

APRIL 2020 – PFMC PRESIDENT’S NEWS

Warm Greeting to All!

I trust you are well and surviving what has certainly been the greatest challenge most of us have even experienced. That being said, isn't it refreshing to see and hear stories of people reaching out to help others? How encouraging! Let's hope that mindset continues for years to come.

Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center has agreed to reschedule the PFMC Convention for September 17-19, 2020. The deposit money will be credited to the new dates and there are no other attrition or penalty charges for changing the dates. The agenda will need a few changes, but most meeting times will remain as originally scheduled. The Official Call will be sent the first week of August along with updates. I am pleased to say that NFMC President Frances Nelson is available to come in September. We are working with other presenters.

BE CERTAIN YOU HAVE CANCELLED YOUR ROOM RESERVATION FOR APRIL. This needs to be done soon. A charge will be made to your card if you don't cancel 48 hours before the check-in date (April 23). It is not too soon to make a reservation for the September dates. The hotel will be very busy this fall with many events that are being rescheduled. Don't wait too long to make your room reservation for September. Information for booking a room:

Room Block Dates: SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2020

Group Rates: \$89.99 per room per night

• *Plus 10% tax per night*

• *Hot breakfast buffet included*

Cut-Off Date: Reservations must be made by **August 28, 2020**. Reservation requests after this date may not be available at the group rate.

To Reserve: Call (610) 866-5800 and request the “PA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS” to receive the group room rate or utilize the online booking link.

Booking online: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.55077.html?groupId=H16FM2C1

Chair Reports: Once you have information needed for the 2019-20 club year, please send your Chair report to me. Reports need to be on my computer no later than **August 1, 2020**. Thank you to those who have already sent a report and if you have any additions or corrections, please send an updated report by the due date. Indicate in your email the attached report is updated.

With the change in date for the PFMC 88th Biennial Convention to the 3rd week of September, there is a question about the necessity of the Fall District Conferences for 2020. Senior Clubs from the Philadelphia District will participate in the Convention and meeting again two weeks later should not be necessary. I have talked with PFMC VP Charlene Hubbard and we both agree each PFMC Districts can make the decision to meet or to pass for this year.

The necrology list will continue to be updated. To date, I have only one name on the list for 2019-2020. Please send the information by **July 1, 2020**.

Checks for PFMC Convention donations and program book ads have been deposited. If you have not yet sent a digital copy of an ad, please do so now. A hard copy of an ad just doesn't work, especially if the copy is folded before mailing to me. Please send the ad as an attachment. That is the easiest way to insert in the program book. With the change of date, donations and ads will be accepted through **August 1, 2020**.

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