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Summer Greetings!

It will be August when you read this and fall months are not too far in the distance. PFMC Junior and Senior Clubs will soon begin meeting again and I hope plans for the coming year will include programs that promote Federation, American Music and other NFMC Divisions. Planning a course of study for the club year is a great way to entertain and educate. September is National Piano Month. Invite local piano teachers to attend and take the opportunity to promote Festivals and the Piano Solo Event.

I recently received a complimentary copy of the PFMC Winner's Book. What a treat to play the compositions, read the poetry and enjoy the art work of our talented PFMC Juniors. My only disappointment was finding scores that require more than one instrument. Even though I have two pianos in the studio, I just could not manage this challenge! The experience made me think about the importance of working together to complete a project. Every instrument in the orchestra is necessary to create beautiful music just as every PFMC member is needed to sustain our organization and to create or "build" our future. This year, plan to attend club meetings and bring a friend. A personal invitation is the best way to gain new members. Remember: Federation is a BIG DEAL!

As we look ahead to upcoming PFMC events, all members are needed to support and attend state functions. Information for each event will be sent in a timely manner. Please mark your calendar to save the date and most importantly, **plan to attend!**

PFMC Fall Board Meeting September 15-16, 2017 (see details inside)

PFMC District Conferences

- Oct 7 Pittsburgh District – Tuesday Musical Club Host
- Oct 14 Philadelphia District – Harmonia Music Association Host
- Oct 21 Northeast District – Williamsport Music Club Host
- Oct 28 Northwest District – Mercer Music Club Host

PFMC Board Meeting and Convention April 18-21, 2018 Northwest District Host
Marriott Hotel (Pittsburgh North) – Rt 228 Cranberry Twp, Pa 16066

Looking forward to seeing you soon!
Building Our Future by Remembering Our Past

Linda Maurhoff
PFMC President

SAVE THE DATE !!!

The **PFMC Biennial Spring Board Meeting and Convention** is scheduled for **April 18-21, 2018**.
Location: Pittsburgh North Marriott Hotel – 100 Cranberry Woods Dr – Cranberry Twp., PA. 16066.

Reservations will be taken any time now – call **724-772-3700**

1 King or 2 Doubles **\$129 plus tax/night** – includes free Wi-Fi

Optional: Free breakfast buffet for up to 4 people **staying IN SAME ROOM - \$139 plus tax/night**

You will need to **ask for this option** when making the reservation.

Be sure to mention PFMC for the group rate.

More convention details will be coming in each monthly President's News.

KEYSTONE TRIBUTE NEWS

Keystone Tribute Gifts have been given to the Keystone Tribute Fund.

In memory of **Hazel Hoffman** by Musical Arts Society of Lancaster.

In memory of **Dorothy Parmer** by Musical Arts Society of Lancaster.

In memory of **Euphemia Stellute**, sister of Mary Ellen Ulmer, by Lois Tamplin.

The Keystone Tribute Fund was established in 2010 and presently is an award of \$500.00. It is supported by gifts of at least \$25 and/or more to honor or memorialize individuals, clubs, organizations and studios. A PFMC Scholarship for a college student studying music education is awarded annually from this fund. Pat Walter, Chair

IN MEMORIAM

HENRY C. JOHNSON

Henry C. Johnson was born February 8, 1918 in Wilkes-Barre. He was the son of the late M. Stanley and Anne Cranston Johnson. He passed away December 29, 2016. He was well known in the area as one of the descendants of the Luke Swetland family, early settlers of the Wyoming Valley. He and his family owned and operated the Henry C. Johnson Company, a lumber and hardware business in Luzerne for almost one hundred years. Henry was a World War II U.S. Army Air Force veteran.



He was active in the Mozart Club of Wilkes-Barre where he served as the Chairman of the Sunshine Opera Committee. He organized bus trips to the Metropolitan Opera in NYC for members of the club and community. He was a member of the PA Northeast Chapter of American Guild of Organists. He led an extraordinary life, coming to know personally many of the great organists and organ builders of the 20th century, including Virgil Fox and G. Donald Harrison among others. He was a walking encyclopedia of organ history and the history of Wyoming Valley. He served as a consultant of several organ rebuilding projects in the area. His legacy brings his love of music and the organ to all those whose lives he touched.

