



NEWS SHEET

Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs

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Hello Everyone and hope you all had a good Thanksgiving Holiday and are now preparing for the busy Christmas Season with lots of beautiful music! Our **PFMC** President, Charlene Hubbard, has added some beautiful poems and pictures for this Edition of the News Sheet which is followed by news of **PFMC**!

NOTE!! This is the first cyber edition and there will no longer be a printed edition. The “pluses” of this are that the web edition will have color pictures and room for more articles, art work options, and more space for feature articles. E-mails will be sent out to the **PFMC** membership letting everyone know how to access the News Sheet on the website under the password protection.



Before the Snow
by Bliss Carman

Now soon, ah, very soon, I know
The trumpets of the north will blow,
And the great winds will come to bring
The pale, wild riders of the snow.

Darkening the sun with level flight,
At arrowy speed, they will alight,
Unnumbered as the desert sands,
To bivouac on the edge of night.

Then I, within their somber ring,
Shall hear a voice that seems to sing,
Deep, deep within my tranquil heart,
The valiant prophecy of spring.

♪ ♪ It's beginning to look a lot like ...

WINTER ♪

*Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your nose;
Yule-tide carols being sung by a choir. And folks dressed up like Eskimos...
There's no place like home for the holidays;
For the holidays, you can't beat home sweet home!
Baby, it's cold outside!
I'll hold your hands, they're just like ice;
Listen to that fireplace roar; I'll put some records on while I pour;
The welcome has been so nice and warm; Look out the window at that storm;
Baby, it's cold outside!
Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful;
And since we've no place to go, Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!*

***Holiday Greetings to everyone near and far in the Pennsylvania Federation of
Music Clubs!!***

I hope that the lyrics above from some well-known holiday songs gets you in the spirit of the season!!! Below is a brief recap of the recent Fall District Conferences from the 4 corners of the State that I penned to sing along with the traditional melody of ***"The First Noel"***!!!

The first Saturday in October - had me traveling close to home!
With the small but faithful folks proved ...we are not alone!
We learned about the "Violins of Hope" - from the Tuesday Musical Club!
To part is never easy thanks for hosting...the McKeesport Club!

The following Saturday - it was Allentown's turn to host!
With the help of the internet over zoom...we made the most!
Even though it was not in person - it was great to chat!
The news was passed on and all were up to speed...on the past!
With great appreciation - a warm congrats!
Our own Santa Peters for PFMC recognition...we should ask!

Then onto Williamsport - a welcoming and friendly town!
Kristin and her crew...laid out the welcome mat!
With homemade sammies and soup - we joined in fellowship!
Then a host of well-prepared piano students impressed...what a HIT!.
With their musical fingers - they were guided!
The great talent showed a plenty...and we were delighted!

In Stoneboro - The Northwest did a super fine job!
I met new friends...that truly inspired MY job!
And so we learned - about the latest PFMC news!
These folks do bring good cheer...oh my, their club grew!
Abiela Barbour - newest from the Lakeview Club!
Was splendid and spirited...in her piano concert!
With careful gestures - she masterfully played for us!
A little of sample of some old tunes and new ones...is how it was!

And so, it must pass - the District meetings were sadly over.
But at least for another year we shared...good times together!

Please take NOTE of a few upcoming SAVE THE DATES!!!

PFMC 89th Biennial Convention & Spring Board Meeting
April 24-27th, 2024 Theme: Together We Rise
@ the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Williamsport, PA

PFMC State-wide Festivals Competition
April 27, 2024
@ Trachte Music Center, Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA

PFMC Regional Festival Competition
Locations: East/West Central Regions
Refer to the Roster on the PFMC website for the Festival dates.

Website is updated regularly so please email your photos and news from your Fall and Holiday gatherings to be posted by our webmaster, Kristin Ivers. We LOVE to see and read about what our Senior Clubs are celebrating and making connections in their communities!!!

