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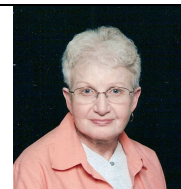
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President's Message

Lila Gienger



We hope you had time to enjoy some of the wonderful musical programs that are offered all over our state in celebration of the magical and religious season.

Darcy Lackman, Center, ND (darcy@lackmans.com) has graciously accepted the Senior Club Reporting and Evaluation position formerly held by Carolyn Nelson. So no matter what you do in your individual clubs, make sure you let Darcy know what you have done. You may not think your club does anything worth reporting, but we all do little things at our meetings or as a club project. Tell Darcy about what you do and let her decide what is noteworthy or not. If you have a federation roster, make sure you make this change.

At our fall board meeting at Jamestown College we were treated to a presentation by Dr. William Wojnar, chair of the college music department. He showed us the newly built Black-Schlossman 3 manual pipe organ housed in Vorrhees Chapel. The organ was built by the Johnson Organ Company of Fargo and reflects three international building styles, German, French and English. The keyboards of this organ are rosewood naturals and maple wood sharps. We were allowed to walk through the pipe chamber while Dr. Wojnar played several numbers to demonstrate this beautiful instrument. NDFMC organists are encouraged to visit the chapel to inspect and play the organ by making advance arrangements with Dr. Wojnar.

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Odee Maier, Editor

**Dr. Wojnar
at the
Vorrhees Chapel
Organ**



CAROLYN'S CORNER CAROLYN NELSON, NPMC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Hospitals are OK if they get you better but I would have preferred being at the fall board meeting in Jamestown and greeting you all in person. It's been a busy fall and I've been learning a lot about the operation of the Federation.

I hope you are checking my website, www.dakotannotes.com, from time to time. There are things there that may affect you, your club or your students. The two NPMC publications also have lots of information for you. You or your students can't win an award or scholarship if you don't enter. Emily Custer has searched the Awards chart and done well, you'll find 3 different pictures of her in the last issue of Music Clubs Magazine. Congratulations Emily!!

I have received an inquiry from a state in the South Central region to invite NPMC there for the 2012 fall session. I hope that North Dakota will be willing to host the 2015 convention? That would be the last year of my term as president and I'd love to have that final session in my home state. For now,

I'm just in the inquiry stage. It's something to start discussing at local meetings and at the state board meetings.

The NPMC headquarters relocation committee has met once in Indianapolis and a small group is following up on concerns and leads. No decisions have been made at this point and we are still operating out of the building on Delaware Street. Our NPMC office administrator got married in October and her name is now Jennifer Griffin.

The new VIP program is featured in both Music Clubs Magazine and Junior Keynotes. This is a program to bolster the Young Artist and summer music camp scholarship and award funds; the Agnes Jardine Fund is one of those funds. You can specify your choice of fund. After a fund reaches fully-funded status, the contributions will go to another worthy award.

Thanks for the many cards of encouragement and sympathy that I received after the death of my mother. She lived 98 years and was still singing a few weeks before she died.

Best wishes in the New Year.

PROFESSOR RUDOLPH R.A. SCHRAMM PARADE OF AMERICAN MUSIC

Odee Maier, NPMC American Music Division Chair

November is celebrated all over this nation as "American Music Month". Here in North Dakota, we asked June Skuza, Thursday Music of Bismarck-Mandan Club member, to contact Governor Hoeven's office for a state proclamation honoring this Annual Parade of American Music. Thank you for your help, June! Every club received a copy of this proclamation.

Three of our clubs had special "Parades":

Thursday Music of Grand Forks presented an American Music program by the Red River High School Madrigal Singers. Rosemary Wharton read the Governor's Proclamation. They also

observed Founder's Day as Doris Lambie gave reflections on the history of NPMC and NDFMC, and the local club.

Thursday Musical of Williston presented their annual "Veterans' Day Program" on Sunday, November 11th at the Bethel Lutheran Home. Entertainment included Elementary students, instrumental and vocal ensembles and a group singing session—all using American Music.

Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club celebrated American Music Month and American Women Composers with two young area women composers—Nikki Edmiston and Emily Custer, both of the Greater Grand Forks area. These young ladies performed several of their prize winning compositions. The Governor's Proclamation was proudly displayed.

NOTES FROM THE NDFMC SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING.....

President Lila Gienger discussed her Foci for the Year. They include: "Every Club should make membership and advertising of the meeting a priority. More club members are needed to help fill positions at the local and state level."

2008 Festival Fees are \$12.00 - \$7.00 for Festival expenses and \$5.00 for Festival cups. The increased cost of the cups has necessitated this change.

