Come to Dallas for fall board meeting

Texas participate in NFMC convention and IPFAC season

Several Texans participated in the NFMC convention in Greenville, SC-June 25-29 and in Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony in Eureka Springs, AR July 16-20.

Outgoing President Cletis Williamson led the Texas delegation to Greenville. Other Texans attending were Francis Christmann, Texas representative to the NFMC Board; Laurel Ince, NFMC Headquarters Chairman, and husband Joe; Carla Johnson, SC Region Opera Chairman; Jean Moffatt, Music Clubs Magazine editor; and Sue Breuer, NFMC historian.

Participants were privileged to hear performances by new Young Artists, participate in workshops, and see NFMC president Carolyn Nelson present a Citation to Dr. Virginia Uldrick, founder of the South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts & Humanities.

Incoming president Gloria Thrasher led the Texas delegation to IPFAC. Texas hosted the Thursday luncheon with “Madama Butterfly” as the theme.

Other Texans attending were Sue Breuer, Governing Board vice-president; Jean Moffatt, recording secretary; Lee Meyer, trustee; and at-large board members Tim Danielson, Richard Drapeau, Cletis Williamson, and John Schmidt. Other Texans participating were Betty Hall, Jacqueline Schmidt, Ruth Dyar, Nancy Herring, Carolyn and Richard Copeland, Lora Lynn and Don Christensen, Annette Griesbach, and Judge Phil and Carla Johnson.

Betty Hall presented the Mary Prudie Brown Continuing Education Award, and Carla Johnson recognized the first two winners of the Martha Marcks Mack scholarship established this year.

Come join TFMC members, friends and music lovers gathering for the 99th annual TFMC Fall Board meeting Friday and Saturday, August 23-24, 2013 at the Embassy Suites Love Field, 3800 West Northwest Highway, Dallas. Meetings begin Friday at 9:00 a.m. with the Finance Committee followed by the Executive Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m.... Lunch on your own.

The general session will convene at 1:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. will be followed by a special performance by soprano Coretta Smith of Mesquite, a graduate of Abilene Christian University and Southern Methodist University who recently sang the title role in “Madama Butterfly” at Opera in the Ozarks. She received scholarship help from NFMC and Maria Putter.

Officers, chairmen and district presidents will give a report summarizing your plans, goals and objectives for the upcoming year. Please bring THREE copies (one for the President) (one for the First Vice-President) (one for the Recording secretary). There will be a presentation of Awards also so your District President may present them to Clubs at the District Conferences. Hurray for everyone... you see how important those report forms participation counts.

Saturday, following a complimentary breakfast, the board meeting will continue from 8:30 a.m. to noon. We are still working on musical numbers for this time.

The meeting will adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

We hope everyone will make plans to attend the fall board meeting. You will receive much information that will make your club year go much more smoothly.
Greetings, Fellow TFMC Members!

Since the beginning of the new term on July 1st, things have been moving very quickly. We have worked to fill our chairmanships and thank those of you who accepted positions. Many chairmanships have changed along with our new slate of State Officers. Shirley Spoon and I are working diligently on our new State Directory. If you have a change in information, especially email addresses, please let us know so our Directory can be as accurate as possible. Remember it will be available online. I will send out an email when it is complete. We will also have a few printed copies, for those who do not have internet, available at the Dallas Board Meeting next month. Please make your room reservations soon and mail your registration to Dorene Allen by Aug. 13th. All forms are included in this Messenger. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. Even though this is a Board Meeting, all are invited to attend.

All 23 Texans who attended OIO had a great experience. The 16 Texas singers who performed in the company were tremendous, as were all the performers. As you plan for your new club year, don’t forget that 2014 will be the third year of five for the “Everyone Give One”. For 2013 Texas collected $306 for the South Central Region Endowment Fund to OIO. Our goal is $500 for 2014….let’s all give our $1 for this Scholarship.

We will soon be stepping into a new era of our TFMC history and “Crossing the Centennial Threshold” together in 2015. Your enthusiasm and support in each of your Districts will be important. We look forward to working for the goals of promoting our Federation throughout this great state. We will continue our support for many outstanding student musicians who will shape our future.

Club Presidents, please forward this Messenger to all your members and even have a few copies available for those who do not have email. Communication is very important! We look forward to seeing many of you soon in Dallas. Also remember to order the new copies of “Together We Sing” from the NFMC office for $1.50. A new piano spiral accompaniment is available for $2.50. We hope everyone has an exciting club year planned and we look forward to seeing your yearbooks!

