Come to TFMC convention
District 2 to host in Fort Worth March 27-29

Every federated music club in Texas needs to send its president, treasurer, program chairman, junior chairman, historian and community service chairman to the 93rd annual TFMC convention, because there will be sessions for everyone.

This year's convention is March 27-29 at the Hotel Trinity (formerly Best Western Inn Suites), located at 1-30 and Beach Streets, Exit 16C. Reservations need to be made by March 3; see official call on page 3 for room rates and phone number.

Host is District 2, headed by Darline McKinney. Clubs in the district are the Dallas Melodee Club, Ft. Worth Euterpean Club, Ft. Worth Harmony Club, Garland Music Club, and Vernon Musicians Club. Teachers clubs are in Ft. Worth, Garland and Rockwall.

National guest is Lana Bailey, president of the National Federation of Music Clubs. Mrs. Bailey lives in Woodbridge, VA and is an accomplished musician, teacher, and composer. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music and will speak at the Friday night semiformal banquet.

She is married to Dr. Zuill Bailey, a retired music teacher. Their son, also named Zuill, is a former Young Artist winner in cello who now lives in El Paso.

Following her speech, Young Artist Jesse Blumberg will present a concert, accompanied by Jocelyn Dueck. Both are from New York.

A baritone, Blumberg is the 2007 Young Artist winner in Man's Voice. He holds a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

At home equally in opera, concert, and recital stages, Blumberg created the role of Connie Rovers in Ricky Ian Gordon's world premiere opera The Grapes of Wrath at the Minnesota Opera and the Utah Symphony & Opera. He made his Alice Tully Hall debut in the world premiere of Bielawa's song cycle, The Lay of the Love and Death, a performance which received critical acclaim from the New York Times.

Upcoming engagements include two masterworks of J. S. Bach, the Christmas Oratorio with American Bach Soloists and the Mass in B Minor with the Los Angeles Master Chorale.

Blumberg's concert is free and open to the public. Members are invited to invite any friends and relatives in the Fort Worth area to attend. A reception will follow.

State officers and chairmen, and district presidents and vice-presidents will give reports. They need to bring or send two copies of their reports.

Check the official call on page 3 and send in registration to TFMC treasurer Dorene Allen by March 15. Also, note the convention schedule and when various activities are scheduled.

Consider sending in a registration even if you cannot attend to help defray the cost of the convention.

Note to Treasurers
Dues notices were sent to all clubs by Sept. 1. Please pay these promptly; they are due NOW.

Senior clubs must send a list of all members, names and addresses with the dues. Also send Life Member names and addresses. This is for the mailout of the Music Clubs Magazine from National.

Please include the Founders Day contribution ($1 per capita) and the Past President (PPA) dues of $2 for each term served as president of club, district, or state, and any contribution for state or national. This goes to the Young Artist fund.

Clubs have been asked to send $5 per year to the PNP Fund to endow the scholarship fund of President Lana Bailey at the conclusion of her term in 2011.

Dorene Allen, TFMC Treasurer; 4606 Fountain Lane, Odessa, TX 79761; (432) 367-2827; E-mail: Idoreneallen@yahoo.com

Lana Bailey, NFMC president, will be the National guest at the convention.

Jesse Blumberg, 2007 NFMC Young Artist winner in Man's Voice, will perform.
From Your TFMC President

by Lora Lynn Christensen
TFMC president 2007-2009

Happy New Year to music-loving members of TFMC!

Here's hoping everyone is off to a wonderful start of the new year with new plans, great ideas, and renewed energies.

Midway through the first year as TFMC president is a good time to assess my goals as TFMC president I set forth last fall.

- The website is up and running: http://tfmc.littlerey.com. All that is needed is a few more contacts for the local clubs.
- The Bylaws were discussed in a late-night meeting at the state board meeting in September, and Carolyn Poe is doing yeoman's work retyping and revamping the whole thing. Look for an email copy in your inbox and plan on voting on this issue at the convention.
- Membership growth: Hopefully this will be a good news item at convention because every club will report their new members to Laverne Love, 3203 Eastover Drive, Odessa, TX 79762 by March 1.

- A convention with high attendance and workshops. the workshops are planned, now you all have to attend! See convention plans elsewhere in this issue. Presidents, vice-presidents, treasurers, program chairmen, historians, Junior Festival teachers, community service chairmen, everyone in your club should attend. We will have sessions on many subjects and will be asking everyone to share ideas with each other. Let's show our appreciation for the fun time District 2 has planned for us in Fort Worth by attending. They have been hard at work.

One joy of being president is seeing all the beautiful yearbooks sent to me. TFMC clubs should be proud of their programs presented throughout the year. There is so much talent in the local clubs. In speaking with NFMC president Lana Bailey last week, she commended Texas on sending in the most yearbooks and commented on the quality of the yearbooks and the programming.

Another joy is visiting around the state. In January Stamford Music Club and Midland Musicians Club allowed me to attend their meetings. What hospitality and friendly people!

Local club presidents, remember each club should be planning on donating to the Past National President's gift for Lana Bailey; a few dollars each year will add up to a wonderful endowment by the end of her four-year presidency.

Opera lovers, remember to support Opera in the Ozarks by joining and planning on attending Federation Days in July in Eureka Springs. We have been challenged by the IPFAC Governing Board to add 10 new members from Texas this year.

Smiling Texans attending the IPFAC Governing Board meeting Nov. 2-3, 2007, in Oklahoma City are, from left: Lora Lynn Christensen, TFMC president; Jean Moffatt, recording secretary; Sue Breuer, IPFAC vice-president, and Leo Meyer, Texas Trustee. The next IPFAC Governing Board meeting in Oklahoma City will be Feb. 29-March 1.

See you in Fort Worth -- cowboy hats and cowboy boots are acceptable -- yee hah!

Lora Lynn Christensen. NCTM

Calendar of Reports Due

In this edition you will find the following forms which need to be reported as follows:

- AR 2-1 Chamber Music to Natalie Morgan by April 15
- AR 3-2 Founders Day Report to Betty Hall by March 1
- AR 10-1 Music Outreach to Shirley Spoon by March 1
- AR 3-1 Crusade for Strings to Natalie Morgan by May 15

Here are additional reports and deadlines. Report forms are available online or in the NFMC Manual:

Sacred Music (form in earlier Messenger) to Laverne Love by Feb. 28

ME 5-2 Local club yearbooks to NFMC chairman Elaine Knight and to Peggy Jones by March 1

AM 1-1 Parade of American Music to Regional Chairman (form in last Messenger)
JR 17-4 Dance to Valencia Arceneaux by April 1

AR 7-1 Music in Schools and Colleges to Lora Lynn Christensen by

April 1
PR 3-1 Radio and PR 4-1 Television to Joyce McGlaun April 15 & May 1
FI 9-3 PPA Chapters to Dortha Bennett by May 1
AD 2-1 Arts Advocacy to Izola Collins by May 15
AR 12-1 National Music Week club reports to Annette Griesbach June 1
AR 14-1 Opera to Barbara Shinn June 1
JR 1-1 Junior Club Rating to national chair June 1
ME 7-2 SENIOR CLUB RATING (included in earlier Messenger) one to Brenda Ford, TFMC president Lora Lynn Christensen, one to NFMC HQ, one to NFMC Chairman June 1.

Remember that Betty Cooper wants your International Music reports.

The next Messenger will be too late to include reporting forms. Hopefully this list will spur clubs to use their manuals or online sources to come up with reports which reflect the hard work local clubs are doing to spread the musical word in their communities, districts, and across the state.
OFFICIAL CALL
Texas Federation of Music Clubs
93rd Annual Convention
March 27-29, 2008
Inn Suites (Hotel Trinity),
2000 Beach Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76103
Intersection of I-30 and Beach Street, Exit 16C
Rooms: single (king bed) or double (2 beds) $89 plus tax
Includes hot breakfast, NO PARKING FEES; Mention TFMC when making reservations

Name ___________________________ Local Club ___________________________ District _________

Significant Chairmanship(s) or Office(s) ___________________________

Life Member? yes no Initiated? yes no Rose Fay Thomas? yes no First time at state convention? yes no

Address ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

City ___________________________ State _________ Zip _________ Guest(s) _________

SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 27
Finance Committee ................ 2 p.m.
Executive Committee ............. 3 p.m.
TFMC Board Meeting ............. 4 p.m.
Dinner on your own (on premises, meals under $10)
Talent (???) Show .................. 7 p.m.

Friday, March 28
Life Members Breakfast ........... 7:30 a.m.
Business/Sessions/Reports .. 8:45 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Lunch on your own (buffet on premises under $10); informal meeting with district presidents and vice-presidents with Carla Johnson and Laverne Love, TFMC VPs
Semiformal Banquet ............... 6 p.m.
Young Artist Concert .............. 8 p.m.
Young Artist Reception .......... 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 29
Business/Sessions/Reports .. 8:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Luncheon highlighting IPFAC . 12:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

Event Price No. Total
Registration Fee (required) $40
Or One-Day Registration $25
Life Member Breakfast free but must register
Banquet $27 (circle Pork Tenderloin or Grilled Salmon)
Saturday Luncheon $14.50

Make checks payable to TFMC, due by March 15

To: Dorene Allen, TFMC treasurer
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Those giving reports (officers, chairmen) need to bring or send two copies. Yearbooks and achievement record books will be judged and displayed.
State Convention Snippets

IN MEMORY
Send names of deceased members to Margaret Frazier at 2628 Stadium Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76109 or email to mrgtf@aol.com by March 1. Remember to send memorials and honoraria to any of the TFMC endowed funds (mail to Dorene Allen).

CALLING ALL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS
Betty Hall and Margaret Frazier would love to be overwhelmed by a massive number of achievement records (scrapbooks, club history, whatever title you like) to grade at the convention. To be judged, they must first have been judged at district and will be graded only on the rules, not beauty. If you don’t want yours graded, just bring it for judging rights and share with other clubs.

TALENT????
Do you have an unusual talent, or unusually silly talent that you would like all of Texas to experience? To kick off our convention about very serious matters, we want to be very silly on Thursday night. Every club, or at least every district, should send one very light-hearted feature act to amuse and/or astonish the rest of TFMC members. Send your planned solos, duets, trios, or ensembles to Lynn McNew, District 8 president, P. O. Box 1619, Brackettville, TX 78832 or lmcnw@sbcglobal.net by March 1. Let’s have some fun and let our hair down Thursday night!

LIFE MEMBER BREAKFAST
The Life Member Breakfast is an experience well worth the $200 it costs to be a Life Member. Please send your new Life Members by March 1 to TFMC 3rd Vice-President Mary Lou Connelly so they can be “honored” at the Friday morning breakfast. She is at 7920 Rockwood Lane #137, Austin, TX 78757 or m_l_connelly@sbcglobal.net. The hotel will furnish breakfast so it costs nothing to attend the Life Member Breakfast, but you do need to register.

RAFFLE TO BENEFIT OPERA IN THE OZARKS
District 2 president Darline McKinney and her very able helpers are planning so many extras for the convention that they will be a hard act to follow at future conventions! They have had several beautiful items donated for a raffle benefiting Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, also known as “Opera in the Ozarks.” This is the summer music center that South Central Region supports as part of our NFMC duties. We need to support it by becoming members, donating to scholarships, sponsoring a “Night of Opera,” underwriting a production, and attending Federation Days in July. You get to experience three operas and a children’s opera in three wonderful days along with being entertained royally at the business lunches and banquets by the young artists from IPFAC. Last year 25 Texans attended. We share rides and rooms and have a wonderful time. Come join us! We hope for 10 new IPFAC members from Texas.

It is also not too late to invite singers to audition for the 2008 opera company. Check the IPFAC website—www.opera.org—for dates and forms. Have your local college opera departments and share this information with them.

CONVENTION BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Friday Session 1: For presidents and vice-presidents: agendas and bylaws; includes: How to handle an agenda, motions, when and how to review bylaws, by Lora Lynn Christensen and Izola Collins
Session 2: Public Relations and Publicity: getting the word out about your club to increase your community service opportunities and membership, by Joyce McGlaun and Gloria Thrasher
Session 3: Community Service and Cooperation: working with other community groups and educational institutions (colleges and/or public schools), by Betty Cooper and Nancy West
Session 4: American Music/American Women Composers: program ideas & resources from Leslie Haberer and Gloria Galey
Session 5: Poetry Programming: how to use poetry at one or every meeting during the club year, including poems set to music, by Jean Barlow and Lois Armor
Session 6: For presidents and vice-presidents: yearbook grading, achievement books, orientation, by Peggy Jones and Betty Hall
Saturday Session 7: Junior Division/College opportunities, contests and Festival, by Cathy Neidert and Lee Meyer
Session 8: Membership; how to expand your membership by Laverne Love, Midge Seaver & Nancy Haughn
Session 9: For presidents and treasurers: TFMC Finance and Endowments, by Carolyn Poe & Dorene Allen