its 20th year in Niceville, FL. Karen LeGrand co-chaired the event with Mary Rahmes. The Pensacola Opera's Jan Miller Studio Artists Performed selections from "Die Fledermaus" and more. The Paris theme was really on a high note. Karen and Phil LeGrand teamed up to make "Morris Columns" centerpieces. The columns depicted various posters including "Die Fledermaus" and the Pensacola Opera. A box lunch was served, and a silent auction completed the event. Monies raised provide summer music awards, Graduating Senior Awards, Fred Semasko/CBMC Scholarship, and monies to fund performances in elementary schools in Okaloosa County. Connie and Bill Lill joined the festivities.



Pictured from left to right (standing) Bill Lill, Karen LeGrand, Phil LeGrand
Seated in front are Connie Tuttle-Lill with Madison Riley

NEWS FROM BAY RIDGE

Bay Ridge Festival Tampa was held at Hillsborough Community College, Feb. 10-11 and Feb. 17-18. There were 35 participating teachers who entered 774 juniors and 1 adult entrant in 25 events.

Special thanks to HCC Music Club and a handful of high school students who volunteered and helped with the event.

For more info go to <https://www.bayridgefestivaltampa.com>

FFMC Lake Altamonte - North and South

The 2024 Lake Altamonte District Festival was held in multiple locations over several weekends in February, showcasing an impressive lineup of approximately 500 events. Remarkably, over 81% of the performances earned a superior rating, reflecting the outstanding commitment to excellence demonstrated by both teachers and students.

Vivace proved to be an invaluable asset for the festival. Once the ratings were finalized, it enabled us to seamlessly generate all required reports, facilitate the ordering of gold cups, and produce the achievement certificates for the students.

A highlight of this year's festival is a student from the Lake Altamonte North District, who received her 60-Point Cup. In addition, around 100 first-time 15-point cups are being awarded, underscoring the remarkable dedication of both the teachers and their students. Kudos to all for their hard work and dedication.

Submitted by Eileen Shen; Co-Chair with Nancy Jontz FFMC Lake Altamonte

Greetings from the ORLANDO MUSIC CLUB !

The Orlando Music Club has had a very successful 2024 with festivals, award ceremonies, recitals, and programs dedicated to our mission of promoting the study and performance of music. We welcomed 9 new members this year.

I was happy to attend the NFMC Founders' Day program January 13, as well as the April 27 "Celebrate Strings" event. I also attended the March 17 'Meet-the-Composer' event with composer André E. Ferreira.

Looking forward to next 'season', Orlando Music Club will continue with the Parade of American Music Competition, Founders' Day Recital, String Day, plus various competitions, and community performances.

A huge thank you to the outgoing officers: Elaine, Christina and Balina. The new officers include: Dr. Yun-Ling Hsu (Vice-President), and Brian Bak (Secretary). Thank you to Lisa for continuing on as Treasurer. Thank you to Tina Gant for continuing to lead us as the "Member-at-Large."

Submitted by:

Jeannine Mongeon
OMC President

2024 WINNERS - FPMC Junior Composers Competition

See website: <https://www.ffmc-music.org/junior-composers-contest>

"Never write an unnecessary note, for one must live every note." — Jean Sibelius

Junior IV	Junior III	Junior II	Junior I
1st Place \$500 and rosette HENRY SWENSON	1st Place \$400 and rosette ALEXANDER WHITTEN	1st Place \$200 and rosette ELENA ROMAN	1st Place \$100 and rosette ARIANA IACUB
2nd Place \$350 and rosette CADEN TRAYLOR	2nd Place \$250 and rosette JEREMIAH PETERSON	2nd Place \$150 and rosette WILLIAM WANG	2nd Place \$50 and rosette

FFMC - JUNIOR COMPOSITION 2024

Congratulations to our Class IV WINNERS!

A chamber ensemble "The Overmorrow" for Clarinet, Bass Clarinet and Piano by **Henry Swenson** (pictured right) won first place in the Florida Federation of Music Clubs annual Junior Composer contest.

I am a high school senior in Central Florida. I have been playing music for around 7 years and composing for nearly 4 years. I play dozens of instruments, specializing in plucked stringed instruments. In addition to music, I enjoy cooking, languages, and learning in general. Although I will not be pursuing music as a major in college, I will continue to play and write music for fun.