*Happy Holidays!
And wishing you all the best in the coming year!
Hoping your Holidays are as heartfelt and joyous as you deserve!
No matter where this holiday season finds you,
here's hoping you're surrounded with love and good fortune.*

***Submitted by Charlene Hubbard, PFMC President
"Keeping Musical Connections Alive so we can Strive to Thrive"***

*Have yourself a very Merry Christmas...
Let your heart be light!
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care...
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there!
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way...!!!
Oh what fun it is to ride, in a one-horse open sleigh...HEY!!!*



NORTHEASTERN REGION NEWS

NFMC's Northeastern Region convened July 8-9, 2023 for its 79th Annual Federation Days at Chautauqua, NY. Yes.... It was the 79th year that the Region has gathered at Chautauqua Institution for business, music and lots of fellowship! This year Deborah Freeman made her first visit to this historic site and we shared with her what makes Chautauqua so special. The recital on Saturday by the students that receive Federation scholarships totaling \$8,700 was a highlight, as always.



L-Ruth Ann McChesney
R-Pianist, Grace Tubbs

Leadership changed at the NFMC Convention in Norfolk in June when Ruth Ann McChesney completed her responsibilities as the Region's VP and Linda Maurhoff became the new VP of the Northeast Region.



Attendees from IN, MI, OH, PA



Allen and Mary Kitchen

The 80th NE Region Federation Days will be held at Chautauqua on July 13-14, 2024 and members and friends of the clubs in PFMC are urged to plan to attend and enjoy!

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE

The Philadelphia District Meeting was held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., via "Zoom". There were six participants including Kathy Skewis, Linda Flick, Sue Roy, Patricia Walter, and Heather Buffington. Pat Walter gave the Secretary/Treasurer's Report in absence of Secretary/Treasurer, Katherine Hoopes. Charlene Hubbard, PFMC President and Guest Speaker, spoke of accomplishments and future plans of PFMC, and expressed concerns of clubs disbanding and what the future holds for PFMC.

Linda Flick, Federation Secretary

NORTHWEST DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE

The Lakeview Music Club hosted the Northwest District Fall Conference on Saturday, October 28th at the Emmanuel Christian Church in Stoneboro. President Connie Saeler welcomed attendees and opened with a prayer. There were 22 in attendance. State and National members in attendance included State President Charlene Hubbard, Linda Maurhoff, Ruth Ann McChesney, Paula Kudelko and Carol Mixer. District Chair Paula Kudelko called the meeting to order and led members through the pledge, collect and National Anthem. Carol Mixer, secretary/treasurer, read the minutes from the 2022 meeting and gave the treasurer's report. Representatives from Lakeview Music Club, Opus 1 Music Society, Mercer Music Club and Schubert Musical and Literary Club gave reports on their activities and programs for the club year. For the morning musical interlude, Lakeview club member Lynn Hamilton played selections on flute, accompanied by club member Kristen Patton on piano, who also accompanied the National Anthem and the singing of "Pennsylvania".

After the break for lunch, President Hubbard spoke of accomplishments and future plans for the Pennsylvania federation. She then presented certificates. Lakeview Music Club received a \$10.00 award from Edith Kirk Knerr as well as certificates for programs of Folk Music, Music in Poetry, and "Together We Sing". Opus 1 received a \$25.00 award for their achievement book and an award of merit for their yearbook. The Mercer club received a certificate for Folk Music, "Together We Sing" and a \$30.00 award from Edith Kirk Knerr. The Schubert Club received certificates for Music in Poetry, "Together We Sing", club yearbook, and a \$10.00 Edith Kirk Knerr award.

The afternoon musical interlude was provided by Abiella Barbour on piano. She began her piano studies as a 5th grader, but now, at age 15, she is currently studying with Katie Phelps at Grove City College. Abiella demonstrated her exceptional talent narrating her program which showcased her versatility for classical pieces as well as popular and sacred arrangements. Cindy Fultz offered an invitation for the 2024 conference to be hosted by the Schubert Club and Connie Saeler offered a closing prayer.

Paula Kudelko

DISTRICT NEWS

Reunited!!

14 years ago, at the 2009 NFMC convention in Orlando, FL, cellist **Angela Park** of PA won the NFMC Young Artist competition in Strings! The following year, Angela performed at the PFMC convention in Cranberry Twp., and she and her accompanist stayed in the home of Ruth Ann (and Charlie) McChesney. Such began a distant friendship and periodic communication between Ruth Ann and Angela. She has performed all over the world, especially in Korea, and lived in Berlin, Germany a number of years.



