

FEBRUARY 2020 - PFMC PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Greetings to All:

I hope you are enjoying the mild winter we are having thus far! It certainly is beautiful today.

Most Senior Clubs will be meeting again this month after a short break and I have important information to share with your members.

1. PFMC 88th Biennial Convention and Board Meeting is scheduled for April 23-25, 2020.
Lehigh Valley Hotel & Conference Center – Best Western Hotel
300 Gateway Drive – Bethlehem, PA 18017
You can make a room reservation now by calling front desk: 610-866-5800
You can make a room reservation online at:

The room block is listed under: ***PA Federation of Music Clubs***. You need to give that information when making the reservation to receive the discounted rate of \$89+tax. The rate applies to either a King or a Double (2 Queen beds).

The official call will be sent via email next month and in the PFMC Winter News Sheet. Frances Nelson, NFMC President is our National Guest. We have musical interludes scheduled, a Bach workshop and of course, lots of PFMC business to cover. I look forward to seeing all PFMC Board members at the convention. It is very important for all PFMC Senior Clubs to be represented at the convention as we discuss the future of our organization. Please make every effort to financially assist your club President and one other representative to attend.

Carol Mixer will again direct the PFMC Chorus. You can indicate your participation on the reservation form coming next month.

2. Donation request forms for the PFMC Convention were mailed to all PFMC Board members in January. Sincere thanks to those who have responded with your form and check. Remember, the registration fee for the convention is covered with any level donation. I have attached the forms for those who still wish to donate.
3. The form to request ads for the convention program book was sent in the PFMC Fall News Sheet. I have attached that form for Senior Clubs, Individual Members and any businesses (especially those local to the hotel) willing to place an ad in the book.
4. The final attachment is the request for Festivals Competition donations. The 2020 event will take place in April at the same two locations as last year. See attached letter for additional information. For the past two years most awards were covered with generous donations from PFMC members. Thank you in advance for your continued support.
5. I received NFMC certificates for National Music Week just before the Holidays. The certificates are being mailed to respective Senior Clubs this week.

6. PFMC Music in Poetry Chair, Jessica Wood reports we have the following winners for 2020: All are students of Phyllis Chvostal
Class I: First place: Mehar Jain's "Music is Kindness"
Second place: Ayana Singh's "Beautiful Music"

Class II: First place: Aradhya Sircar's "The Amazing Piano"
Second place: Advaita Sircar's "Piano Fun"
7. Upcoming due dates: See PFMC website for details pfmc-music.org
March 1: Musical Theme Art Work (Juniors)
Parade of American Music Report & Contest
Club Yearbooks to National Chair
March 15: Founder's Day Report

As most of you know, my life was turned upside down since last November. My intentions to mail thank you notes to District Chairs and host clubs for each 2019 District Conference just never happened. The term "free time" has taken on a whole new meaning for me. When priorities in our life leave us no choice but to sacrifice responsibilities that are very important to us, it is a humbling experience. However, we then can show understanding when others we know travel that same road.

I am so grateful for the planning that was done, the delicious luncheons and the great music for each District Conference. Please accept my belated note of "Thanks" to District Chairs and host clubs for your sacrifice of time. The District Conferences have truly been fun and one of the *enjoyable* responsibilities as PFMC President.

Best Wishes for great meeting this spring.
Looking forward to seeing you in April!

Linda Maurhoff
PFMC President