LORRAINE G. PORTELLI



Lorraine G. (Grablick) Portelli was born June 2, 1924. She married Angelo J. Portelli in 1948. They were married for 65 years. She passed away January 3, 2017.

She was a vocalist and instructor of voice and piano. Her Bachelor of Fine Arts was earned at Syracuse University. She directed the choirs of Pittston Hospital of Nursing for many years. Lorraine performed with various local ensembles throughout her career. She was particularly passionate about her serve to the Wyoming Oratorio Society and the Mozart Club of Wilkes-Barre. Lorraine was the counselor for the Junior Mozart Club for many years. She also served as secretary of the Pittston Historical Society. Her encouraging presence and advocacy for music will be missed by her community and Mozart Club members.

**THE OFFICIAL CALL
2017 PFMC Fall BOARD MEETING
September 15 and 16, 2017**

Comfort Inn, 130 Patchway Road, Duncansville, PA 16635
814-693-1800

FRIDAY, September 15, 2017

3:00-4:00PM Finance Committee, V. Pres. & Finance Chair Charlene Hubbard presiding

4:00-5:00PM Executive Committee, President Linda Maurhoff presiding

SEE LIST OF REQUIRED ATTENDEES at the bottom of this page.

5:00-7:00PM Dinner on your own.

7:00-9:00PM Full Board Meeting (All Board Chairs)

SATURDAY, September 16, 2017

9:00- 10:00AM PFMC Board Meeting Break from 10:00-10:15AM

10:15- NOON Continue Board Meeting and Adjourn

PLEASE NOTE:

- ***\$2 will be collected from each Board Member for the Reserve Fund. Be prepared!***
- ***If you cannot attend, mail \$2 check, along with the reason for your absence, (required for anyone not attending) to PFMC President, Linda Maurhoff:
203 Downieville Rd – Valencia, PA 16059***

ROOM RESERVATIONS: Board members must make their own Room Reservations by September 1, 2017. Call Comfort Inn and mention PFMC Board Meeting. (814-693-1800).

*****Reminder: Bring Junior and Senior Club Achievement Books for judging**

REGARDING CHAIR REPORTS: I will email the report form to complete and snail-mail or email back to me. I want to review the reports PRIOR TO OUR MEETING. Thank you.

Finance Committee: President, Finance Chair, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Investment Chair, News Sheet Circulation Manager, Individual Membership Chair.

Executive Committee: President, Vice-Pres, District Chairs, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Finance Chair, Investments, Student Collegiate Chair, Festivals Chair, Festival Cup Chair.

HOSPITALITY ROOM 2017 – Pittsburgh District

FESTIVALS NEWS

PFMC FESTIVALS 2017

PFMC 2017 Festivals were completed by April 8th, this past spring. All reports have been filed with NFMC and dues paid.

Junior Entries: 1686; 58 Events. Adult Entries: 14; 7 Events

I attended the online workshop during the NFMC Convention in Dayton, Ohio held in June. The Online Festivals system is undergoing some serious changes. I will continue to collect data so that when it is finally ready, I can continue to enter information. The Juniors are the future of our organization and we need to create opportunities for them to be involved in all NFMC and PFMC programs and competitions.

**PFMC Board of Directors continue to move forward with a Junior Competition. The target date is April-May of 2018. I have asked the Festivals Area Chairs to work with our PFMC committee in the planning stages. The Festivals Competition will be open to Juniors who currently participate in the Festivals program. We hope a competition will motivate more Juniors to enter Festivals. If you have any comments or ideas, please call (570-928-8968) or email (bemurray84@yahoo.com).*

Barbara Murray, Chair



2017 FESTIVALS CUP EAST

CUPS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	GRAND	PRESIDENT
NORTHEAST DISTRICT	18	12	1	0	0	0
PHILA CENTRAL DISTRICT	16	5	7	1	0	0
PHILA NORTH DISTRICT	41	7	7	1	1	0
PHILA SOUTH DISTRICT	8	5	0	0	0	0
JUNIOR COMPOSERS	8	7	4	3	0	0
TOTALS FOR EAST DISTRICTS	91	36	19	5	1	0

Thank you to each district Chairperson for all their extra time and work this year. North East – Patricia Paciotti; Philadelphia Central – Kristi Moore; Philadelphia North – Susan Stillo and Philadelphia South – Kathy Skewis. Junior Composers State Chairman - Deborah Rodgers Priscilla Day, Pennsylvania East State Cup Chairman

2017 FESTIVALS CUP WEST (Results do not include Northwest East)

GOLD CUPS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	GRAND	PRESIDENT
PITTSBURGH NORTH DISTRICT (Piano)	34	12	0	0	0	0
PITTSBURGH NORTH DISTRICT (Theory)	17	6	0	0	0	0
PITTSBURGH EAST DISTRICT	28	12	3	1	0	0
NORTHWEST WEST	80	29	6	1	1	4
SILVER CUPS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	GRAND	PRESIDENT
PITTSBURGH NORTH DISTRICT (Piano)	1	2	0	0	0	0
PITTSBURGH NORTH DISTRICT (Theory)	1	2	0	0	0	0
NORTHWEST WEST	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS FOR WEST DISTRICTS	161	63	9	2	1	4

THANK YOU to each district chairperson for their extra time and work this year, NW-E, JOAN EISENREICH, NW-W, ELAINE MOESTOLLER, PGH.-E, LAURA GRGURAS, PGH. N.

2017 FESTIVALS CUP REPORT PENNSYLVANIA

	TEACHER		DISTRICT
PRESIDENTS CUPS:			
Piano Solo	LAUREN AGNELLO	Student of LINDA MAURHOFF	NW-WEST
	EVAN DEDDO	“ “ “	“ “
	ALEXA KROLL	“ “ “	“ “
	PAVAN SAVIO	“ “ “	“ “
	COURTNEY WAHLSTROM	“ “ “	“ “
 GRAND CUPS			
Piano Solo	SHARON JAYAMOHAN	Student of LINDA MAURHOFF	NW-WEST
Vocal Solo	DEANNA KAHN	Student of MARTRI LANTZ	PHILA NORTH
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FOURTH CUPS:			
Piano Solo	SOPHIA HOCHFELD	Student of MARTI LANTZ	PHILA NORTH
	SHARON JAYAMOHAN	Student of LINDA MAURHOFF	NW - WEST
Junior Composers	ELAINE LI	Student of DEBORAH RODGERS	PA
	SARAH SHINGLE	“ “ “	“
	ROSALIND SHUI	“ “ “	“

CONGRATULATIONS!
We are proud of all of you!

JUNIOR FESTIVAL CUP HONORS



Evan Deddo began playing piano at the age of seven as a student of Linda Maurhoff. Since then, he has participated in Festivals each year, earning consecutive superiors in Piano Solo and Piano Concerto events. Last year, Evan was the Northwest District winner of the Aikens-Cadman Memorial Award Audition and a participant in the state-level audition. This year, he will receive the **President’s Cup** and a **12-year Consecutive Superior Certificate**.

Music is a big part of Evan’s life as he also devotes time to violin studies. He is currently a violinist with the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra and a two time PMEA All-State Orchestra participant. At his high school, he was a two-year concertmaster of the String Orchestra and lead member of the String Ensemble. When not busy practicing and attending rehearsals, Evan likes to share the gifts of piano and violin music with the residents of St. Barnabas Arbors III. This summer, he is excitedly looking forward to participating in a four-city concert tour in Spain with the youth symphony.

Outside of music, Evan is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, a National Honor Society member, and a former PA state champion of the You Be the Chemist Competition. Evan enjoys cross country running and the art of folding origami. For the past 12 years, his origami models have been selected for inclusion in the annual Origami-by-Children exhibitions in New York City. This fall, Evan will be attending the University of California, Berkeley to study physics and math. His long-term aspiration is to become a research physicist.

Sharon Jayamohan is a junior at Mars Area High School. She has been taking piano lessons since kindergarten under Linda Maurhoff. She has participated in Festivals every year and has earned consecutive superiors in the Piano Solo, Piano Concerto, and Hymn Playing events. This year, Sharon received her **12-year Consecutive Superior Certificate** and the **Grand Cup for Piano Solo**.

Sharon also plays violin and has been a part of her high school orchestra since 6th grade and part of her school chamber orchestra since 9th grade. Sharon’s other activities include Spanish Club and Creative Writing Club. She is also a preschool teacher for her church and has volunteered for UPMC Hospital. Sharon is interested in science and thinking about chemistry as a major for college.





Lexie Kroll, 18, is the daughter of Harry and Debbie Kroll, and hails from Allison Park, PA. She is a senior music major at the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School in Midland, PA. Lexie has been a student of Linda Maurhoff since 2004, participating in NFMC Festivals programs since she was in kindergarten. Most recently, she earned the **President’s Cup** and a **13-year consecutive superior rating in Piano Solo**. In addition, she also has a second level gold cup in both the Piano Concerto and American Patriotic and Folk. Lexie is a part of the jazz, steel drum, and wind ensembles, and orchestra. She has been orchestra soloist twice. In theater she has played pit and stage piano.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society. A Girl Scout since kindergarten, she is currently working on her gold award, the highest Girl Scout honor.

Lexie is an accomplished oboist who studies with Scott Bell of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. She has qualified for PMEA All-State Orchestra and participated in the Pittsburgh Symphony EQT Side by Side Program in both 2016 and 2017. She has performed with the Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestra, and is a member of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra. She will tour with PYSO in Spain this summer. Through this, she has spent weeks at Chautauqua Music Institution, NY. She attended the prestigious Brevard Music Center’s 2016 summer intensive program to study oboe.

Lexie will be attending Temple University in the fall to major in oboe performance and will study with Jonathan Blumenfeld, oboist in the Philadelphia Orchestra. She also plans to earn her master’s in music therapy. Her ultimate goal is to have a career in the United States Military, either being a member of an ensemble or becoming an enlisted music therapist. Lexie is very proud to say she was a member of the Linda Maurhoff studio, and would like to extend her sincerest gratitude to her wonderful family, friends, and teachers for helping her get to where she is today.

Kristie Lynch, daughter of Mike and Debbie Lynch, is a senior at Johnstown Christian School earned the **Fourth Cup in Piano Solo**. She has been active as an accompanist, member of the Bell Choir, Touring Choir, National Honor Society and the Varsity Basketball Team.



She said, “after a lifelong goal, it is an honor to achieve this accomplishment after working towards it for so long.” Her future plans are to attend college with a major in Physical Therapy and a minor in Psychology to become a Physical Therapy Doctor.



Pavan Savio is currently a senior at the Seneca Valley Senior High School and will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the fall. He started playing the piano in first grade with Linda Maurhoff and has continued to this day. Pavan has participated in NFMC Festivals for the past 12 years in Piano Solo, Piano Concerto and Piano Hymn Playing. This year Pavan earned the **President’s Cup**, the highest level of achievement in Festivals.

He enjoys the outdoors and goes camping frequently with his Boy Scout troop. Pavan started playing soccer when he was six and continues to enjoy playing. He enjoys participating in a youth Bible study group. Pavan volunteers at UPMC

Cranberry Passavant and at Cranberry Place Retirement Home, playing the piano for the residents on special occasions. Currently he is a volunteer with the Miracle League of Southwestern PA. Pavan is a Boy Scout in Troop 404 and has attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a straight A student, has received a presidential award for finishing in the top 10% in his class and has been inducted into The Science National Honor Society. Pavan’s interests include playing videogames and traveling globally. To date, he has been to ten countries around the world. In his spare time, Pavan likes to hang out with friends and play basketball in his driveway. Pavan would like to pursue a field in medicine.

Courtney Wahlstrom has just completed her freshman year at Brigham Young University. Courtney began piano lessons in second grade with Linda Maurhoff. She participated in Festivals each year earning Superior ratings in Piano Solo, Piano Concerto and Hymn Playing. In her Senior year, Courtney earned the Grand Cup in Piano Solo and this year received her **twelve-year Superior certificate** and the **President's Cup in Piano Solo**.



Though Courtney is still uncertain what she would like to major in, she has a deep passion to serve the world around her. She is currently in Ghana doing an internship for the nonprofit United For Sight, which is focused on delivering eye care to impoverished areas. After this venture, Courtney has decided to take a short break from school to serve as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She has been assigned to labor in Japan, Tokyo between July 2017 and December 2018 and will learn Japanese. In everything Courtney does, she continues to incorporate her love of music and playing the piano. She regularly accompanies church services, choirs, and even took an Organ class at BYU. Courtney loves to attend fine art performances of symphonies, operas and musicals. Music has shaped her and had a great impact on not only who she is but also who she wants to become.

Students of Linda Maurhoff Studio at the spring recital



Front: left, Lexie Kroll, President's Cup, right, Sharon Jayamohan, Grand Cup. Back: left, Evan Deddo, President's Cup, center, Linda Maurhoff, right, Pavan Savio, President's Cup
Not pictured, Courtney Waltham, President's Cup

JUNIOR NEWS

JUNIOR SCHUBERT CLUB



The Junior Schubert Club concluded the 2016 - 2017 season Monday evening, April 3, at the Belles Lettres Clubhouse. Nineteen students were present and performed vocal, piano, cello, and violin solos as well as two piano duets and a piano and cello duet. Sixteen students received perfect attendance awards for the year. Overall performance points award winners for the year were Grace Sabella, third place, Nathanael Fleming, second place, and Anna Fleming, first place. Students earn points by performance, memorization, service, and attendance.

Results of the National Federation of Music Club's Junior Festival held at Clarion University were announced. Eight students participated in the Festival in 17 events. Sixteen superior ratings were earned.

Overall performance point winners:(pictured left) (left to right) Anna Fleming first place, Grace Sabella, third place, and Nathanael Fleming, second place.

An award was presented to the junior music club from the Oakwood Heights care facility for appreciation of the students' annual program for the residents. This year eighteen student members performed a delightful musical program at the home on Monday, March 20.

The Junior Schubert Club has been sponsored by the Schubert Musical and Literary Club continuously since 1913. The Oil City Junior Schubert Club is the oldest federated junior music club in the United States.

COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

2017 STATE AND REGION VIOLA AWARD



We are excited to announce that the 2017 Pennsylvania winner of the Wendell Irish Viola Competition is 17 year old **Juliet Jacques** of Williamsport. As the State winner Juliet became a competitor in the Northeast Region and was declared the recipient of this honor, as well. Congratulations to this fine young artist!

Juliet, the daughter of Dana Jacques, is a senior at Williamsport Area High School. She is a viola student of Dr. Kenneth Sarch and has been studying the instrument for eight years. She is a rising senior at Williamsport Area High School where she is a member of the Millionaire Strolling Strings, Millionaire Quartet, and the school Sinfonietta. She is principal violist of the Williamsport Youth Symphony and is also a member of the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra.

She regularly participates in PMEA orchestra and has attended the Philadelphia International Music Festival and the Bowdoin International Music Festival. Outside of music, she also enjoys hiking, traveling, and spending time with friends. Following high school, Juliet expects to pursue a degree in viola performance. The Philadelphia District looks forward to hearing Juliet perform at their Fall meeting.

The Wendell Irish Viola Competition was established by Barbara and Wilmot Irish in memory of their son, a violist, who died at an early age. It is open to viola students ages 12 – 18. For questions or to receive an application, contact the State Chairperson, Katherine Hoopes, at 717-279-7494, fiddlekat1932@comcast.net.

SENIOR CLUBS

ALLENTOWN MUSIC CLUB



On Sunday, March 5th, 2017 the Allentown Music Club awarded its annual Crusade for Strings to Ryan Bailis. Ryan is a cellist who is a senior at Freedom High School in Bethlehem.

Besides Ryan in the picture are from left to right, Lucille Stephens, a past president and cellist of the club, Bob Premecz who is the current president, and Cynthia Johnson, another past president.

The club was delighted with Ryan's performance of JS Bach's Cello Suite No. 1 in G major BWV 1007. Ryan was presented with a check for \$400.

HARMONIA MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Harmonia Music Association opened the celebration of National Music Week on Sunday, May 7, with the Festival of Choirs. Gathering at Kochenderfer's United Methodist Church, eight choirs performed individually and joined in a final number to complete the evening.

The Proclamation from Lebanon Mayor, Sherry Capello, opened our Annual Banquet on Monday, May 8 at the Hebron Banquet Hall. Following dinner, a brief meeting ensued. Greetings were brought by PFMC President, Linda Maurhoff, who installed the new officers. Six new members, including Patricia Walter, Harmonia officer and PFMC Board member, were inducted into the Lebanon County Musicians' Hall of Fame. Founded by Harmonia in 2013, this project annually recognizes persons who have made outstanding musical contributions to the area.

Sunday, May 14, was a wonderful culmination to the Week! Pianist, William Hume, and cellist, Paul Bergeron, performed an outstanding concert. Paul and William are currently students at the Eastman School of Music and are previous recipients of National Federation of Music Clubs scholarships. Both young men, truly rising stars in the music world, made the conclusion of National Music Week a memorable event. Katherine Hoopes, President

MOZART CLUB OF WILKES-BARRE



President Rosa Khalife-McCracken of the Mozart Club of Wilkes-Barre, presented the annual Marion Munson Music Scholarship to four outstanding high school seniors who will be pursuing a degree in music. The recipients for 2017 are pianist and vocalist, Dominick Cristofori D'Alessandro of Wyoming Seminary; Marquis Johnson of James M. Coughlin High School, vocalist, flute, piccolo and saxophone performer; Christian Clinton of Agora Cyber Charter School, vocalist; Jessica Ann Hopkins of Wyoming Area High School, flute performer.

Dominick participated in the 2017 PFMC District 9 and Region 4 Choral Festivals. He was awarded first place in the Anne Liva Young Artists Piano Competition and Charles B. Kanarr Award for Music Excellence. He will be attending Catholic University of America.

Marquis was presented the John Philip Sousa Award and the Marine Corps Award for Music Excellence. He participated in PMEA District Band, Chorus and Orchestra plus Regional Band Festivals. He was a member of the Coughlin Marching Band, Jazz Band Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, American Youth Ensemble and Wyoming Valley Band. He will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Christian Clinton has performed in productions at Kiss Theater, Little Theater of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania theater of the Performing Arts, F. M. Kirby Center, Joan Harris Conservatory and Theater at the Grove. He will be attending American Musical and Drama Academy, NYC.

Jessica was awarded the John Philip Sousa Award. She has participated in the PMEA District and Regional Band Festivals. She was chosen to participate at the All State Band Concert in Erie, PA. She is a founding member of the Northeast Youth Wind Ensemble at Marywood University. She participated in the mentoring program of the NEPA Philharmonic and performed in a Side-by-Side concert with the Philharmonic. She plans to attend Penn State University.

Mozart Club of Wilkes-Barre is a member of NFMC and PFMC. It was organized in 1906. Throughout the past 111 years Mozart Club has continued to support the mission of encouraging and promoting musical interest among its members but most importantly to encourage the development of musical talent in the youth of the community. We are honored to present the Marion Munson Music Scholarship to such amazing young musicians. We are also pleased to be able to reach out to these young musicians in a way that will allow them to cultivate their talent and shape their dreams into reality.



Jessica Ann Hopkins with Rosa Khalife-McCracken

Rosa Khalife-McCracken, President

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY

Musical Art Society held NFMC Festivals on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Lancaster Church of the Brethren. There were a total of 40 students who participated in 61 events.

Musical Art Society held its annual May Banquet on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 12:00 noon at Bachman Center, Lancaster, PA. We had six Memorial Award winners perform. Janell Preheim, violin, and Nicholas Jensen, viola, received the Margaret Miller Schock Memorial Award in the amount of \$500.00 which was divided into \$250.00 each. Rebecca Steiert, flute, and Hosea Wimer, piano, received the Grace Sauer Memorial Award in the amount of \$250.00 which was divided into \$125.00 each. Genevieve Hash, piano, and Andrew Rajaratnam, piano, received the Ann W. Hillegass Memorial Award in the amount of \$500.00 which was divided into \$250.00 each.

The Youth Ensembles concerts were as follows: Junior Orchestra and Prelude Strings Spring Concert was held on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., at Lancaster Mennonite High School Fine and Performing Arts Center, Lancaster, PA; Youth Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert was held on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at Lancaster Mennonite High School Fine and Performing Arts Center, Lancaster, PA.

Musical Art Society held the "Music For A Summer Night" concert series on four Tuesday evenings in June at 7:30 p.m., at Bachman Center, Lancaster, PA. The programs were scheduled as follows: June 6 – "Saxology With Terry Millard" featuring Musical Art Society member Terry Millard with his saxophone quartet; June 13 - "Youth and the Gift of Music" featuring the Workshop For Young Performing Artists students; June 20 – "Soiree of Musical Styles" featuring the Lancaster Woodwind Quintet; and June 27 – "For Love of Our Country" featuring the Rohrerstown Band under the direction of Gary Peters performing an all patriotic concert. The concert series, which is sponsored by Musical Art Society, is free and open to the public. Donations support the Scholarship Program for Young Musicians.

Musical Art Society gave ten students partial scholarships in the amount of \$100.00 each towards tuition to Elizabethtown College Music Camp or to a music camp of choice. Linda Flick, Federation Secretary

VENANGO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Venango Chamber Orchestra held its spring concert on April 9 at the Barrow-Civic Theatre in Franklin. The program, titled "From Bach to Bizet and Beyond," included a variety of compositions, both classical and popular. Since the concert was on Palm Sunday two appropriate hymns were played as well as Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" for brass and percussion.

The orchestra began in 1992 with 27 members, eight of which are still performing. The anniversary concert celebrating its 25 years is scheduled for November 5.

All concerts are free. The cost of the music and other incidental expenses are borne by contributions to the orchestra. Janet T. Loring, Principal Cello

DEPARTMENTS

DUSHORE MUSIC CLUB RECEIVES FOLK MUSIC AWARD

The Dushore Music Club continues to participate in many of the Senior Club activities. Parade of American Music in the beginning of the club year, and National Music Week near the end are the 'big ones'. This year 'Folk Music' was a focus at most of the meetings and events that had Dushore Music Club's involvement. For the first time, NFMC included a monetary prize of \$100 to five clubs with outstanding Folk Music Participation. So Dushore Music Club brought on the folk music, every opportunity they had! Together We Sing books were used at every meeting, and these songbooks were the center at two events: Our February 'wintery' meeting and our visit to the care home.

The new club year is soon to begin and Dushore is ready to go!

Barb Murray, Chair



Barbara Murray, left, receives Folk Music Award from Deborah Freeman and Ruth Morrow at the 2017 NFMC Convention

SACRED MUSIC

I received reports from 6 clubs this year which were all outstanding reports. The reports showed that these clubs are very active in the participation of sacred music in their communities and their club programs. Remember that your club can participate in sacred music in various ways, such as awarding scholarships to students pursuing careers in sacred music and sponsoring sacred music workshops.

The clubs reported holding interfaith sacred music programs, sacred music programs involving the whole community in singing sacred songs, and holding "Sing-A-Longs" at community nursing homes using "Together We Sing," and one club reported holding a "Community Christmas Concert". One club reported holding an interfaith sacred music program which supported a Community Bible School. Linda Flick, Chair

SHARON MUSIC CLUB CELEBRATES 100 YEARS



The Sharon Music Club celebrated its 100th year in the Federation with a banquet at the Park Inn Radisson in West Middlesex on May 7. President Paula Kudelko welcomed members, past members and scholarship winners. Everyone enjoyed looking at old photos, albums, and yearbooks as well as reading through old recorded minutes.

The club was organized in 1903 as a gathering of friends who were interested in music. The first president was thought to have been Myrtle Hoyt Morgan and the club began calling itself the Monday Musical Club. Two local businessmen sponsored music competitions and offered cash prizes. One of these men, M. V. DeForrest, is credited with the idea for the first National Music Week. The club also had three of its members elected to the position of State President.

Special guests included State President Linda Maurhoff, Vice-President Charlene Hubbard and Past State President, Mary Ellen Ulmer.



Past Presidents: Left to right (back) Pat Stanger, Anne Stefanovsky, Elizabeth Boozer; (Front) Lois Tamplin, Paula Kudelko.

Paula Kudelko, President



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