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Greetings to All!

Sincere wishes that each of you are in good health and enjoying the beautiful summer weather.

What a year it's been, one that will not easily be forgotten! Perhaps the word of the year could be "infectious" given the serious situation regarding our health and well-being. But rather than a negative thought let's put a positive spin on the word. Isn't music infectious? Who doesn't sing along or hum the melody to a familiar song when we hear the opening bars? How many tykes know the opening theme from "The Entertainer" means the ice cream truck is approaching! Music is infectious and something good to share. Music creates unity and provides encouragement to all who participate. The **PFMC** Collect encourages us to "bring the spiritualizing force of music to the inner life of our nation"!

As we look forward to the approaching fall season, I encourage **PFMC** Senior and Junior Clubs to plan programs and meetings for the coming year. Use your creative skills to connect with club members either in person using recommended guidelines or virtually. Live music can be difficult to share online but music performances can be prerecorded and shared in a Zoom meeting. Many symphony orchestras and smaller ensemble groups are uploading concerts and solo performances to be viewed online. Using a shared screen, your club members can watch a performance together. It's the next best thing to being there in person! Music connects us to each other and can fill those lonely hours!

A sincere Thank You to Barbara Murray for taking the "hands on" approach to assure the 2020 Festivals were completed. It was a difficult task this year, but Barb got the job done! I also want to thank Festivals Competition Chairs Charlene Hubbard and Susan Stillo for persevering to give our Juniors the opportunity to participate in the 2020 Competition. It took a lot of extra planning but again, they made it happen. Thank you for helping to Build Our Future for the next generation!

The **PFMC** Board Meeting and 88th Convention is re-scheduled for September 17-19, 2020. The registration form can be found inside the News Sheet. We are not oblivious to the COVID-19 pandemic still front and center of the news, but we are going to continue with plans for the meeting. Please make your hotel reservations now and plan to attend. The full agenda will be sent out by the end of August. Let's come together to share the joy of music and help Build Our Future.

My term as **PFMC** President is coming to an end. I so appreciate **PFMC** members who support this organization and spend many hours sharing the gift of music through club programs and community outreach. You are how and why we exist, and I applaud your efforts. It has been a privilege to serve as **PFMC** President and I encourage our membership to support Charlene Hubbard, President Elect as she fills this leadership role. Blessings to All!

Linda Maurhoff, PFMC President

Building Our Future by Remembering Our Past

2020-2021 ROSTER UPDATES

ATTENTION: UPDATES NEEDED NOW

Roster updates for the **2020-2021 Roster** should be sent to Charlene Hubbard **NOW**. Charlene is updating **ALL** the information in the Roster. She needs any changes to club officers, chair changes, personal or email addresses sent to her **NOW**, if you have not done so.

The updated **PFMC 2020-2021 Roster** will be sent to all members via email in August. **Please send any changes** in your personal, studio or club information to Charlene Hubbard, charlenehubbard@hotmail.com, Linda Maurhoff, pfmcpres203@hotmail.com and Mary Ellen Ulmer at ulmerme@hotmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

With deep regret we report the passing of **Harold Rundle**, the husband of Brenda Rundle who is the current President of the Music Study Club. They had celebrated 44 years of marriage in October, 2019, and he was described as a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Our prayers are with Brenda and her family.

The following was written by Ruth Ann Rumbold in remembrance of her friend, **Doris Cramer**. Many of you may not have known her but she was a vital part of the Music Study Club of the Stroudsburgs. It is a befitting tribute for her love of music and service to our organization and a testament to the wonderful friendships that are formed during the process. Enjoy.

The Music Study Club of the Stroudsburgs and I will greatly miss the long time member, Doris Cramer, who passed away on April 18, 2020 at the age of 96. Her involvement in the MSCS was never ending. She promoted the yearly scholarship and worked endlessly at "Festival". She was president of the Club for 6 years. She also was on the PFMC Board. The Club awarded her a Life Membership in the PA and National Federation of Music Clubs for her service, assistance, and support of her club.

Doris was a busy member of a local Methodist church. She also sang in the choir for many years. Her love of music was evident in many avenues. She started a singing group called the "Harmony Belles". They sang at senior and nursing homes plus entertaining many local groups.

When visiting Doris, one would be welcomed by her dog and also a sweet melody from her bird. Her home was surrounded by flower gardens and most times, upon visiting, she would be found working in one of them.