Gloria Thrasher, TFMC President

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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!

Silent Auction start

TFMC has an excellent start to the 2014 Silent Auction at the state convention. Leftovers from the excellent auction at IPFAC were sent home with Jean Moffatt. They include jewelry, books, vases, etc. They are good items that did not get bids. Whatever is not sold in Corpus Christi will be returned to the Point for its 2014 silent auction.
OFFICIAL CALL
Texas Federation of Music Clubs
98th Annual State Board Meeting
August 23-24, 2013 -:- Embassy Suites Hotel Love Field
3880 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX 75220

SCHEDULE

Friday, August 23
Finance Committee ............................................. 9 a.m.
Executive Committee ........................................... 10 a.m.
   Lunch on your own
Regular Board Meeting ................................. 1-5 p.m.
Dinner .............................................................. 6:15 p.m.
Concert by Coretta Smith of Mesquite, Southern Methodist University graduate and Opera in the Ozarks singer

Saturday, August 24
Board Meeting Continued .......................... 8:30-12 p.m.
Lunch .............................................................. 12:15 p.m.
Adjourn ........................................................... 1:15 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name ____________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________
Office/Chairmanship(s) ___________________________________
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Event:                  Price:  No.  Total
Registration (required) $10  ____  $______
Friday Dinner           $28  ____  $______
Saturday Lunch          $22  ____  $______
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED  ____  $______

Make checks payable to TFMC.

Clip and mail by August 13 to
Dorene Allen, TFMC Treasurer
4606 Fountain Lane
Odessa, Texas 79761
ldoreneallen@yahoo.com; 432-367-2827

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, 2013. Call hotel at 214-357-4500 to make your reservation and ask for 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 with another new club year, and by attending you will receive much information and learn about the changes made since the NFMC conference 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.”

In Memoriam

We have received news of the death of Robert Neale, husband of Shelia Neale. She is a member of the Navasota Music Club and parliamentarian of District 4. TFMC sends its deepest sympathy to Shelia and her family.

We have also received news of the death of Charles Goode, husband of Lindy Goode of the Tyler Musical Coterie. Lindy is chairman of Music in Poetry. Our deepest sympathy to Lindy and family.
Dear TFMC members and Friends
This will be my last “official” e-mail as your Texas Federation of Music Clubs’ President. I can’t believe these two years have gone so fast. But there are a few notes and information I want to pass along today---my last day!!

I recently had a nice chat with Betty Cooper (Together We Sing) chair who gave her new address. Betty’s husband passed away in March, just before the convention. She is now living at the Chaffield Assisted Living; 1605 Calvert Rd, Suite # 116; Brownwood, Texas 76801. She wanted everyone to know she was doing well and planned to be more involved in the Federation activities in the future. Also her sister Kathleen Fitzgerald (TFMC Past President) is living at the same facility Suite # 304.

I have a new e-mail address for Laurel and Joe Ince: ljince@gvtc.com and for Laura Holleman: lauraholleman@firstmethodismidland.com

Opera In The Ozarks: I hope you remembered to send in your Official Call for tickets and Hotel Reservations for yesterday’s deadline. All TFMC is invited to Eureka Springs, Arkansas July 17-20, 2013 for Federation Days and see the first goal was to “INVITE”. To organize such an outstanding event involving many teachers, judges, parents, grandparents, siblings and visitors. Many Thanks to those volunteers and the Texas State University.

The second goal was to “INVOLVE” I am happy to report that 7 of the 9 districts in Texas increased their local club membership.Texas had a total of 168 new members. Our collegiate membership had the greatest growth of all. Our 2013 statistics recorded TFMC total membership at 10,807, the highest it has been in the last 5 years. We recorded 13 new life members. We are indeed proud of the many faithful members who reached out beyond their communities in search of young students to plant the seed of opportunities that are available through the federation. We will continue to nurture the dedicated service of our senior club members and affiliated organizations.

Most of the Texas Music Clubs have been busy with multiple activities in their local clubs as well as state and national involvements. They participate in the nine divisions of NFMC activities, prepare yearbooks, give scholarships and support local groups in their communities. Several music clubs participated in the competitive awards programs and were recognized. Wednesday Morning Music Cub of Austin received the American Women Composer award this year and two more clubs have entered the upcoming competition this year.

We are still working on the third goal “INNOVATE” many clubs present and report outstanding club achievements but are not reported on the Reporting Forms, therefore not recognized at national level for all the hard work done. We continue to analyze this concern.
Cletis’s farewell, continued from page 4

Texas supports and promotes Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony/OIO in Eureka Springs and the South Central Region Summer Music Center by providing scholarships, “Night of Opera” Silent Auctions proceeds, donations and funds raised by the clubs such as participating in the “Every One Give One” a new scholarship for Opera in the Ozarks as well individual contributions. Many generous Texans underwrite opera productions, night of operas, provide scholarships and support by becoming members of IPFAC and by attending Federation Days and the Operas in Eureka Springs.

The Texas 98th Annual Convention held in Tyler recently was well planned, well attended and well executed by host District III. Gloria Grilk, First Vice-President of South Central Region was the honored guest and provided helpful and inspiring insights for the members and guests. Her gracious presence encouraged us all. Gloria installed the new officers for 2013-2015.

Members and guests were mesmerized by Matthew Allen, cellist, 2012 NFMC Young Artist in Strings. Several encores followed his concert.

Several Texas Music Clubs celebrated their 100th anniversary this year with special events. We are looking forward to the 100th anniversary of TFMC in 2015.

Texas now has a Texas Federation of Music Club insignia pin. Cletis Williamson, TFMC President, commissioned and presented the new pin in a special ceremony to the 2011-2013 officers, chairmen and rewarded the dedicated and faithful member attendees to the 98th convention with a gift of the new pin.

Texas continues to connect with the membership base through the state newsletter “The Music Messenger” with 8 issues and this year for the first time published entirely by e-mail (with designated members who printed copies for those without computers). Web based sites and social networking sites such as Facebook with photos and information are provided.

This president has been honored with good memories and with much gratitude to the outstanding members who worked endlessly to make this year successful and productive.

I have been honored, privileged and blessed by serving as your President for the 2011-2013 term, what a joy to know each of you, Thanks for your support and friendship. I know that you will support Gloria as our incoming President. You are the greatest dear members.

“The Arts are a part of our lives. They are the garden where music blooms. All who pass through are blessed for having been there.”

With love and appreciation

Cletis Williamson
TFMC President 2011-2013

LEFT: Cletis Williamson (fourth from left) is a new Rose Fay Thomas Fellow, thanks to TFMC’s farewell gift. Here she poses with her new medalion with the other honorees at the Greenville convention.

Congratulations to Texas Junior Clubs!!

This news just in from the National Chair: The State of Texas submitted more Junior Club Ratings Sheets than any other state this year!

A lot of our Junior Club Counselors will be receiving certificates this year! Usually the beautifully adorned certificates are distributed at the TFMC Fall Board Meeting, so if you’re not planning to attend this meeting, please get with your District President to be sure they get picked up for distribution to the participating teachers. Although these certificates can be mailed out to the teachers, that process tends to mess up ribbons and displace colorful gem-like decorations. Please be sure to make arrangements to accommodate personal delivery.

Please extend congratulations to each of the participating teachers. It takes a lot of time to submit this summary report of the activities undertaken by their junior clubs. Historically, our festival junior clubs have simply opted out. Encourage them to continue to use this form not only for the recognition evidenced by these certificates, but also because it can provide an excellent performance tool to evaluate their studio and their students.

Thanks,

Mary Thomason
TFMC Junior Counselor

Briefly . . .

Shortly after her return from IPFAC, Cletis Williamson was admitted to a Fort Worth hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with her for a speedy recovery and the hopes of seeing her at the TFMC Fall Board Meeting in Dallas.
AUSTIN WMMC HOLDS SPRING SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The Wednesday Morning Music Club of Austin, TX. held its annual Spring Luncheon on May 15, 2013.

Four talented high school scholarship winners were presented, and each performed at that time. Endowments and grants provided by past and present members of the club enabled the WMMC to award a total of $3,600 to the 2013 recipients. Auditions were held at UT-Jessen Hall in Austin on March 16, 2013.

Pictured winners at right are Jacob Asmussen- senior pianist and 1st place Maurer Award, Anisa Wakil-senior flutist and second place Putter Award, Dr. Maxine Gomes- President of the Austin WMMC, Rebecca Chen-sophomore pianist and 1st Place Wilcox Award, and Daniel Smarda-sophomore flutist and 2nd Place Wilcox Award. Rebecca Chen also won the Rudd Award.

Yearbook information changes somewhat

Because this is the second two-year term on the NFMC level, there are very few changes to the information for your yearbook. The national president and her pertinent information remain the same. However, there are some changes.

The new NFMC treasurer is Barbara Hildebrand, who served in this position until two years ago. Her contact information is 3034 Smith Lane, Franklin, TN 37069-6108; phone/fax 615-791-6098; email BHarmonyHall@gmail.com.