L-Ruth Ann McChesney
R-Angela Park

In 2022, much to our surprise, Angela wrote to Mary Ellen Ulmer to get back in touch with PFMC and Mary Ellen forwarded her message to me. We began to correspond and I was thrilled to hear that she had married violinist David McCarroll and they have a 4 year old son, Paul! The biggest news she shared was that her husband had been named the concertmaster of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, after a 7 year search! She wanted me to know they are in Pittsburgh and we finally got reunited at a PSO rehearsal on October 5th, the weekend David was debuting with the PSO! Attached is a photo of our grand reunion at Heinz Hall.

What JOY there is in being a part of a music Federation that unites musicians of all ages! Check out Angela's website at <http://www.angela-park.com/welcome>.

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Ruth Ann McChesney

KEYSTONE TRIBUTE AWARD

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The winner of the 2023 Keystone Tribute Award is Abigail Weller. She is a resident of Grove City but attends Messiah College. Abigail is a multi-talented musician who lists her major instruments as voice, piano, baritone horn and trombone. We congratulate Abigail and wish the best of luck as she continues to advance the PFMC's purpose to promote the study and enjoyment of music.



"I would like to extend my most heartfelt thank you to you and the **Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs** for awarding me the Keystone Tribute Award! I am so incredibly grateful for your support, and I am beyond thankful for your belief in my teaching philosophy and words. I will of course be sending a more formal thank you in the mail, but I just wanted to say thank you for taking the time to read my words. Here is the picture I would like for you to use of me in your Newsletter. If you have anything else you need from me, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am sincerely so grateful for this opportunity and scholarship. Thank you again!"

Warmly, Abigail (Abby) Weller

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. These gifts go to the Keystone Tribute Scholarship Fund, the proceeds of which are awarded annually to a college student studying Music Education.

Paula Kudelko, Chair

SENIOR CLUBS

ALLENTOWN MUSIC CLUB

The Allentown Music Club had a very successful 2022-2023 Season - October 1st was a Recital Program of International Selections. November 12th was our "Parade of American Music" featuring Jazz, Folk and Classics. December 3rd featured Sacred and Secular Christmas Music and a group of our Artist Members called "The Quarantettes". This was formed during the Pandemic. All of our performers are Artist Members of our Club. March 4th was the theme: "Celebrating Musical Theater, A Tribute to Broadway". This was very well attended. An Ensemble Program on April 1st was called Let's Get Together". Our last program of the Season was on May 6th entitled "A Recital Program in the Merry Month of May". Two Summer Music Camp Awards were presented to Young Musicians after their auditions. They each received four hundred dollars. We also presented a String Award in March (\$800.00) and The Albert Hofammann Award in April (\$1000.00).

Yours in Music,
Santa Peters, Vice-President

HARMONIA MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The **National Federation of Music Clubs** American Music Month named the Harmonia Music Association, Lebanon, PA the first place winner. A concert about the Gershwins, Ira and George, was presented Saturday, November 5, 2022 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church Auditorium, Lebanon, PA and earned that honor. The music was organized by the concert Chairman, Gary Cohen, and a narration about the lives of the brothers was researched and written by Pat Walter, then Secretary of the organization.

Soloists were Lee Moyer, keyboard and vocals, then President of the Club. April Pelegrini, Mezzo-Soprano; Michael Welch, Tenor soloist; and Katherine Hoopes, Violin soloist, are all Harmonia Members. Lisa Herzing, Soprano soloist; St. Luke's choir member, Bob Philips, baritone soloist and Lebanon County Commissioner, represented the community. Accompanying the soloists were Gary Cohen and Rebecca Duke, both Harmonia members. A variety of solos and duets were presented with all the singers performing together for a final piece. The highlight of the program was a stirring performance of the Rhapsody in Blue piano solo by the Chairman, Gary Cohen.