The composition "Prisms" by **Caden Traylor** (pictured left) was chosen as a NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS incentive winner in Junior Class IV. He has been independently studying composition with Dr. Kyle Szabo since the first of the year. He recently had his first premiere with his piece; "Glass Panes" played by the Flamingo Saxophone Quartet. While this was the first live performance of his work, Caden is looking forward to more performances in the fall of 2024 and spring of 2025. After receiving his Bachelor's degree in Music Education, Caden plans on attending graduate school for either Music Composition or Conducting.



SCAN QR CODE

"Meet the Composer" on YouTube - check it out!

Sam Ecoff, Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs

Curious about featured composers and pieces in the new NFMC Festivals Bulletin 2024-2028? Check out the interviews on YouTube with great teaching insights about every piece on the piano solo list in levels PP-E4 with new videos being added almost daily. Take a moment to support these efforts. Encourage your fellow teachers and students to visit and subscribe to the channel!

<https://youtube.com/@thewisconsinfederationofmu6814?si=HEzgcMffatFFuMt>



OMC held a 'Meet the Composer' on March 17 at the Steinway Piano Gallery in Altamonte Springs featuring André Ferreira, who shared ideas on "Inspiration"

1. *To search out the different Genres and Styles by listening to different ones that can spark new and different ideas to you.*
2. *To search out those strong Emotions and Experiences you've had in your own personal life that reflect special events, feelings, or moments in your life.*
3. *To collaborate with other musicians or artist that can give you new ideas or inspiration or creativity.*
4. *Or sometimes composing will "just happen"*

Photo at left: Guest composer André Ferreira with students Claire Song, Edison Aichele, Ayden Law and Audrey Weldon.

2024 NFMC National Conference - Bettendorf, Iowa, June 11-15.

Bettendorf is one of the Quad Cities on the Mississippi River. The conference will offer workshops, a national speaker, various committee and division meetings, performances, and a dinner cruise on the Mississippi River. You will enjoy the Young Artists Concert on Wednesday evening. A registration form is printed in the Spring issue of the NFMC "Music Clubs Magazine." Review the hotel information. Be sure to register early!

REGISTER ONLINE: Visit NFMC website nfmc-music.org



The Orlando Music Class held its annual Piano Awards Audition on April 6 at First Baptist Sweetwater Church in Longwood. This year, we set up an online registration system. We had over twenty applicants for our "Early Bird" recital, an opportunity to perform their primary festival pieces. Those in elementary and above competed for cash prizes totaling over \$1,300.

Congratulations to OMC Award Audition winners - highest level:

Pictured from left to right:

Ethan Wu: Honorable mention

Zachary Chang: 1st place - blue ribbon

Dylan Caio: 3rd place - white ribbon

Anastasia Tung: 2nd place - red ribbon



JUNIOR CONVENTION 2024 Friday May 3 and Saturday May 4

A great success as “Music Filled the Air” at University of South Florida, Tampa.

Welcome desk Claudia Brill (left) and Cheryl Poe (right)

Check the FFMC website results and updates:

<https://www.ffmc-music.org/junior-convention>

Teachers – please contact the Junior Convention Committee directly for any unclaimed awards.

FFMC State Convention Winners were invited to perform at recent Orlando Music Club gathering.

Pictured: Ivan and Avdey Kostornyi - siblings with OMC Vice President, Christina Gant

Six-year-old Avdey performed a Bach Minuet as a duet with brother Ivan.

Ivan performed the unaccompanied Violin Sonata No. 4, III. Finale by Eugène Ysaÿe, Belgium composer.



NFMC Southeast Region: “Official Welcome” See: nfmcsr.org/

July 12-13, 2024 at the Brevard Music Center in Brevard, North Carolina

Host: South Carolina Federation ... Great music ahead - See you in Brevard!

Send in your reservation now to reserve a spot! A great place to vacation!

You may need to use **Chrome** (or Edge) browser for website links below:

Invitation >> [click here](#)

Registration >> [click here](#)

Hotel Information >> [click here](#)



VIVACE - STUDENT HISTORY REPORT

Home / Reports

Teachers – did you know – with a few clicks – you are able to obtain your own Student History report from the VIVACE website? The PDF will give the current “Consecutive Superiors” and points earned for each of your students for each event along with the classes and ratings, listed year-by-year.

- Login to Vivace <https://festivals.nfmc-music.org/login.php>
- Navigate to “Reports.” On the Student Tab it should automatically list the current year. (Be sure to wait until after final ratings have been “certified”.)
- Click “Download Report” - the gold button and wait for the green “success” banner.
- Be sure to set the browser to allow download from Vivace site; otherwise, the browser may block the download – Chrome, FireFox, MS Edge. IF YOU HAVE POPUPS ENABLED, the report can be found in your downloads folder.
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 - 1) shown on the top right or bottom left of your web browser,
 - 2) stored in a download folder in “Finder” on a Mac or
 - 3) “Windows Explorer” on a Windows based PC,
 - 4) or just completely blocked so you never see anything.