Texans on the NFMC Board are Francis Christmann, who also serves as office and Ellis Duo-Piano Co-Chairman; Laurel Ince, who serves as headquarters chairman and on the office committee (she is also chairman of the Ouida Keck PNP award); and Jean Moffatt, Music Clubs Magazine editor.

Sue Breuer continues as NFMC historian and a member of the Archives Project. She is also on the committee for PNP Awards.

For Opera in the Ozarks, Lee Meyer continues as award chairman, and Betty Hall is chairman of the Mary Prudie Brown PNP Award. Carla Johnson is Martha M. Mack Award chairman and also South Central Region Opera chairman.

Tim Danielson continues as Music in Schools & Colleges chairman. On the junior level in South Central Region, Sherry Frush is composers chairman and Heather Rathnau is Festivals chairman.

The new vice-president in charge of South Central Region is Starla Blair, 902 E. Gaslight Dr., Springfield, MO 65810. Phone number is 417-887-1207, and email address is blair.starla@sbcglobal.net

TFMC officers and chairman are new this year. President is Gloria Thrasher, 711 Middleton, Rockdale, TX 76556. Phone numbers are 512-446-5716 home, 512-446-7072 work and 512-760-5271 cell.

Gloria’s theme is “Crossing the Centennial Threshold.” Her song is “Texas Our Texas.” Her goals are “Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Present, Looking to the Future.”

First Vice-President remains Lynn McNew, P. O. Box 1619, Bracketville, TX 78832.

Second Vice-President is Jo Ann Collett, 5607 Greenridge, Midland 79707.

Third Vice-President is Judith LaFontaine, 226 N. Post Oak, Navasota, TX 77868.

Fourth Vice-President is Doris Ann Stanford, P. O. Box 185, Lorena, TX 76655.

Treasurer remains Dorene Allen, and her contact information remains the same except that her email is Ldoreneallen@yahoo.com.

Recording Secretary is Sandra Chamness, 126 Cottage Rd., Carthage, TX 75633.

Corresponding Secretary remains Shirley Spoon, #2 Park Place Dr., Gonzales, TX 78629.

Parliamentarian is Pauline McMurray, 3620 Dominy Lane, Apt. 912, Ft. Worth, TX 76116.

Historian is Sue Breuer, 4404 Travis Country Circle, #B-4, Austin, TX 78735.

Auditor is Lois Armor, 11003 Whisper Valley St., San Antonio, TX 78230.

Chaplain is Carol Jean Gessner, 703 N. 10th St., Navasota, TX 77868.

Immediate past president is Cletis Williamson, 619 Breckenridge Rd., Ranger, TX 76470.
NFMC Special Requirements for Club Yearbooks

**COVER:** name of club, NFMC insignia, state insignia, city, state, and year.  
(NFMC insignia above state insignia; if on the same level, to the left of state insignia)

**PAGE ONE:** name of club, dates of organization and affiliation with NFMC; themes of National and State Presidents

**NATIONAL POSITIONS AND ADDRESSES:** NFMC Headquarters President, First Vice-President, Vice-President in Charge of your Region, National Board Members representing your state, club members serving in national capacities

**STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICERS:** with addresses, club members serving in state and district capacity (state and district placed after national)

**CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:** (club must be placed after state and district)

**NFMC COLLECT AND FEDERATION HYMN**

**WORDS OF NFMC OFFICIAL INVOCATION:** with the following credit line “Printed by: permission of the Publisher Theodore Presser Company, c 1954 Mowbray Music”; and/or 

**THE NFMC BENEDICTION,** “The Gift of Song,” (words and melody line may be reprinted)

**NFMC TOGETHER WE SING:** month, title, composer

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** with dates, including National Music Week with theme, dates and places of national and state conventions, board meetings, Festivals, Federation Day, local events, etc.


**NAMES, ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS**

**SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN**

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**SCORE AWARDS**

- 95-100 Points: Award of Merit, Certificate with Quadruple Ribbons
- 90-95 Points: Award of Merit, Certificate with Triple Ribbons
- 85-90 Points: Award of Merit, Certificate with Double Ribbons
- 76-84 Points: Award of Merit, Certificate with Single Ribbon
- 1-75 Points: Award of Merit, Certificate with Seal

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Also mail to your district president and your district education chairman by October 1, 2013 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.
NFMC Unveils New “Together We Sing” List for 2013-2014