NDFMC Student Auditions will be held in the odd years only with promotion of other NFMC competitions in the even years.

IMC Composers Center decisions will be made by the appointed Committee members.

Bylaw changes to Proposed be voted on in April:

Changing to a nine Division system similar to the NFMC

Standing Rule approved changes include: Renaming and defining the former "Endowment" Fund to "Special Funds", Life Membership dues paid to Evelyn Sampson Fund, "Contributions to the NDFMC that are designated for specific uses are tax deductible and shall be specified by the donor", and Federation Day at IMC hostess rotation will be listed.

The 2008 Spring Board meeting will be April 26th at Jamestown College.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ELECTED OFFICERS	OFFICE	ADDRESS	CITY	PHONE
Lila Gienger	President	5300 48th Ave SE	Streeter, ND 58483-9718	701-424-3627
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June Skuza	Member-at-Large	3432 Overlook Drive	Bismarck, ND 58503	701-250-9320
Jan Stoffel	Member-at-Large	3102 3rd St N #102	Fargo, ND 58102	701-293-0244

THE EDITORIAL WE PAGE Odee Maier, Editor

To begin with, my most heartfelt thanks to Carole Flatau, aka Noteworthy Publications, who graciously **volunteered** to underwrite the costs of this issue of Prairie Rose Notes. Give her a big hug and "thank you" if you have a chance to meet her!

The NDFMC Board decided not to hold the State Student Auditions this year, so I have listed (again) the NFMC annual Collegiate and Junior Competitions, adding the Due Dates. There is still time to enter, as you will see.

Volunteer What a wonderful word!! Thanks to the many devoted Federation **volunteers** who have kept the NFMC going for 110 years. Yes, that's right; the NFMC is 110 years old this month. Let us hope that busy Federation members will still find time to say "Yes, I can help" so that the NFMC will remain the largest music philanthropic organization in the world. Many of us more active "doers" are reaching retirement age and beyond; quite frankly, we are very concerned about our replacements. How will our beloved Federation go on if our younger members don't step up and say "how can I help"?

Think about it, please.

JUNIOR COMPOSERS COMPETITION SHARON WESBROOK, CHAIR

All the information about the North Dakota Junior Composers Competition is available on the NDFMC website at www.ndfmc.org, with further information on the NFMC website at www.nfmc-music.org.

North Dakota's entry deadline is January 21. Compositions and tapes, application forms and fees must be postmarked on or before this date and sent to Sharon. Make checks payable to NDFMC.

Age Classes and Fees are:

Class I 9 years and under \$10.00

Class II 10-12 years of age \$12.00

Class III 13-15 years of age \$15.00

Class IV 16-18 years of age \$15.00

Sharon's address and email are:

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16898 Longview Lane, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

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Also note: Valley City State University Department of Music invites high school students to participate in the Seventh Annual Composers Competition and Concert, Thursday, May 1, 2008 at Foss Hall, Froemke Auditorium, VCSU. Students interested in participating in this contest should contact Dr. Sara Hagen for more information at: sara.hagen@vcsu.edu or call 1-800-532-8621 ext. 3-7270.

JUNIOR COMPOSERS INSTITUTE KAREN BOURNE, DIRECTOR

As the days grow colder, thoughts may move to indoor activities. I suggest composing and making plans to attend the Junior Composers Institute in July.

This year, it will be held July 6-12 at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN. I have brochures available for you, just let me know how many you need. Invite friends, potential students and anyone you think would benefit from a fun, intense, challenging week with great instructors. In the meantime, check out the website and see what is going on at JCI: www.juniorcomposers.org.

My email is kjbourne@cableone.net and I am looking forward to hearing from you!

POETRY CORNER CAROLE FLATAU, NDFMC MUSIC IN POETRY CHAIR

The right reader of a good poem can tell the moment it strikes him that he has taken an "It is absurd to think that the only way to tell if a poem is lasting is to wait and see if it lasts. immortal wound – that he will never get over it. That is to say, permanence in poetry, as in love, is perceived instantly. It hasn't to await the test of time. The proof of a poem is not that we have never forgotten it, but we knew at sight we never could forget it." - Robert Frost

Today's personal question: what is your favorite poem? Did you learn it in school? Did someone read it to you? Did you discover it on your own? (One of my favorites is "Abou ben Adhem." Do you know it?)