Doris and I attended many PFMC State Conventions where we made wonderful friends across the state. I will miss her humorous and wonderful personality and love as a friend I will never forget.

KEYSTONE TRIBUTE NEWS

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

In memory of **Joyce Mumma** from *The Musical Arts Society*..

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



JUNIOR FESTIVAL CUP HONORS



Claire Chen has been studying piano with Deborah Rodgers for the last 11 years. She loves many different genres of music, but enjoys playing classical music on the piano the most. This year she will receive the **NFMC Grand Cup for Composition**.

Over the past ten years Claire has written and submitted original compositions to the Jr. Composers Contest. Many of her previous compositions have been inspired by Romantic composers, while others are conversely inspired by contemporary styles and sounds. Composition gives her a creative space to incorporate her favorite aspects of music and unique ideas and develop them into a piece she is proud of. Claire hopes to be able to expand on her theory knowledge and spend more time composing.

Gwyn Antoinette L. Cruz has studied piano with Andrea Bogusko for the past 11 years. She is a 10 year Paderewski Gold Medal recipient as of 2019 and this past year she has received her **4th Festivals Gold Cup** from the National Guild of Piano Teachers.



Gwyn has also been a part of the Scranton Civic Ballet Company for the past 13 years. Some of her prominent roles include: Medora from *Le Corsair*, Cinderella from *Cinderella*, Clara Stahlbaum, Dew Drop Fairy, the Sugar Plum Fairy from *The Nutcracker*, and many more. She will continue dancing with Scranton Civic Ballet Company throughout college.

She is a graduate of Dallas Senior High School where she has been involved in many activities and organizations. Gwyn is a member of the National Honors Society, has received Honors with Distinction all four years of high school, and has also received the “Cumulative A” award at Dallas. This fall she will be attending the University of Scranton as a kinesiology major with the goal of becoming a doctor of physical therapy.”



Mia Doyle graduated from Queen of Heaven Academy in May 2020. After moving from Texas in 2012 she started taking lessons from Linda. Maurhoff. Mia enjoyed the Festivals program, reaching the 4th Festival Gold Cup for piano solos with consecutive superiors throughout. One of her favorite Festivals accomplishments was completing all three movements (over 60 pages!) of Mozart's Concerto in D Minor.

When not playing piano, she enjoys reading uplifting books,, playing guitar, participating in choirs and music camps, writing, doing random acts of kindness for others, and acting. Mia has been in five locally written and produced shows.

She will attend Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio to study education. ecome a teacher. I would like to thank Mrs. Maurhoff for her continued patience and support over the last 8 years. I would also like to thank my parents for my piano lessons, because the ability to make music remains one of my most precious gifts.

Timothy Jayamohan is an upcoming junior at Mars Area High School. He started playing piano with as a kindergartener with Linda Maurhoff and has enjoyed the experience every year. This is his 11 year to participate in Festivals entering the Piano Solo, Piano Concerto and Hymn Playing Events. Timothy has 11 Consecutive Superiors in Piano Solo and this year, received the **4th Festivals Gold Cup**.



Timothy enjoys playing other instruments such as the tenor saxophone and participates in the Mars High Jazz Band. He enjoys music and plans on continuing his musical journey in the future.

Colin Kissell has been taking piano lessons from Linda Capone for 12 years. He earned the **4th Festivals Cup** this year. He recently graduated as valedictorian from Notre Dame High School East Stroudsburg. He was a member of the National Honors Society in 11th and 12th grade.

Colin was recognized as a Nation Merit Commended Scholar for his performance on the PSAT in 11th grade. He was captain of his school's soccer and tennis teams, and he played golf as well. For most of his life, Colin played travel soccer. Colin ran a soccer camp to raise money for the Jeffrey Scott Camlet Memorial Scholarship for his school.

Throughout high school he acted as a substitute pianist at local churches. Colin will be attending Lafayette College in the fall and will be majoring in mechanical engineering.



Santina Kobierecki is a Senior at Scranton Preparatory School. She has studied piano since Kindergarten. Her first piano teacher was Yvonne Alling, Peckville, Pa. Later, Santina began to study with Lisa Maiolatesi, Olyphant, Pa. Santina has enjoyed many years participating in the Gold Cup Festival with the Music Study Club of the Stroudsburg (Philadelphia North) and has earned her **4th Festivals Cup**.

