Come to Dallas for fall board meeting

Texas participate in NFMC conference and IPFAC season

Several Texans participated in the NFMC conference in Tulsa, OK June 21-25 and in Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony in Eureka Springs, AR July 13-16.

President Lynn McNew led the Texas delegation to both meetings. Texas helped to host the Tulsa meeting along with other South Central Region states.

Other Texans attending Fargo were Sue Breuer, NFMC Historian and Texas representative to the NFMC Board; Laurel Ince, NFMC Headquarters Chairman; Tim Danielson, Music in Schools and Colleges chairman; Carla Johnson, SC Region Opera Chairman, and husband Phil; Jean Moffatt, Music Clubs Magazine editor; Mary Thomas, Junior Keynotes 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; Dorene Allen, TFMC treasurer; Mary Ann Bridges, TFMC 2nd vice-president; Francis Christmann, who received the first NFMC Lifetime Achievement Award; Rhonda Stege, who led the first Life Member Breakfast at an NFMC meeting; Jennifer Key, TFMC Festival Cup chairman who helped with the junior festival workshop; Annette and Gary Griesbach; Marcque McKay, Brenda Ford, Glenda Reynolds, Pat Retzlaff, Tom McNew, Bill and Laresa Yick, Vicki Carr, and Nancy Hansen and husband.

Participants were privileged to hear performances and speakers, participate in workshops, and sing with the NFMC Festival Chorus. Dorene and Mary Ann were installed as new Rose Fay Thomas Fellows.

Gloria Thrasher received the 2016 Servant Leadership for Texas. Since she was unable to attend Opera in the Ozarks, she received her pin and certificate in Tulsa.

Other Texans attendingOpera in the Ozarks were Sue Breuer, Governing Board vice-president; Jean Moffatt, GB Recording Secretary; Lee Meyer, Texas trustee; and at-large board members Tim Danielson, Richard Drapeau, and John Schmidt. Other Texans participating were Jacqueline Schmidt, Ruth Dyar, Carol Gessner, Tom McNew, Lois Armor, Judge Phil and Carla Johnson, Marcia Edwards, Carolyn Reid, Sandra Charness,

Lee Meyer presented the NFMC Scholarship to Mason Jarboe. Jean Moffatt presented the Mary Prudie Brown PNP Continuing Education Award to Yazid Pierce-Gray, and Carla Johnson recognized the third two winners of the Martha Marcks Mack scholarship established in 2014 to Megan Gryga and Susanne Burgess.

Maria Putter of Austin and Jean Moffatt of Seminole underwrote the production of "Don Giovanni," Jean in memory of her husband John. Texans underwriting nights of opera were Francis Christmann Endowment, Tim Danielson, Carla Johnson, Maria Putter, TFMC, District 3 TFMC in honor of Tim Danielson, and the Wednesday Morning Music Club of Austin. Jean Moffatt had earlier given three nights of opera.

Information, awards to be distributed

Come join TFMC members, friends and music lovers gathering for the 102nd annual TFMC Fall Board meeting Friday and Saturday, August 26-7, 2016 at the Embassy Suites Love Field, 3880 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 concert by Mason Jarboe of Fort Worth, NFMC scholarship winner to Opera in the Ozarks this summer.

Mason is a music major at North Texas State University in Denton. At OIO he played the title role in Don Giovanni and had leading roles of Tonio in Pagliacci and Michele in Il Taburro. He also received an Outstanding Colleague award from other members of the company.

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, followed by a luncheon. The meeting will adjourn at 1:00 p.m. There may be additional performers.
From Your TFMC President

by Lynn McNew, president
Texas Federation of Music Clubs

What a glorious time in Eureka Springs! Federation Days at Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony were July 13-16. Twenty-three Texans were in attendance, with three there for the first time. Every year I think the singers (emerging artists, as they like to be called) can’t possibly be any better than the year before, and every year they are. There were 12 Texans in the company, 4 in the orchestra, and one assistant stage manager from Texas.

Wednesday night’s Taste of Opera at the Crescent Hotel included a delicious meal and delightful entertainment by four singers from the Point. It brought back memories of a wonderful evening in Tulsa. That was followed by a masterful presentation of “Don Giovanni,” with Texans Megan Gryga, Mason Jarboe, and Artega Wright, singing the roles of Donna Anna, Don Giovanni, and Il Commendatore, respectively.

Thursday evening brought Benjamin Britten’s delightful “Albert Herring,” In the cast were Texans Rebecca Tann as Lady Billows, Avery Rabon as Mr. Upfold, and Monica Music as Cis. Thursday afternoon we heard the Studio Artists’ rendition of “Pinocchio” written by John Davies with music by Mozart, Offenbach, Pergolesi, Arthur Sullivan, and Verdi.

Friday night’s double bill of “Il Tabarro” and “Pagliacci” were again a joy to behold. Megan Gryga sang Giorgetta, and Mason Jarboe sang Michele in “Il Tabarro” and Tonio in “Pagliacci.” There were other Texans in both casts as well. Although he isn’t a Texan, Jamison Walker’s rendition of Canio’s aria at the end of Part I was enough to take your breath away -- as good as any professional I have ever heard.

Throughout each day there were meetings and luncheons and musical entertainment. It was time well spent.