More Poetry Information Jan Stoffel, NCR Music in Poetry Chair

Anne Braswell, NFMC Music in Poetry Chair, recommends two books:

"Sir Gawain and the Green Knight", which is an adventure and love story. And "The Music Lover's Poetry Anthology", with chapters titled such as "The Piano and Piano Lessons", Horns, Woodwinds, and Strings", "Composers", Music in Nature" to name a few.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS.....

We know that this time of the year, clubs, teachers and students are all concentrating on one thing—FESTIVAL.

However, clubs that have programs are also busy with those as well.

Thursday Music of Grand Forks

Avis Skinner, President

In January, Dean Opp and Brad Sherwood, directors of the GF Summer Performing Arts Program (SPA) will speak on their program "All about SPA" which involved 1,100 students in grades K-12 from the Greater Grand Forks area, for several weeks each summer.

Other programs will include classical guitar, vocal, piano, accordion music and scholarship winners. Visitors are welcome the first Thursday of the month at 1 PM in the Trinity Free Lutheran Church, 3426 Chestnut, Grand Forks.

St. Cecilia Music of Dickinson

Carma Kulish, President

"Serenade" is their annual January program. The date is January 20th at 2 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The program is dedicated to Dorothy Johnson, a member who passed away last year. Club members, high school

and collegiate scholarship recipients, a handbell choir, and local talent will provide the music.

Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club

Gordon and Odee Maier, Co-Presidents

This club will celebrate NFMF's 110th birthday at their January meeting. Carolyn Nelson and Lila Gienger will speak on the NFMF/NDFMC and FMAMC history; Carole Flatau will provide singable music from the founding periods.

Other programs will include "Falling in Love Tin Pan Alley Style" by Dr. Robert Groves, "Marching into March" presented by the FM Golden Notes-New Horizons Band, "Swinging into Spring", area collegiate and junior scholarship winners, and a annual concert by the "The Notables" –local club members.

AN ADVANCE NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS.....

The dedication of the new International Music Camp's Library and our own Composers Center is being planned for June. This will be a very special time for our Federation. If you have never traveled to the Peace Gardens and IMC, this is a very good time to do it. Complete details will be announced in the next issue of Prairie Rose Notes.

NDFMC 2007-2008 FESTIVALS

DATE	SITE	CHAIR	PHONE
November 16-17	Linton Public School	Sylvia Weisser	701-254-4440 CT
February 8-9	Bismarck State U	Darcy Lachman	701-794-3484 CT
February 8-9	Devils Lake - Piano St Olaf's Church	Jann Belanus	701-662-6348 CT
February 9	Grand Forks Church & UND	Dolores Loberg Sally Nordlie	701-772-4538 CT 701-772-5400 CT
February 23	Fargo-NDSU	Marge Johnson	701-237-6163 CT
February 23	Minot-Minot SU	Arnola Leverson	701-839-0930 CT
February 23	Jamestown/Valley City SU	Beth Klingenstein	701-845-5097 CT
February 23	Devils Lake - Dance	Jann Belanus	701-662-6348 CT
March 8	Buxton Public School	Julie Broby	701-559-3484 CT
March 8	Dickinson – DSU	Pam Jangula	701-483-5343 MT
March 29	Williston-Methodist Church	Ann DeLorme-Holmen	701-572-4069 CT

FROM YOUR STATE TREASURER KRIS BRUGAMYER

By now all our federated clubs, whether they be senior, student, or junior clubs, are in full swing for another wonderful year of learning about and making music. I wish our music teachers and their students all the best as they prepare to participate in upcoming Federated events.

These days I am busy mainly with receiving and recording dues payments, and with updating membership rosters. As of early January, I have received dues from

- 116 junior clubs (out of about 150 possible)
- 2 universities (theses memberships have been gifted by the NDFMC)
- 5 senior clubs (out of 9 clubs)
- 26 senior individual members (out of about 40 possible)

Please remember that any dues postmarked after January 15 must include a \$5.00 late fee. I strongly encourage anyone who hasn't paid their dues yet to do so now, rather than later.

Thank you to all who have already sent in their dues.

P.S. (Just for Junior Clubs): As I receive dues from the junior clubs, I am finding that 10-15% of the teachers are forgetting to include a roster of their junior club membership with their dues. This means I have to contact the teacher to ask for it, which is extra work for me. Remember, I do not send these lists out of state. They only go on to the North Dakota chairs of federated events for the purpose of confirming membership before participating in a federated Junior event such as the Festival or the Junior Composers Competition. I only need the first and last names of the junior club members. Also, remember that umbrella-ed students are to be listed under their own teacher's name when such a club roster is put together. Also, any teacher who is umbrella-ing under another's junior club must subscribe to the Junior Keynotes magazine for the year. The cost is only \$5.00/year, and payment should be sent to me (payable to the NDFMC). Don't forget to include a mailing address, if it is not on the check.