Santina has played at NEPM Honors Recital at Carnegie Hall and the Golden Key Music Festival in New York City. Santina spends her free time baking and playing softball. She loves spending time with her family and friends. Santina is thankful for the gift of music in her life

Ishaan Lal, a recent graduate of Emmaus High School. This year he earned the **President's Cup**. NFMC Festivals is an event that he looks forward to every year. Ishaan has been studying piano since the age of five. He has studied under two teachers and is currently studying under Susan Kuntz.

During the past eleven years, he has played solo pieces at the PMTA Junior Festival every year and has played concertos over the past three years. He is thankful to the NFMC Festival for continuing to support his interest in music and for broadening my piano repertoire.

Ishaan would like to thank my piano teacher, Mrs. Susan Kuntz, for always supporting him in his studies of piano. He feels honored to share the accomplishment of achieving the President's Cup with Mrs. Kuntz.

This fall, Ishaan will be attending the University of Pennsylvania to study mechanical engineering.



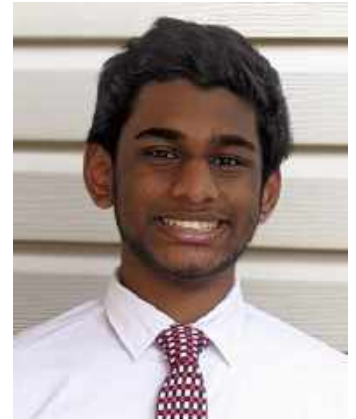


Seth Alexander (Alex) Owen is a Senior this coming year at Seneca Valley High School. Alex has played the piano since 3rd grade as a member of Linda Maurhoff Studio. He has participated in **NMFC** Festivals each year in Piano Solo, Hymn Playing and Piano Concerto. He loves the classical concerto music and this year, Alex received **the 4th Festivals Gold Cup** in Piano Solo.

Alex has also played the saxophone for the past 9 years. He is involved in Seneca Valley marching band. Alex also plays the bass clarinet in Seneca Valleys wind ensemble. Alex is also involved in his church youth group and has been part of the Boy Scouts of America since the age of 8. Alex does well academically at Seneca Valley. For the past three years he has received either High or Highest honors awards from the school district. Alex plans to attend college and major in music.

Anoop Savio is a junior at Seneca Valley High School. He has played piano for 11 years and studies with Linda Maurhoff. He participates in **NMFC** Festivals and this year received the **Grand Cup** for Piano Solo. Anoop loves music and is also involved in his school jazz band. He especially likes to play ragtime songs and popular hits on the piano.

Outside of piano, Anoop is involved with many activities. He is in his YMCA's Youth and Government program where he heads the legislative branch. He is also a member of his school's academic games team and plays soccer and tennis. Anoop is interested in politics and sports, and frequently keeps up news. Anoop volunteers at the local Miracle League, an organization that helps children with special needs play baseball. Anoop is an avid traveler who has been to 12 countries.



Alexander G. Tang, a senior at Parkland High School, earned his **4th Festivals Gold Cup**. He began studying piano at the age of five under Ms. Darlene Ziegler. Alex won Aikens Cadman Award in **PFMC** Eastern Piano Competition.

Alex was the winner of the Dr. Albert Hofammann Scholarship for Young Pianists in 2018. He was also the winner of the Friends of Music Outstanding Young Artists Competition in 2019 and 2020 with piano and clarinet respectively, becoming the first two-time winner of this competition.

He's also a member of National Honor Society, Tri-M Honors Society and Math Honor Society. Alex is an avid soccer player, playing on Western Lehigh Soccer Club for the past 7 years.

COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

JUNIOR COMPOSERS CONTEST

Summer is a great time to fire up your students imaginations and compose music. Just take 10 or 15 minutes each lesson and before you know it, your students will compose a piece that they will be proud of. In January they can then submit their compositions to the Jr. Composers Contest and receive possible prizes, evaluations, and points towards earning a gold cup for composition.

Deborah Rpdgers. Chair

FESTIVALS NEWS

PENNSYLVANIA'S 2020 NFMC JUNIOR FESTIVALS

There are eight Festival Areas in the state of Pennsylvania. I would like to recognize and thank the area chairs: NE- Andrea Bogusko and Terrie Scarboro (took the position that Diana Black held for many years); Phila. North- Marti Lantz; Phila. Central- Karen El-Chaar; Phila. South- Kathy Skewis and Linda Flick (assigned to assist with forms); NW- W Joyce Gindlesperger and Linda Maurhoff; NW-E Martha Heise; Pitts. North- Barbara Kelly and Joy Robinson (assisted with forms); and Pitts.- East- Ellen Johnson.

The NW-W held their Festivals in February and avoided the COVID 19 situation that hit us in March. A couple others had to do some extra planning in order to carry out the student auditions. One area almost didn't come through, but studio teachers stepped up and got things going. I am grateful to everyone who played a part in making the Festivals happen!

Here are the numbers of participants and Superiors:

TOTAL # OF EVENTS	15 JR	6 ADULT
TOTAL # INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES	1253	12
TOTAL # OF SUPERIORS	1241	14
TOTAL NUMBER OF JR CLUBS PARTICIPATING	75	

With everything that has happened this spring, it is easy to understand the lower numbers. I am very grateful to those area chairs, studio teachers, students, and parents for participating with such dedication, careful planning, and a willingness to do whatever was safe to complete the year with the Festivals. Barbara Murray, Chair

2020 JUNIOR FESTIVALS COMPETITION

PFMC EASTERN STATE PIANO COMPETITION

The PFMC Eastern State Piano Competition was held June 27, 2020 at Christ Episcopal Church in Stroudsburg, PA after being delayed nearly two months.

Under the direction of Chairwoman, Susan Stillo, and the help of teachers Terrie Scarboro and Darlene Ziegler, new procedures using all safety guidelines made it possible to have a "live" performance and host it properly.

We are looking forward to continuing the tradition, now in its third year, but host a statewide event. What an AMAZING opportunity and goal for these young members and their teachers. Susan Stillo, Chair

The event was attended by 15 students and 5 participating teachers. \$1,075 in prize money was awarded to the outstanding winners as follows:

\$400 PFMC 1 ST PLACE AWARD	PFMC AIKENS-CADMAN AWARD	ALEXANDER TANG**
\$250 PFMC 2 ND PLACE AWARD		THOMAS GILCHRIST
\$100 PFMC 3 RD PLACE AWARD	PFMC HONORARY AWARD	JORDEN CHEN
\$100 PFMC 4 TH PLACE AWARD	PFMC MEMORIAL AWARD	JULIA MCDONNELL



ALEXANDER TANG
1ST PLACE **



THOMAS GILCHRIST
2ND PLACE



JORDEN CHEN
3RD PLACE



JULIA MCDONNELL
4TH PLACE

** Bio below

EASTERN PIANO COMPETITION WINNERS (CONT'D)

HONORARY MENTION AWARD \$75 LEVEL WINNERS



NICOLE CHEN



KATHERINE GILCHRIST



NOAH VALL

PFMC WESTERN STATE PIANO COMPETITION

It was so wonderful to hear talented students perform "LIVE" music this morning. Congratulations to all the students who participated today. Thank you to the parents for your support of your children and giving them the opportunities to share their musical abilities. Thank you to all the teachers whom none of this is possible and for giving the gift of music to your students.

Thank you to our judges, James W. Iman, Dr. Josie Merlino, and Brina Davis., who listened carefully, thoughtfully and judged fairly. This was their 3rd year. We appreciate their time and abilities to make the decisions that can be difficult. They did a fantastic job.

Charlene Hubbard, Chair

The outstanding winners::

\$400 PFMC 1 ST PLACE AWARD	PFMC AIKENS-CADMAN AWARD	DAVID BAN**
\$200 PFMC 2 ND PLACE AWARD	PFMC PRESIDENT'S AWARD	NOAH WALDENVILLE
\$100 PFMC 3 RD PLACE AWARD	PFMC HONORARY AWARD	ETHAN KAMAU
\$100 PFMC 4 TH PLACE AWARD	PFMC MEMORIAL AWARD	LIAM DELANEY

** Bio below

\$75 LEVEL WINNERS

ANOOP SAVIO	Student of	LINDA MAURHOFF
JENNIFER ZHENG	Student of	ELAINE MOSTOLLER
MICHELLE ZHENG	Student of	ELAINE MOSTOLLER

Alexander Tang, (PICTURE ABOVE) of Fogelsville, PA won the prestigious Aikens Cadman Award at the PFMC Eastern Piano Competition on June 27th in Stroudsburg, PA. Alex, age 17 is a student of Darlene Ziegler and has been studying with her for twelve years. For his winning performance, he performed Polichinelle Op 3 No.4 by Rachmoninoff in the Musically Advanced II category.