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In **Chrome**, go to Settings > Advanced > Downloads and *change the location*.

In **Firefox**, go to Settings > Downloads > Save files to and *select a location*.

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- Check your Downloads folder for the “PDF” history report. The library will list recent titles. Locate the file and click twice on the title to open.
- Still having trouble? [Check FAQ's section](#) in the VIVACE Support Center. If you need additional assistance, view the video tutorial on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/QXAeX9eyvNA>

VIVACE Video

- [Vivace Overview](#) (9:16)
- [Getting Started](#) (18:21)
- [Navigating the Site](#) (24:47)
- [Printing Web Pages from the Site](#) (3:40)
- [Navigating the Help System](#) (7:28)

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If you would like to order a bulletin you can contact the NFMC office at 317.882.4003

Many new pieces to explore and enjoy.



2024 TOP FEDERATION CUPS
CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENTS & TEACHERS



PRESIDENT - 90 Point Cups

Peter Blay	Piano: Solo	Wanda Louie	Suwannee
Matthew Phan	Piano: Solo	Peggy Edwards	St. Johns

GRAND CUP – 75 Point Cups

Raveena Cherry	Violin: Solo	Huifang Chen	RP North
Mia Hakkarainen	Violin: Solo	Huifang Chen	RP North
Steven Savoie	Piano: Solo	Loretta Hake	Capital
David Xiao	Violin: Solo	Huifang Chen	RP North

60 Point Cups

Alice Bai	Piano: Solo	Ivanka Stefanov	Bay Ridge- Tampa
Emma Berg	Piano: Solo	Bradley Gant	Lake Central
Talya Campbell	Piano: Solo	Priscilla Sheffield	Lake Central
Lillian Cheng	Piano: Solo	Leonid Treer	RP North
Madison Fang	Piano: Solo	Olga Glick	Bay Ridge- Tampa
Claire Hsieh	Piano: Solo	Priscilla Heffield	Lake Central
Daniel Huang	Piano: Solo	Lisa Smith	St. Johns
John David Ibach	Piano: Solo	Susan Reed	St. Johns
Juan Inclan	Piano: Solo	Tetyana Kuliush	Lake Martin
Daniel Li	Piano: Solo	Roxanne Stevenson	RP North
Nathaniel Pistorius	Piano: Solo	Sue Colvert	RP North
Rachel Madison Sasser	Piano: Solo	Lynn Freeman	St. Johns
Joseph Savoie	Piano: Solo	Loretta Hake	Capital
Simone Seely	Violin: Solo	Julia Seltzer	Suwannee
Polina Sorokoumova	Piano: Hymn	Zalina Gurevich	Lake Altamonte
Christina Sun	Piano: Solo	Mara Lauzums	Lake Brevard
Derek Sung	Piano: Solo	Olga Glick	Bay Ridge- Tampa
Vijay Taylor	Piano: Solo	Mara Lauzums	Lake Brevard
Clara Thomas	Violin: Solo	Rafael Elvira	RP North
Allen Ting	Violin: Solo	Chen Huifang	RP North
Lyna Tran	Piano: Solo	Kenji Suganuma	Bay Ridge- Tampa
Joseph Wang	Piano: Solo	Maria Gomez	RP North
Sophia Wang	Cello: Solo	Carissa Reese	RP North
Michael Wei	Piano: Solo	Mika Fujita	Suwannee
Parker Wolf	Piano: Concerto	Daniel Nagy	Capital
Samuel Wu	Piano: Hymn	Kenji Suganuma	Bay Ridge- Tampa
Paul Wubbena IV	Piano: Solo	Inesa Gegprifti	RP South
Sarah Yan	Violin: Solo	Stewart Kitts	Suwannee



OFFICIAL CALL

FFMC 104th Spring Convention

*Featuring NFMC Dignitary: Joel Adams, Vice President,
Southeastern Region NFMC*

June 27-29, 2024 – Gainesville Florida

Local Hosts: Suwannee District and the Foundation for the Promotion of Music

An official name badge is necessary for attendance of all FFMC convention functions.

REGISTRATION:

Member Registration \$50. Non-Member (Guest) \$15. Student and Junior Member FREE.

REGISTRATION HOURS: Friday, June 28 8:00 am – 3:00 pm and Saturday, June 29. 8:00 am – 10:00 am

HOTEL LOCATION: Best Western Gateway Grand, 4200 NW 97TH Blvd., Gainesville, Florida 32606

www.gatewaygrand.com



Room Reservation: CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY 352-331-3336. Indicate group rate \$120 per night. Group rate will be honored for guests who wish to arrive three days before or three days after the convention.

Complimentary Breakfast for all registered guests during your stay.

Cutoff Date for group rate: June 16, 2024

HOTEL AMENITIES: Complementary airport shuttle service, internet, fitness center, outdoor pool

HOTEL RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE: Gators Den Sports Grill

FFMC 104th STATE CONVENTION June 27, 28, 29, 2024
REGISTRATION & MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Complete this form for each person registering. Send along with check payable to FFMC to:
Suzanne Carpenter, Registrar, PO Box 357275 Gainesville, FL. 32635-7275
Receipt of registration will be acknowledged via email.

Name _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Club Name Title(s) for Badge _____

Please list dietary restrictions: _____

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: due by June 15, 2024		\$50 _____
Non-Member (Guest)		\$15 _____
<i>Student and Junior Member</i>		<i>Complimentary</i>
Late Fee after June 15, 2024	+	\$10 _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS:

Friday, June 28 – Luncheon \$30 _____

Chef Chop Salad (Buffet)

Additional Guests? Number ____ X \$30 \$ _____

List full names of luncheon guests:

Friday, June 28 - Banquet Dinner \$45 _____

Circle One Entrée: *Chicken Marsala, Herb Crusted Salmon,*
OR *Vegetable Lasagna*

Additional Guests? Number ____ X \$45 \$ _____

List full name(s) of dinner guests:

Dessert Reception following recital at Historic Thomas Center

*Friday evening concert **FREE** with registration.*

Saturday, June 29 – Luncheon \$35 _____

The Sun Coast Buffet: *including Classic Meatloaf & Gravy,*
Mahi-Mahi with Mango Pineapple Salsa, Eggplant Parmesan,
Plus Chef's choice of sides and dessert.

Additional Guests? Number ____ X \$35 \$ _____

List full name(s) of luncheon guests:

TOTAL ENCLOSED **\$** _____

VOTING DELEGATE? CLASSIFICATION (CHECK ONLY ONE)

____ FFMC Executive Committee; ____ FFMC Board Of Directors; ____ FFMC Life Member;
____ Junior Counselor; ____ Individual Member; ____ Club Delegate

Please Check if you are ____ Florida Fellow ____ FFMC Past President

IMPORTANT VOTE: 30 day notice

There are two proposed changes to the Bylaws under consideration. The first moves the naming on the rotation of the Districts for hosting the convention to the Standing rule section **Procedures for State and District Meetings**. This will make it easier to make any necessary modifications. The second relates to qualifications requirement for the FFMC State president.

Proposed Wording

Article IV Meetings

Section 1. Convention. FFMC shall hold an annual convention in the spring to be hosted by the districts in rotation as specified in Section 2. The convention shall be held for the purpose of receiving reports from officers, the Board of Directors, Division and Committee Chairs; planning for the upcoming year; for the election of officers; and such other business as determined by the Board of Directors. A 30-day notice shall be given to all voting members.

Section 2. Convention Schedule. The Convention shall be hosted by the active districts according to the schedule as shown in the Procedures for State and District Meetings. The schedule shall be updated annually and shall be extended indefinitely to all future Conventions unless the Executive Committee, for reasons of an emergency nature, grants an exception.

Section 3. Special Session. A special session of the Federation may be called by the president upon a majority vote of the Board of Directors. A 30-day notice of a special session shall be given. The purpose of the session shall be stated in the official call and no other business shall be transacted.

Procedures for State and District Meetings

Add #17 as follows:

17. Schedule (to be extended into the future)

Suwannee	2024	Convention
Bay Ridge	2025	Convention
Capital	2026	Convention
Lake	2027	Convention
Royal Poinciana	2028	Convention
Saint Johns	2029	Convention
Suwannee	2030	Convention

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS - Section 3. Eligibility

To be eligible for the office of president the nominee must first have served as president of a Florida federated senior active club for a full term as defined in said club's bylaws and then as president of a Florida federated district. No portion of these terms of office shall be served concurrently.

Proposed Change:

To be eligible for the office of president the nominee must have actively participated in leadership roles of the Federation for at least two years and be member in good standing of a Florida federated senior club or hold a current individual membership.

Rationale for change:

Several Districts do not have a current District President which disqualifies potential nominees to serve as president.

There are at least 50 individual members who are active, demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities, and could be nominated for president and other leadership roles.