Come to Dallas for fall board meeting

Texas participate in NFMC convention and IPFAC season

Several Texans participated in the NFMC convention in Fargo, ND June 15-20 and in Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony in Eureka Springs, AR July 15-18.

President Lynn McNew led the Texas delegation to both meetings. Texas was host for the 65th annual OIO meeting.

Other Texans attending Fargo were Sue Breuer, NFMC Historian and Texas representative to the NFMC Board; Laurel Ince, NFMC Headquarters Chairman, and husband Joe; Tim Danielson, Music in Schools and Colleges chairman; Carla Johnson, SC Region Opera Chairman, and husband Phil; Jean Moffatt, Music Clubs Magazine editor; Mary Thomason, Junior Key notes editor and junior club achievement chairman; and Connie Randall, state news chairman and NFMC chaplain, and husband David.

Also attending were Lois Armor, TFMC first vice-president; Cathy Neidert, TFMC festivals chairman; Gloria Thrasher, outgoing TFMC president; and Phyllis Noonan, member of the Wednesday Morning Music Club of Austin.

Participants were privileged to hear performances and speakers, participate in workshops, and meet the new NFMC Young Artists. Connie was installed as a new Rose Fay Thomas member.

At IPFAC, Texas hosted the Friday night banquet and registration. A number of Texans were in the company and orchestra.

Other Texas attending were Gloria Thrasher, outgoing TFMC president and at-large Governing Board member; Lee Meyer, trustee; and at-large board members Tim Danielson, Richard Drapeau, and John Schmidt. Other Texans participating were Jacqueline Schmidt, Ruth Dyar, Nancy and Paul Dobbs, Carol Gressner, Annette Griesbach, Carolyn and Richard Copeland, Phyllis Noonan, Tom McNew, Lois Armor, Judge Phil and Carla Johnson, Scott and Kathy Beddingfield, Marcia Edwards, Peggy Jones, Kay DeSilva, Carolyn Reid, Linda McKown, Sandra Chamness, Patricia Retzila, Linda Royals and Gloria Thrasher.

Lee Meyer presented the Mary Prudie Brown Continuing Education Award to Jonathan Ray, and Carla Johnson recognized the second two winners of the Martha Marcks Mack scholarship established last year to Audra Methvin and Andrew Peck.

Maria Putter of Austin underwrote the production of "La Traviata." New Texan Bill Yick underwrote "La Cenontola." Bill's fiancee, Larissa Fowler of Lampasas, also attended.

Yearbook info

In preparing your 2015-16 club yearbook, many things are new. Texas now has four members on the NFMC Board of Directors: Sue Breuer, Texas representative; Laurel Ince, member at large; Jean Moffatt, editor of Music Clubs Magazine; and Mary Thomason, editor of Junior Key notes.

NFMC's new president is Michael Edwards, 891 NW 73rd Avenue, Plantation, FL 22217-1141; phone 954-791-9273; cell (Continued, page 2)
From Your TFMC President

by Lynn McNew, president
Texas Federation of Music Clubs

What an exciting time the next two years are going to be for me, and I hope for you, as we enter the next one hundred years of TFMC. Many things are happening in our world--we have come a long way since 1915. Most of the changes are good, some not so much. Hopefully we can learn to adapt to the good changes and work to make a difference in our communities, state, and country.

One of the things I see happening that I don’t like, is the removing or downsizing of the music programs in our schools. This is what I plan to spend my two years promoting; in fact, my theme is: Keeping music in our schools. My goals are: enjoying the past, education the present, entertaining the future. I have several ideas that I am hoping will help bring these goals to fruition. I will need the help of all of you to be successful.

We all need to thank Gloria Thrasher for stepping up and taking the presidency again when her help was needed. The last year has not been easy for Gloria and I am very grateful for all she has done and continues to do for our organization.

Attending the National Convention for the first time was an exciting experience. It was non-stop activities from morning til night as I tried to take in as many division and committee meetings as possible. Thankfully there were several other Texans in attendance, who were willing to sit in on meetings as well.

Tornadoes in Chicago on Monday caused problems for some of our attendees--some didn’t have luggage until the next day and others didn’t even arrive until mid-week!

Our first taste of North Country talent came on Tuesday evening in the form of a delightful concert by the Excelsior Trio, a group of music professors from Concordia College in Moorhead and principal players in the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony. This unique combination of flute, saxophone and piano performed a mix of classical, jazz, folk and contemporary chamber music.

The formal opening was first on the agenda for Wednesday morning. The procession of National Officers while the entire assembly sang “God of our Fathers,” accompanied by the 188th Army Brass Quintet, was very moving. The quintet then entertained with a wide variety of tunes.

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Calendar of Events

August 21-22, 2015.....TFMC Fall Board, Embassy Suites, Love Field, Dallas
November 13, 2015.......Opera in The Ozarks Governing Board, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK
November, 2015........Celebrate Rudolf R.A. Schramm Award/ Parade of American Music
February 26, 2016......Opera in The Ozarks Governing Board, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK
March 30-April 2, 2015.........TFMC 101st Annual Convention, Holiday Inn Lady Bird Lake, Austin
May 1-8, 2016.........National Music Week Theme: “Music- Notes to the Future”
May...TBA, 2016........TFMC Junior State Festival, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
June 21-25, 2016..NFMC Biennial Conference, Hyatt Regency, Tulsa, OK; theme is “Music Lights the Heart of Our Nation”
July 13-15, 2016...Opera in the Ozarks and South Central Region Federation Days, Inn of the Ozarks, Eureka Springs, AR

Gloria Thrasher and Lynn McNew, TFMC’s outgoing and incoming presidents, in Fargo.

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954-325-0064; email micedwards@aol.com. His theme is “Keeping the Music Alive for the Future!” and his song is the Star-Spangled Banner.

TFMC’s new president is Lynn McNew, 8054 Jolie Drive, Ft. Worth 76137; phone numbers are 817-238-3143 and cell 830-563-5701; email l.mcnew@sbcglobal.net; her theme is “Keeping Music Education in our Schools;” her goal is “Enjoy the Past, Educate the Present, and Entertain the Future;” and her song is “Hymn of Promise.”

Sue Breuer continues as NFMC historian. Connie Randall of Kaufman continues as periodicals chairman and state news editor. She is also NFMC chaplain. Mary Thomason continues as Junior Club Achievement Chairman. Tim Danielson continues as chairman of Music in Schools and Colleges. Carla Johnson has a new committee assignment on Policy Resolutions.

See page 10 for additional yearbook information.

‘Like’ TFMC on Facebook!

If you’re on Facebook, “like” Texas Federation of Music Clubs and National Federation of Music Clubs to get the latest news in both areas!

The NFMC website has been upgraded to be more user-friendly. You should be able to find anything you need at www.nfmc-music.org.

TFMC now has only one website, administered by Cathy Neidert: www.Texasfederation.com. You can find past Musical Messengers there and many other interesting items that will help you in your clubs.

Thanks to Carla Johnson for keeping the TFMC Facebook going.
OFFICIAL CALL
Texas Federation of Music Clubs
101st Annual State Board Meeting
August 21-22, 2015 -:- Embassy Suites Hotel Love Field
3880 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX 75220

SCHEDULE
Friday, August 21
Finance Committee. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9 a.m.
Executive Committee . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10 a.m.
Lunch on your own
Regular Board Meeting . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1-5 p.m.
100th anniversary reception . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2:45-3:30 p.m.
Dinner . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6:15 p.m.
Concert by Mary Bander and Langelihle Mugati, SMU students
and Opera in the Ozarks alumni

Saturday, August 22
Board Meeting Continued . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8:30-12 p.m.
Lunch . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .12:15 p.m.
Adjourn . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1:15 p.m.

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Make checks payable to TFMC.

Clip and mail by August 13 to
Dorene Allen, TFMC Treasurer
10605 Richmond Ave.
Lubbock, Texas 79424
Doreneallen@yahoo.com; 432-413-7806

Registration Information
Hotel rooms are $99 for up to 4 people and are subject to city and state taxes. Each room includes a deluxe breakfast. Cutoff date is August 13, 2015. Call hotel at 214-357-4500 to make your reservation and ask for TDM, the TFMC rate. Use the same number to get a complimentary shuttle to and from Love Field.

All state officers and chairmen, district presidents and vice-presidents will give a report. Please bring three copies for the secretary (one for president, one for 1st vice-president, one for secretary). If you are unable to attend, please mail/email a copy of your report with your regrets.

All club presidents and TFMC members are encouraged to attend. It is so exciting to begin another new club year, and by attending you will receive much information and learn about the changes made since the NFMC convention held in June.

We are excited to meet and greet with the members and music lovers from around the state and share the achievements and accomplishments of the clubs and also to share the planned activities, purposes, projects, objectives and goals for the new club year. There will be lot of fellowship, Federation notes, food, and music too!!!!! See you there!

Please consider mailing in a registration fee even if you are unable to attend. This helps defray the cost of the meeting.

“Let’s keep music strong in TEXAS: Explore the possibilities and approach the opportunities.”

REMEMBER: Use Code TDM online and Texas Federation of Music Clubs by phone with the Embassy Suites Love Field when making your reservations to be assured of the TFMC rate.
Texans at the NFMC convention June 15-20 in Fargo, ND included, seated from left: Sue Breuer, Gloria Thrasher, Lynn McNew, Laurel Ince and Joe Ince; and standing: Carla Johnson, Judge Phil Johnson, Mary Thomason, Jean Moffatt, Connie Randall, Cathy Neidert, Tim Danielson and Lois Armor. Also attending but not pictured are David Randall and Phyllis Noonan.