David Ban, 18, a graduated from North Allegheny Senior High School. He is a student of Professor David Allen Wehr at Duquesne University. He started piano age five. His previous teachers include Professor Gary Amano and Ms. Anarie White at Utah State University. He has performed as a featured piano soloist with the Utah Symphony and four other local orchestras.

David has won many awards including first place in American Protégé International Competition of Romantic Music, Pittsburgh International Piano Competition, Pittsburgh Piano Teacher Association Scholarship Competition, 6th Annual Dahle Piano Competition (Dayton, Idaho, and placed second at the Steinway Junior Piano Competition.. In addition, David loves sharing his music with the community, and regularly visits hospitals and nursing homes to perform.



THE WORLD MAY CHANGE IN THE YEARS TO COME, BUT THE EFFECT AND IMPACT MUSIC CARRIES WILL FOREVER SUSTAIN IT WITH JOY AND HAPPINESS.

FESTIVALS CUP NEWS

2020 FESTIVALS CUP EAST

<u>CUPS</u>	<u>1ST</u>	<u>2ND</u>	<u>3RD</u>	<u>4TH</u>	<u>GRAND</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>
NORTHEAST DISTRICT	8	5	4	1	0	0
PHILA CENTRAL DISTRICT	9	3	5	1	0	1
PHILA NORTH DISTRICT	24	15	2	2	0	0
PHILA SOUTH DISTRICT	8	1	1	0	0	0
JUNIOR COMPOSERS	10	6	5	2	1	0
TOTALS FOR EAST DISTRICTS	59	30	17	6	1	1

**MANY THANKS TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHAIRMEN
FOR ALL THEIR EXTRA TIME AND WORK THIS YEAR.**

North East – Barbara Murray Philadelphia Central – Kristi Moore; Philadelphia North – Susan Still
and Philadelphia South – Kathy Skewis. Junior Composers State Chairman - Deborah Rodgers
Priscilla Day, East State Cup Chair

2020 FESTIVALS CUP WEST

Totals for PITTSBURGH EAST, PITTSBURGH NORTH,
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<u>CUPS</u>	<u>1ST</u>	<u>2ND</u>	<u>3RD</u>	<u>4TH</u>	<u>GRAND</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>
TOTAL FOR WEST DISTRICTS	127	55	33	7	1	1


Joan Eisenreich, West State Cup Chair

2020 FESTIVALS CUP REPORT PENNSYLVANIA

	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
PRESIDENT CUPS		
Piano Solo/Concerto	ISHAAN LAL Student of SUSAN KUNTZ	NORTHEAST
Piano Solo	RUBY WATSON Student of JOYCE GINDLESPERGER	NW-WEST
GRAND CUPS		
Junior Composer	CLAIRE CHE N Student of DEBORAH RODGERS	PENNSYLVANIA
Piano Solo	SIMREN JAYARAMAN Student of TATIANA MEISTER	NW-WEST
	ANOOP SAVIO Student of LINDA MAURHOFF	NW-WEST
FOURTH CUPS:		
Junior Composer	MEGAN MAGEE Student of DEBORAH RODGERS	PENNSYLVANIA
	JEFFREY YANG Student of DEBORAH RODGERS	PENNSYLVANIA
Piano Solo/Concerto	GWEN CRUZ Student of ANDREA BOGUSKO	NE
Piano Solo	MIA DOYLE Student of LINDA MAURHOFF	NW-WEST
	TIMOTHY JAYAMOHAN Student of LINDA MAURHOFF	NW-WEST
	REBEKAH KALBERER Student of KATHY KEMERER	NW-WEST
	COLIN KISSEL Student of LINDA CAPONE	PA NORTH
	SANTINA KOBIERECKI Student of LISA MAIOLATESI	PA NORTH

FOURTH CUPS (CONTINUED)

FIONA KORTYNA	Student of	JOYCE GINDLESBERGER	NW-WEST
JULIA MCCARTY	Student of	MARGIE RINAMAN	NW-WEST
ALEX OWEN	Student of	LINDA MAURHOFF	NW-WEST
ALEXANDER TANG	Student of	DARLENE ZIEGLER	PA CENTRAL
LUKE WEILAND	Student of	MARGIE RINAMAN	NW-WEST

CONGRATULATIONS!
We are proud of all of you!
PFMC  PROUD

JUNIOR COMPOSERS

JUNIOR COMPOSER EARNS STATE AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Michael Li starting playing the piano around first grade where he began experimenting with music from various artists throughout time. In recent years, he began learning to play with the saxophone and the bassoon and continued to develop his piano playing skills with his teacher, Mrs. Deborah Rodgers.

This year, Michael has started to compose his own music. By listening to the configuration of different songs of different styles and with the help of his teacher, he began creating songs that implement various concepts of some of those styles.

Michel submitted his composition to the Jr. Composer Contest where he won **1st prize in the State Level, Honorable Mention at the NFMC Regional Level, and an Incentive Award in the National Level.** Michael strives to develop a mastery for the various instruments he plays and hone his ability as a composer in hopes to become a more talented and well-rounded musician.

DISTRICT NEWS

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

I have had four very enjoyable years as Philadelphia District Chair visiting all the clubs with their wonderful programs and meeting their members. I want to announce that Kathy Skewis will be replacing me as the new Philadelphia District Chair in September.

I visited all four of the clubs in the Philadelphia District this year and I thoroughly enjoyed all of their outstanding programs. The clubs in the Philadelphia District are very active in the involvement of the musical education of young musicians and also in various community activities and programs. I also very much enjoyed meeting and socializing with the club members.

The Philadelphia District will be the Host District for the PFMC Biennial Convention on September 17-19, 2020, which will be held at the Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Bethlehem, PA. The theme is "PFMC...The Musical Star Of Bethlehem." Please reserve these dates on your calendar so you can be a shining "Musical Star" of Bethlehem!!

Linda Flick, Chair

SENIOR CLUBS

ALLENTOWN MUSIC CLUB

This past year we lost two long time members of our Club. Bernice Haller - a soprano vocalist, and Marilyn Kistler.

Kestler was a violinist who performed with the Allentown Symphony Orchestra for 60 years! She was an excellent violin teacher and my daughter, Michelle had the opportunity to study with her for nine years. A few years after Michelle's graduation from West Chester University as a Music Major Kestler became the founder and Director of the Milford, Delaware Music School. Santa Peters, Vice-President

DUSHORE MUSIC CLUB

Well, 2019 started with a dinner meeting which always includes great food, singing, and lots of catching up! Our Annual Fall Conference was well attended and our state president, Linda Maurhoff, came to visit and reflected what her messages over her four year position as president. Sue Roy led us all in an organized meeting.

The October and November Music meetings were given by Ruthann Gavitt and Kay Homer. October's program called "Something Wonderful," gave the impact of the collaboration of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein on the musical theater. November's 'NFMC's Parade of American Music' was skillfully planned and included songs from the music club's 1988 meeting. There were a few of the members who are still with us, but many are making music 'on high'. Our Annual Christmas concert included many performers within our community. Dancers, singers, and poetry were presented, and even Santa came for the festivities!

The year 2020 moved slowly with January's Founder's Day lunch with only 5 members attending. The weather just would not cooperate! February's meeting was held at the library with Sullivan County Council on the Arts member, Derek Davis presenting his international program called "Music Circles the World." It included recordings from different places on the globe, and Derek gave everyone some background before playing each piece.

March, April, May, and June will be placed into the 2021 programs. Our meetings were postponed because of COVID 19, and we all stayed safe in our homes. But like everyone, we will "Look For the Silver Lining."

Joanna Murray, Federation Secretary

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY

Musical Art Society held Festivals virtually on Saturday, March 28, 2020 in Lancaster, PA. There were 44 participants, 5 events, 34 Superior ratings. Two Junior clubs participated.

Musical Art Society gave four Memorial Awards to four students this year. The Schock Memorial Award in the amount of \$500.00 was divided into two awards of \$250.00 each which was awarded to Janae Gaddy, String Bass, and Jamie Chon, Violin. The Sauer Memorial Award in the amount of \$300.00 was awarded to Andrew Rajaratnam, Piano; and the Hillegass Memorial Award in the amount of \$500.00 was awarded to Christian Wienckoski, Piano.

Our May Banquet, the Youth Ensembles spring concerts, and our "Music For A Summer Night" concert series were cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Linda Flick, Fed. Secretary

OIL CITY SCHUBERT MUSIC AND LITERARY CLUB

The Schubert Musical and Literary Club met Friday, March 13th 7PM at the Belles Lettres Clubhouse as guests of the Junior Schubert Club. Cindy Fultz and Laurie Mong welcomed members and guests.

During a brief business meeting of the Sr. Club, a motion was made to elect Linda Wrhen and Nancy Simpson as delegates to the PFMC Convention in Bethlehem, PA, April 23 – 25, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

The Jr. Club meeting was presided over by their officers, Grace Sabella, Anna Fleming, and Matthew Fleming. Emma Fleming accompanied the singing of the Federation hymn. Anna Fleming accompanied the Together we sing selection, "Shenandoah."

Laurie Mong, Assistant Jr. Club counselor presented the evening's entertainment by Jr. Club members. Piano Solos were performed by Sarah Sabella, Lydia Nicholson, Emma Fleming, Benny Sabella, Matthew Fleming, Hannah Nicholson, George Sabella, Anna Fleming, and Grace Sabella. Lydia and Hannah Nicholson; and Grace and Lilly Sabella presented duets. Lydia and Dr. Shea Nicholson accompanied "Pennsylvania" by Gertrude Martin Rohrer. Refreshments were served by Martin and Mary Jane Anderson and their committee.

Mary Anderson, Corresponding Secretary

DEPARTMENTS

CRUSADE FOR STRINGS

The overall participation in club reports for Crusade For Strings was low this year as I received reports from 9 out of 21 Pennsylvania clubs. Your club could appoint a Crusade For Strings Chair to promote club programs, community programs, and involve young people in string programs and concerts.

Clubs should seek outstanding string students and give them information regarding NFMC auditions and awards and have well-qualified string teachers as judges at all auditions. Clubs can also include string programs involving speakers, workshops, or performers for at least one club program each year.

Linda Flick, Chair

SACRED MUSIC

I received reports from 8 out of 21 Pennsylvania clubs this year for Sacred Music. I would encourage more clubs to become more involved in Sacred Music next year. Your club could appoint a Sacred Music Chair to sponsor programs of sacred music in your club and in hospitals, nursing homes, retirement homes, and in the community. Clubs can support and participate in church music programs and provide scholarships for young people pursuing careers in sacred music. Clubs can organize a choir festival or sponsor programs of sacred music using choirs and ensembles of all ages.

Linda Flick, Chair

SENIOR CLUB RATING AND EVALUATION

I received reports from 5 out of 21 Pennsylvania clubs this year for Senior Club Rating and Evaluation. Remember that the Rating Sheet can be completed by the club president, a Senior Club Rating and Evaluation Chair, or a committee. It could even be done at a club meeting as an orientation program to assist members in understanding the full scope of PFMC work. A notebook could be provided at each club meeting to record the volunteer hours given by each club member in the community, church, or any other organization. Also remember that deserving clubs could receive a National Award.

.Linda Flick, Chair

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Just wanted to thank you all for the fine articles and pictures you have sent for this edition (and others). This year it is especially hard for us to gather and make music together. Any news you have of ways to circumvent the social distancing would be so welcome not only by me but other clubs and NFMC publications. Get back into the history of your club. Share videos and pictures of past celebrations. Highlight long time members with small biography articles about past presidents, board members and local musicians. Don't wait until they have passed to honor them. These are great ways to pass on memories and history.. **News Sheet Deadlines: November 15, February 15, June 30**

PS: Although I really enjoy this "gig", the time is coming to look for a new editor. Please be on the lookout for someone who loves PFMC, enjoys editing and some graphic work. I am a willing mentor. Mary Ellen Ulmer, Editor

NFMC PROGRAM BOOK INFORMATION

These are the very basic information for club yearbooks. Additions and corrections may be found at nfmc-music.org.

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President's Theme: **Create Harmony through Music**

President's Song — **Come to Us, Creative Spirit** (Text-David Mowbray; Music-Richard Proulx)

2021 National Music Week Theme: **Music... is a Storyteller**

2021 NFMC 61st Biennial Convention will be held in Norfolk VA, **June 15-19, 2021**

at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel.

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