FOLK MUSIC CAROLE FLATAU, NFMC FOLK MUSIC CHAIR

Winter days can make us crabby; we don't need more snow and ice.

We need things to make us happy; we need things to make us nice.

So what things shall we do? How about warming up your musical instrument that is always handy?

It's fun fun fun to sing sing sing! Chances are good that during the holidays you joined in song at least a time or two. Chances are very good that you had a smile inside when you were singing. Keep that thought in mind!

Not resolutions but possibilities for personal pleasure:

1. Sing along with your favorite CD or audio tape of a choir. Listen to the words, and look them up if you don't get them all. (Check the liner notes; many include the lyrics.)
2. Get a couple of "children's favorites" tapes at your local library (which hopefully will include some standard folk music). Sing along as you listen.
3. Get the sound tracks from a couple of your favorite musicals such as *Sound of Music*, *Oklahoma*, *Les Miz*, *The Music Man*. Sing along. Let yourself be every character.
4. If hymns and gospel music are your musical "cup of tea," sing along as you listen to the radio or to recordings.
5. If it's available and if your schedule allows, sing in a church choir or a community singing group. Many NFMC locals have fine choral groups. (Organize one?????)
6. Pull out a song book, sit down and read every verse of some of the songs. Sing them, at least in your mind. Think about the stories they tell. "Sweet Betsy from Pike" tells quite a tale, for instance.

Winter doldrums! Not for us!!!

2008 ANNUAL COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS NATIONAL AND REGIONAL

Award	1st	2nd	Contact	App Due	Forms
ADULT LEVEL					
Handbell Choir	\$500		Carole Langley	March 1	CA 9-1, 9-2, 9-3
Disabled/Visually Impaired	\$500		Caroline French	Feb 1	CA 10-1
Piano Teacher	\$1,000		Laurel Ince	July 1	CA 13-1
STUDENT/COLLEGIATE LEVEL					
Blind Composition	\$200		Sharon Booker	March 1	ST 2-1, ST 2-2
Blind Performance	\$650	\$350	Gina Einig	Feb 1	ST 3-1
Composition Victor Herbert/ASCAP	\$1000	\$900	Gloria Lien	March 1	
Nadworney-Vocal	\$400		Gloria Lien	March 1	4-2, 4-1, 5-2, 5-1
Hatz	2-\$50		Gloria Lien	March 1	
Richter American	\$1250		Gloria Lien	March 1	
Music Education-Van Roy	\$1,000		Rose Suggs	March 1	ST 9-1
Music Education-Mehan	\$750		Lee Meyer	March 1	ST 6-1
Music Therapy-Bullock	\$1,000		Louise Steele	March 1	ST 11-2, 11-1
-Wilson	\$500		Louise Steele	March 1	ST 11-2, 11-1
- Robinson	\$750		Louise Steel	March 1	ST 11-2, 11-1
Violin Performance	\$1,000		Bob Hicks	March 1	ST 12-1
Flute Performance	\$600		Nancy Harrison	March 1	ST 14-1, 14-2, 4-3, 14-4, 14-5
French Horn Performance	\$1,200		A. Robert Johnson	April 1	ST 15-1
JUNIOR LEVEL					
American Music Club Award	\$250		Odee Maier	May 1	AM 5
Walsh Disability	\$1,500	\$1,000	Joyce Walsh	March 1	JR 16-1
Regional	\$250/Reg			March 1	
NFMC Blind Performance	2 \$200		Sharon Booker	March 1	JR 18-1, 18-2
NFMC Blind Composition	\$100		Cheryl Schmidt	March 1	JR 15-1, 18-2
Benzinger Blind Performance	\$200/Reg		Arlene Lewis	March 1	same
Dance Junior Levels 1 & 2	\$150 Junior	2-\$250	Diane Remy	May 1	JR 17 etc.
Cello/Double Bass Performance	\$1,000	\$750	Angie Greer	March 1	JR 9-1
Regional	\$300/Reg			March 1	
Poetry	\$50/Reg		Melody Stroth	Jan 15	JR 12-1
Music Week Essay	\$50		Cora Barr	Feb 1	AR 13-1
Viola Performance	\$1,000/reg		George Keck	Feb 1	JR 11-1, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4
Reprinted with "due dates" and additional data. For a full listing see the web sites: www.nfmc-music.org and www.ndfmc.org 					

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