RFT adds new Texan

A highlight of NFMC meetings is the Rose Fay Thomas luncheon and seeing who is inducted. In Fargo, Connie Randall was installed and escorted by her husband David.

Connie, who moved to Kaufman from Michigan, is serving as chairman of the publications committee and state news editor of Music Clubs Magazine. She is also the new NFMC chaplain.

Pictured at right are RFT members from Texas who attended the Fargo convention. Seated are Joe and Laurel Ince and Gloria Thrasher. Standing are Jean Moffatt, Carla Johnson, and Connie Randall.
Three new Young Artists were chosen and performed for the NFMC convention June 15-20 in Fargo, ND. At left is Nicholas Susi, pianist; center is Christie Conover, women’s voice; and at right is Matthew Lipman, strings. TFMC is in negotiations to bring Christie Conover to Austin for the 2016 convention. Matthew is believed to be the first violist to win the Young Artist award for strings. Read about them on the NFMC website and in the fall Music Clubs Magazine.

Lee Meyer presents the Mary Prudie Brown Past National Presidents Award to Jonathan Ray, a three-year OIO alumnus and doctoral student at Louisiana State University.

Lee Meyer, NFMC and TFMC scholarship chairman to Opera in the Ozarks, introduces the NFMC scholarship winner for 2015, Megan Barti.

Lynn McNew, TFMC president, and Gloria Thrasher, past president, pose with Mary Bander, one of the students who received scholarship help from TFMC, Tim Danielson, and Gloria’s past president gift to Opera in the Ozarks.
Notices coming soon to club treasurers, presidents, club sponsors

TFMC Treasurer, Dorene Allen will be mailing out dues notices for senior, collegiate and juniors in September. It surely will be helpful to Dorene if clubs send all dues at once. Please pay them promptly by November 15; This will give her time to get the report sent to National Treasurer before NFMC deadline.

Senior Clubs must send a list of all members; name and addresses with the dues. This is for the mailout of the MUSIC CLUBS MAGAZINE from National.

Please include Founders Day contribution ($1 per capita) and the PPA (Past President) dues of ($2) for each term you served your club, district or state as president and any contribution for state or national. This goes to the Young Artist Fund. Also send $1 per member for the "Each One Give One" scholarship at Opera in the Ozarks.

Clubs have been asked to send ($5) to the PNP fund--now known as the Outgoing National President's Fund to endow the scholarship fund for National President, Michael Edwards at the end of his term 2015-2019. It helps Dorene to send it all at once.

Tim Danielson, NFMC chairman of Music in Schools and Colleges, and June Shull, president of Tyler Musical Coterie, present a $500 check from the Dyer Endowment to Donald Duncan, organist at First Presbyterian Church, Tyler, and president of the Governing Board of the East Texas Youth Symphony. The Dyer Endowment is given to a strings group in each of the TFMC districts, and this year was District 3’s turn.

Breuer hospitalized; three stents installed

As she was preparing to go to Opera in the Ozarks, Sue Breuer was rushed to the emergency room in Austin and received three stents. Needless to say, she did not go to Arkansas.

She is resting comfortably at home, and her daughter is caring for her. Sue is vice-president of the Opera in the Ozarks Governing Board, is NFMC historian, and serves as Texas Representative to the NFMC Board. She is a past president of the Wednesday Morning Music Club of Austin, District 6, and TFMC. She was also active in Harlingen and the Rio Grande Valley before moving to the Austin Area.

In 2012 she was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award.

Send cards to 4404 Travis Country Circle, B-4, Austin 78735.

Together We Sing 2005-2007

See You in Dallas
August 21-22
TFMC Fall Board Meeting
NFMC Special Requirements for Club Yearbooks

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Also mail to your district president and your district education chairman by October 1, 2015 for judging at your district conference.

Linda Vollen does not need an entire yearbook. If you use a NFMC-approved course of study, send her the appropriate pages to receive a certificate for your course of study. Course of study is not required to receive a perfect score for your yearbook.
### Calendar of Club Report Due Dates

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**South Central state presidents**

Starla Blair (center), vice-president in charge of the South Central Region, poses with state presidents Julie Watson (MO), Lynn McNew (TX), Melba Maechtien (KS), and Kathryn Hickman (OK). Barbara Baugh (AR) is on page 1 of this issue.
President’s Message, continued from page 2

After a day of informative reports and the South Central Regional Luncheon, the long-anticipated announcement of the Young Artist winners was made. They are Christie Conover, soprano, Woman’s Voice; Nicholas Susi, piano; and Matther Lipman, violist, who was the strings winner. Christie will be performing for us in Austin at our 2016 state convention. Their evening performance was outstanding and it was easy to see why they are all winners.

Thursday the sun was shining and North Dakota was enjoying a day of “summer weather”–72 degrees! The morning session opened with a delightful presentation “The Red River Valley of the North” as told by Steve Stark. As he told the story of the settling of North Dakota/Minnesota, he quickly drew illustrations in charcoal on paper mounted on the wall. When finished there was a beautifully drawn mural, which was taken home by a lucky attendee.

The highlights of a tour of Fargo and Moorhead were a visit to the Fargo Theatre to hear the “mighty Wurlitzer” as played by Mr. Lance Johnson while we watched a Buster Keaton silent movie; a Viking museum where we saw an authentic Viking ship, which sailed to Norway in 1982. Lastly on the tour we heard a mini piano recital at Fargo First Presbyterian Church by Nariaki Sugiuara. Included in the recital were 2 pieces for left hand–very well-played and interesting to watch.

What is a bayan? everyone was asking. Well, on Thursday night we found out. It is a type of accordion, played very aptly by Stas Venglevski, with Samantha George on the violin. What a delightful, funny, unexpected evening of entertainment!

Throughout the week, we had heard the Festival Chorus rehearsing and finally on Friday afternoon we were treated to the full performance. And what a performance it was! It was hard to believe these people had only been singing together a few short days! Ably directed by Stephen Varney, they sang a variety of pieces. Incidentally, Stephen and his partner, Naomi Sanchez, were Ellis Duo Piano winner in 2005 and served as Young Artists from 2005-2009. They are both Life Members of TFMC.

After the concert, we gathered in another very long meeting of the president’s council before everyone rushed back to their rooms to prepare for the formal banquet honoring the State Presidents. Each president was presented, with her escort, under a beautiful arch as her name was read and appropriate music was played. Our President Gloria Thrasher looked lovely in a burgundy gown as she was escorted by our very own Tim Danielson, looking very handsome in his tux.

We moved across the hall, following the banquet, to a “full house” to listen to yet another wonderful and unique concert by “BELLissimo” a talented hand bell choir. A local group of about 12 people, the concert featured music from across the seasons—starting with Advent and ending with Veteran’s Day. All the members played a variety of bells and chimes—from very small to very large. Even the noise of a rock band coming from next door could not dampen the enthusiasm of performers and audience alike.

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I could write as many paragraphs about Opera in the Ozarks as I did about National Convention and perhaps I will at a later date. Suffice it to say, the 3 operas we saw, “La Cenertola,” “La Traviata,” and “Tales of Hoffman,” were wonderful. Everything from costumes, sets, orchestra, acting and especially the singing were better than some professional companies I have seen. I really believe the talent this year was better than ever.

As host state, Texas was responsible for registration, goody bags, and hosting the Friday evening banquet. Our banquet theme was “Dreams Unfulfilled—Reach for the Stars” and tables were elegantly decorated with red rose centerpieces on black tablecloths accompanied by stars of various sizes. Thank you so much to all the Texas members who were a huge help with registration, decorating, and everything else.

This has been and continues to be a busy summer, as we look forward to our final summer event—our State Board Meeting, Aug 21-22 in Dallas at the Embassy Suite, Love Field. You will find the Official Call elsewhere in this issue. Please plan to attend—it is not just for board members—anyone can and should attend.

As your president I have some big shoes to fill—we have had a long list of wonderful presidents. I am here to serve and work for you, so call me if you need help. I also am going to need help from each of you to make my term go smoothly. Thank you for your confidence in me. I am looking forward to my two years as your president. See you in Dallas!

Lynn

The 29-member Texas Delegation to Opera in the Ozarks with NFMC president Michael Edwards
Lee Meyer and NFMC president Michael Edwards congratulate Jonathan Ray, 2015 winner of the Mary Prudie Brown Past National President Continuing Education Award. Ray is a doctoral student in music at Louisiana State University.

Carla Johnson, chairman of the Martha Marcks Mack Awards for Opera in the Ozarks, poses with this year’s winners of the award, Audra Methvin and Andrew Peck. Audra was selected for best overall performance, male or female, and best performance in a leading role for a female at the awards presentation.

Needed Addresses
Addresses you may need for your 2015-16 club yearbook:
1. President -- Lynn McNew, 8054 Jolie Dr., Ft. Worth 76137; 817-238-3143
2. We will be voting on the TFMC First Vice-President at our August board meeting in Dallas.

Lois Armor was listed in our Winter Musical Messenger in February as the proposed First Vice-President:
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Just out of curiosity: is this the first time Texas has had 4 members on the NFMC Board of Directors?