The Woman's Club of Lebanon furnished refreshments after the affair. Donations over \$700 were received for Harmonia's Scholarship Fund. Two \$2,000 scholarships are awarded annually by Harmonia to Lebanon County graduating seniors who will be active in music in college. The **NFMC** monetary award of \$300.00 will be applied to the Scholarship Fund.

Pat Walter, President

Harmonia Music Association of Lebanon County opened their 2023-2024 Season on Saturday, November 11 at 3:00 P.M. Handel's Messiah Sing-In was held in Miller Chapel at Lebanon Valley College. The College Music Department joined Harmonia in presenting this event. Pat Walter, Harmonia President, opened the afternoon with a welcome and explained that the event supported Harmonia's Scholarship Fund. All musician's services were gifts as was the venue. Any monies donated went directly to scholarships.

Dr. Mark Mecham, retired chair of the LVC Music Department, directed and Shelly Moorman-Stahlman, currently a professor of music at the College, was the organist. Soloists were: Jessica Weidman, Soprano; Amy Yovanovich, Mezzo/Alto; Jonathan Walker-VanKuren, Tenor; Jason Widney, Bass/Baritone; and Christopher Campbell, Trumpet. A chorus of 50 volunteer musicians was led by Dr. Mecham in an inspirational afternoon presenting a large part of this magnificent work.

Katherine Hoopes

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY

Our club, Musical Art Society, continues to see a loss of members, but we did gain 2 new members recently. As of this date, our club currently has 29 members. We have been trying to collaborate with several musical organizations in the Lancaster area but so far have not had any success. We are looking to collaborate with other musical organizations to work under the umbrella of Musical Art Society as a way to raise money for our organization and bring in new members.

We held Festivals this year on March 18, 2023 in Lancaster, PA with a total of 32 students, 4 events, and 3 Junior Studios participating. There were 25 Superior Ratings given. **NFMC** has started a new online Festivals program called Vivace. All the student information is entered online with the student's performance history and number of points toward gold cups.

Musical Art Society gave five Memorial Awards to five students this year. The Schock Memorial Award in the amount of \$600.00 was divided into two awards of \$300.00 each which was awarded to Carly Gilbert, Oboe; and Emma Zdrojewski, Flute. The Sauer Memorial Award in the amount of \$300.00 was divided into two awards of \$150.00 each which was awarded to Victoria Mitchel, cello; and Jaden Espenshade, Piano. The Hillegass Memorial Award in the amount of \$500.00 was awarded to Sean Skinner, Piano.

For our 2022-2023 season, we have a variety of programs planned as follows:

November 19, 2023 – **“String Chamber Music”** featuring club member, John Hamilton, and his string students. This program is dedicated to NFMC “Crusade For Strings.”

December 10, 2023 – **“Holiday Mosaics”** featuring the students of the Workshop For Young Performing Artists, which is sponsored by Musical Art Society.

March 10, 2024 – **TBD**

April 14, 2024 – **“Springtime Serenade”** featuring the students of the Workshop For Young Performing Artists, which is sponsored by Musical Art Society.

Our December, March, and April programs will be held at 3:00 p.m., at Bachman Center, 633 Community Way, Lancaster, PA at 3:00 p.m. Our November program will be held at Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Avenue, Lancaster, PA at 2:00 p.m.

Our community outreach continues with our “Music For A Summer Night” concert series, which will be held at Bachman Center, 633 Community Way, Lancaster, PA at 7:30 p.m. are planned as follows: June 11, 2024 featuring the students of the Workshop For Young Performing Artists and our 2024 Memorial Award Winners; and June 25, 2024, featuring Gary Peters and the Rohrerstown Band, performing our annual patriotic program.

Linda Flick, Federation Secretary

SCHUBERT MUSICAL AND LITERARY CLUB

The Schubert Musical and Literary Club opened its 127th season on Monday, October 9, 2023 with a catered dinner and musical program at the Belles Lettres Clubhouse in Oil City, PA. Thirty two members and guests enjoyed the meal and over forty members and guests attended the musical recital entitled “The Art of Song” presented by Dr. Aimé Sposato, soprano and Dr. Amber Shay Nicholson, pianist. The musical program included Sposato’s lovely soprano solos by Handel, Mozart, Donaudy, Schumann, and Duke. All were accompanied by Dr. Nicholson.