Make plans to attend Federation Days next summer. The operas selected for the 2017 season are “The Marriage of Figaro” by Mozart, “Susannah” by Carlisle Floyd, and “Carmen” by Bizet. Texas will be responsible for decorating one luncheon.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend the TFMC Fall Board Meeting next month in Dallas. The meeting is open to all members—not just the board—and is a good way to get yourself ready for a new club year. Junior Club sponsors and Teacher Clubs are welcome, also. Come see what Federation is all about and what it can do for you. The Official Call can be found elsewhere in this Musical Messenger.

Starla Blair (center), Vice-President of the South Central Region, poses with the five state presidents at Federation Days: from left, Melba Maechtlen, Kansas; Julie Watson, Missouri; Chris Thompson, Arkansas; Lynn McNew, Texas; and Kathryn Hickman, Oklahoma.

‘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.

Gloria Thrasher receives 4th Texas Servant Leadership

Gloria Thrasher, the only Texan to serve two terms as state president, is the 2016 recipient of the Servant Leadership Award for the South Central Region, NFMC.

A resident of Rockdale, Gloria served as District 4 president several times and TFMC president two times. She serves on the Governing Board of Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony.

She is the fourth Texan to receive a Servant Leadership Award. Jean Moffatt was the first in 2012. Betty Hall was recognized in 2014, and Cletis Williamson in 2015.

Gloria Grilk established the Servant Leadership Award in 2012 when she was vice-president of the South Central Region. It has raised about $2,000 for the region. New awards are given each July at Federation Days.
OFFICIAL CALL
Texas Federation of Music Clubs
102nd Annual State Board Meeting
August 26-27, 2016 -:- Embassy Suites Hotel Love Field
3880 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX 75220

SCHEDULE

Friday, August 26
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 Mason Jarboe and another Opera in the Ozarks alum-

nus to be named

Saturday, August 27
Board Meeting Continued ........................... 8:30-12 p.m.
Lunch ....................................................... 12:15 p.m.
Adjourn .................................................... 1:15 p.m.

Registration Information

Hotel rooms are $109 per night for up to 4 people and are subject to city and state taxes. Each room includes a deluxe breakfast. Cutoff date is August 12, 2016. 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.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
Office/Chairmanship(s) ________________________________

Event:                  Price:     No.    Total
Registration (required)   $10       _____     $______
Friday Dinner                $30       _____     $______
Saturday Lunch               $22       _____     $______
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED         _____     $______

Make checks payable to TFMC.

Clip and mail by August 12 to
Dorene Allen, TFMC Treasurer
10605 Richmond Ave.
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Doreneallen@yahoo.com; 432-413-7806
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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, 2016 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.
Many of the Life Members of Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony pose at the recent Federation Days. Texans in the front row include Lois Armor, Carla Johnson, Sue Breuer, and Carolyn Reid. Back row include Lee Meyer, Jean Moffatt, John Schmidt, Tim Danielson, Bill Yick and Richard Drapeau.

Texans attending Federation Days at Opera in the Ozarks July 13-16 include: front row: Mary Helen Collier, Claudia Flippin, Tom and Lynn McNew, Sue Breuer, Carla Johnson and Jean Moffatt; back row: Dorothy Parker, Nancy Dobbs, Marcia Edwards, Carol Gessner, Lee Meyer, Phil Johnson, Nancy Herring, Bill and Laresa Yick, Carolyn Copeland, John and Jacqueline Schmidt, Ruth Dyar, Lois Armor, Carolyn Reid and Sandra Chamness. Other Texans not pictured iare Tim Danielson and Richard Drapeau. We didn’t know all the names of the "newbies", so we’re sorry about that. We’re glad for all the Texans who attended, and we hope you’ll come back every year. It seems to be addictive!
Two dozen Texans attend 2016 OIO

Pictured here are some of the top singers at Opera in the Ozarks and the scholarships they received. Also pictured are the chairman who presented them.

Mason Jarboe of Fort Worth was the winner of the NFMC scholarship. It is a full scholarship partially funded by the five states of the South Central Region. Lee Meyer is chairman of this award.

Megan Gryga and Susanne Burgess received the Martha Marcks Mack Award from NFMC. This was the third year it was given. Carla Johnson is chairman on behalf of NFMC. Megan is from Houston, and Susanne from New York.

Yazid Pierce-Gray is the latest recipient of the Mary Prudie Brown Scholarship for Continuing Education. He is from Germantown, MD and will use his $1,100 to pursue a master’s in music at the University of Michigan.

Mary Prudie Brown, past NFMC and TFMC president, established this scholarship when she left office. The Yellow Rose Society has boosted the annual award to where it now pays $1,100 to the winner, selected by OIO staff. Jean Moffatt replaced Betty Hall as chairman.

Carla Johnson, chairman of the Martha Mack Awards at Opera in the Ozarks, is flanked by the 2016 winners of the award: Megan Gryga and Susanne Burgess. At left is Mason Jarboe, NFMC Scholarship winner.

Mason Jarboe, NFMC scholarship winner to Opera in the Ozarks, receives a certificate from Lee Meyer, Texas trustee and chairman of the NFMC scholarship to OIO. At right is Michael Edwards, NFMC president. Seated behind the star is Starla Blair, vice-president in charge of the South Central Region. Come hear Mason at the TFMC Fall Board Meeting August 26 in Dallas. You’ll fall in love!

Yazid Pierce-Gray holds the certificate he received as winner of the Mary Prudie Brown Past National President Continuing Education Scholarship. With him are Jean Moffatt, scholarship chairman, and Michael Edwards, NFMC president. Starla Blair is also pictured. Yazid will use the $1,100 to pursue his master’s at the University of Michigan.