NFMC “Together We Sing” chairman Carole Flatau has released the new booklet for 2013-2015. Booklets may be ordered from headquarters for $1.25 plus shipping. A spiral-bound book for accompanists is available for $2.50. Following is information for your club yearbook:

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The above pertains only to club deadlines. Some of the awards may have cash awards. Be sure to include written reports of outstanding activities including programs, news clippings, pictures, etc. Be sure to indicate the city where your club is located on the form. State chairmen need to check Manual for reporting dates to regional or national chairmen.
Three leaders of Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony pose on stage after the final performance of the 2013 season. Dr. Tom Cockrell, artistic director; Steve Rushing, assistant general director; and Jim Swiggart, general director for the past 25 years, stop during the final awards presentation to pay tribute to Swiggart. Jim plans to stay in the area and remain on staff until the November 7-8 Governing Board meeting, at least. He spent this season training Rushing, a former OiO performer and NFMC Young Artist in Men’s Voice, to take the reins of IPFAC for the 2014 season.

IPFAC general director Jim Swiggart prepares to present plaques to these people on stage before the July 17 performance of “Madama Butterfly.” To his left are Dr. John and Jacqueline Schmidt, who sponsored an evening of opera; Tim Danielson, also an evening of opera sponsor; Linda Vollen, Kansas president, for an evening of opera; Bill Yick, an evening of opera sponsor; and Lee Meyer, representing Maria Putter, who sponsored an evening and underwrote the production. The Schmidts, Tim, Lee, and Maria are all from Texas.
Cast members of “Cinderella” pose with their youngest fans at the conclusion of their performance during Federation Days at Opera in the Ozarks July 18 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The show traveled throughout northwest Arkansas and performed several times in the downtown auditorium at Eureka Springs.

Lee Meyer presents Jared A. Guest of Lake Mary, FL, with a certificate during Federation Days. Jared received the NFMC scholarship to Opera in the Ozarks this year. Lee is Texas trustee and chairman of the NFMC scholarship.

Betty Hall hugs Keely Futterer of Dover, AR after she was announced as the winner of the Mary Prudie Brown Continuing Education Award. Betty is chairman of this award. Keely attends Eastman School of Music and is working on her M.M.
OiO General Director Jim Swiggart recognizes several Texans prior to the “Pirates of Penzance” performance at Inspiration Point July 18. Third from right is Cletis Williamson, immediate past president of TFMC, who was honored with an evening of opera. To her left is Sue Breuer, accepting an award for the Wednesday Morning Music Club of Austin, who sponsored an evening of opera. To Sue’s left is Gloria Thrasher, TFMC president, who accepted an award for Texas sponsoring an evening of opera.

Carla Johnson, chairman of the Martha Marcks Mack Award at Inspiration Point, recognizes the first two winners of the award. At left, she presents a certificate to tenor Jesse Donner of Des Moines, Iowa. Jesse holds degrees from Iowa State and the University of Michigan. He sang the role of Pinkerton in “Madama Butterfly” at the Point this summer. At right, Carla presents a certificate to soprano Keely Futterer of Dover, AR. Keely holds a B.A. from Arkansas Tech and is pursuing a M.M. in Opera Performance and Literature at Eastman School of Music. This is her third season at Opera in the Ozarks, and she sang the role of Adina in “The Elixir of Love.” She was named best overall performer, male or female, and received an Outstanding Colleague award. She also received the Mary Prudie Brown Continuing Education Award, as pictured on the previous page. This gives her school $1,000 for her to continue working toward her master’s degree.
 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, Carolyn Nelson at the end of her term 2011-2015. It helps Dorene to send it all at once.

Coretta Smith (center) will be singing for the TFMC Fall Board Meeting August 23 in Dallas. Coretta, a Mesquite native, sang the title role in “Madama Butterfly” at Opera in the Ozarks this summer. She is a graduate of Abilene Christian University (BM in Vocal Performance) and Southern Methodist University (MM in Vocal Performance). With her in this picture are others who entertained at the Friday luncheon during Federation Days. At left is Jared A. Guest, NFMC scholarship winner, and at right is Jesse Donner, first male recipient of the Martha M. Mack Vocal Scholarship.

Connie Randall (second from left) is welcomed to Texas by some of the delegates to the NFMC Convention. From left, Texans are Cletis Williamson, Jean Moffatt, Francis Christmann, and Judge Phil and Carla Johnson. Not pictured are Sue Breuer, Phyllis Noonan, and Joe and Laurel Ince. Connie has moved to Kaufman after serving as president of the Michigan Federation. We hope she’ll come to the fall board meeting in Dallas and get involved in TFMC activities.