Nicholson’s extraordinary piano solos included beautifully transcribed songs of Schubert by Liszt, Rachmaninoff by Wild, and Gershwin by Say and Wild.

The month’s Music in Poetry selection, “Speak Gently” was read by Sandi Young and the Music in Song accompaniment was provided by Joseph Emanuele. The next meeting will celebrate American Music Month on Monday, November 13 at the Belles Lettres Clubhouse.

Our Schubert Club musical year is off to a great start!

COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

PFMC EDITH KIRK KNERR AWARDS 2022-2023

Sincere thanks to those clubs who submitted an application to The Edith Kirk Knerr Distinguished Senior Club Award. There were nine entries this year, which increased from seven last year. It is truly inspiring to see how many wonderful musical events, collaborations with the community and concerts were featured in each club. Great stuff is happening in **PFMC!**

Reports received are categorized according to the number of members and are listed below in order of points accumulated.

Class I (25 & under): Mercer Music Club, Music Study Club of the Stroudsburgs, Lakeview Music Club
Class II (26-50): Musical Art Society, Dushore Music, Shubert Music & Literary Club, Opus I Music Society
Class III (51-99): Williamsport Music Club
Class IV (100+): Tuesday Music Club

***Senior Clubs who received a first place award last year are not eligible for the same place this year. They are still eligible for a 2nd or 3rd place award.**

2022-23 WINNERS are as follows:

Class I: 1st place \$30 Mercer Music Club
2nd place \$20 Music Study Club
3rd place \$10 Lakeview Music Club
Class II: 1st place \$30 Musical Arts Society
2nd place \$20 Dushore Music Club
3rd place \$10 Schubert Music & Literary Club
Class III: 1st place \$30 Williamsport Music Club
Class IV: 1st place \$30 Tuesday Music Club

Download your form at the beginning of your season and see where the points are accumulated. You could be our next winner in 2023-24!

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

MUSICAL THEME ARTWORK

"2023 Winning Artwork by Karis Lo, student of Deborah Rodgers"

Do you have students that enjoy expressing their musical ideas in words or picture form? As chairman of both the Music in Poetry and Musical Theme Artwork federated events, I encourage you to keep these unique opportunities in mind! PLEASE inform your students to increase participation in these creative events!



The Music in Poetry deadline is January 15th and the Musical Theme Artwork deadline is March 1st for any given calendar year – and they are free to enter! The applications and rules for each of these events can be found under “What We Offer” and “Forms” at pfmc-music.org. The winning poems and artwork are celebrated by being published (alongside winners of the Junior Composers Contest) in our beautifully orchestrated **Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs** Junior Winners Book. The poetry contest also comes with monetary awards.

I am always inspired by the creativity and talent of our Pennsylvania youth that are featured in this book!

If you'd like a printable poster for either of these events to display in your studio, I will be happy to email you one! I can be reached at: jessicawoodmusicstudio@outlook.com Jessica Wood

NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK ESSAY CONTEST UPDATE

This annual contest is open to 7-12th grade students. The 2024 theme is “*Music...is yours, mine, and ours!*” Please check the **NFMC** website for information about the procedure and application form for this activity. Direct any questions to **PFMC** NMW Essay chair Sue Roy at auntsue@epix.net.

NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK

American Music Month was celebrated by the Harmonia Music Association with two events. The Annual Banquet on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 included performances by the two Lebanon County seniors who were awarded \$2000 each from Harmonia's Scholarship Fund. Jack Liedka, Annville High School, presented snare drum solos both a cappella and accompanied by the Scholarship Co-Chairman, Mark Dimick. Sophia Medzoyan, Cornwall-Lebanon School District performed a clarinet solo accompanied by her teacher and Harmonia Member, Wayne Fox.

Another highlight of the evening was the Induction Ceremony for the new nominees for the Lebanon County Musicians Hall of Fame. Inducted during this 11th induction ceremony were: Mark Dimick, organist, choir director, Harmonia member and co-chairman of the Scholarship Committee; Anthony Gerace, Sr., presented posthumously - jazz woodwind player, educator and private teacher; Carole Haines, Flautist, performing locally and along the east coast; Robert Meashey, jazz trumpet and college professor; Amy Jo Rhine, French Horn principal orchestra player and private teacher; Eric Schweingruber, trumpet, Philadelphia Orchestra member; Sherie Strohman, woodwind player, educator, private teacher and HS school band drill writer; and JD Walter, professional jazz singer, educator and private teacher both nationally and overseas.

Ruth Ann Mc Chesney, **NFMC** Board member, **NFMC** Northeast Region Vice-President and **PFMC** Past President installed the new Officers: Patricia Walter, President; Heather Buffington, Vice President; Rebecca Duke, Recording Secretary; Kathy Thrapp, Corresponding Secretary; Katherine Hoopes, Federation Secretary; and Stephany Houser, Treasurer.

The second event during National Music Week, A Choral Gala, presented on Saturday, 13 May 2023 included a variety of choral groups each performing a portion of the program held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lebanon. Sally Miller-Checket, Past Harmonia President, was the chairman of the event and directed the entire ensemble in a final piece, "God Gave Us Music", by Dale Wood. Performing groups included: A Cappella Eight directed by Ken Horst; The Chancel Choir from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church directed by PJ Copenhaver; Manor Men from Cornwall Manor Continuing Care Facility directed by Pat Walter; the Psalm Ringers Handbell Choir directed by Heather Buffington; Michael Kitchen and his Gospel Singers; and the choral group from Cadence Institute, a newly formed music organization directed by Michael Welch.

The featured group was the 5th Avenue Falcons, a nationally recognized elementary choir from South Lebanon Elementary School in the Cornwall Lebanon School District directed by music teacher Shawn Small. It was noted that Shawn Small was a former Harmonia scholarship winner in 1997. Donations for Harmonia's Scholarship Fund amounted to nearly \$500. Both events were submitted to the **PFMC National Music Week** Chairman, and the Choral Gala to **PFMC's** Choral Music Chairman and Sacred Music Chairman. Pat Walter, President

DEPARTMENTS

CELEBRATE STRINGS

The overall participation in club reports for Celebrate Strings was very low this year as I received reports from 4 Pennsylvania clubs. Clubs could appoint a Celebrate 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

The overall participation in club reports for Sacred Music was low this year as I received reports from 7 Pennsylvania clubs. Clubs could appoint a Sacred Music Chair to sponsor programs of sacred music at club programs, 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

The overall participation in club reports for Senior Club Rating and Evaluation was very low this year as I received reports from 5 Pennsylvania clubs. 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

NFMC FESTIVALS

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Linda Flick, Chair

PFMC NEWS SHEET

I receive pictures and articles from **PFMC** members and clubs which I edit and submit into the **PFMC** News Sheet. The **PFMC** News Sheet is full of very informative and important information on what the clubs are doing which is necessary for the functioning of **PFMC**. The three editions for the **PFMC** News Sheet are November 15, February 15, and July 15.

Linda Flick, Chair

PFMC ROSTER

The Roster is full of very informative and important information which is necessary for the functioning of **PFMC**. I receive updates and corrections from **PFMC** Board members and Club Presidents which I enter into the Roster and then I forward the revised copy of the Roster to our **PFMC** webmaster, Kristin Ivers, to be posted onto the **PFMC** website.

Linda Flick, Chair

2023-2024 ROSTER UPDATES

Please email me at (flick516@aol.com) or call me at (717-341-4012) with any updates or changes. **Please DO NOT try to update on the website itself, rather send me your changes.**

Linda Flick, Editor

THANK YOU!

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

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President's Theme: **Celebrating our Musical Heritage**

President's Song — **God Bless America** (Irving Berlin)

2024 National Music Week Theme: **“Music Is . . . Yours, Mine, and Ours”**

2024 NFMC Biennial Conference will be held on June 11-15, 2024 at the Isle Casino Hotel, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, Iowa

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News Sheet Deadlines: November 15, February 15, July 15

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR