



Prairie Rose Notes

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Robyn Vinje, NDFMC President

I imagine all of you have gotten your 2018-19 off to a good start. Your programs are planned, and arrangements for the Junior Festivals have begun. Declining membership continues to be a problem, and hopefully we can turn that around soon.

We had a successful fall board meeting September 29th at the University of Jamestown, with about 20 members in attendance. We heard many interesting reports by various board members, and received written reports from them, as well as from some who were not able to attend. I will be mailing the reports to board members who were not there to get your reports from "the box."

Carolyn Nelson informed us that new Peace Garden directors have raised the rent for resident organizations like IMC. In turn, IMC fees

Pat Grantier, editor; Effie Carr, circulation

for students were increased. Therefore, I am encouraging you who award IMC scholarships to consider increasing those amounts to help the students. I commend all of you who do give these scholarships, and have reported on the amounts given the past year.

Please mark your calendars for the biennial NDFMC convention to be held in Bismarck on April 25-27. We only meet every two years, so we really don't have a lot of opportunity to interact with each other, and this is our chance to do that. I'm sure there will be information in this newsletter from the Bismarck-Mandan club relating to all of the wonderful things they have planned.

As part of the convention in April, we will be electing new officers. Our bylaws state that "No person shall be eligible for the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms, with the exception of the Treasurer." The secretary and regional VPs have served one term, and thus are eligible to be reelected. Assuming that the VP will move up to president, and the eligible officers will be willing to serve another term, that leaves just the VP position to be filled.

We did elect a nominating committee at the board meeting: Eileen Geske (chair), Pat Grantier, and Lana Simons. You may be hearing from them before the convention, and please consider taking the nomination they offer you. Consider it a growing experience! I want to thank Pat Grantier and Effie Carr for being so willing to put out this edition of *PRN*. I think we all want to keep the lines of communication open, and it is a lot of work. I hope you all have an outstanding year. Call if I can be of help. *Robyn Vinje, President*

Grand Cup to Ella Zhang

State Gold Cup Chairman, Bonnie Stomme, reports that one Grand cup was awarded to Ella Zhang, Grand Forks, student of Gloria Bethke. In all 470 cups were earned by NDFMC students.

Applause to students, parents, and teachers--work well done!

Karen Braaten, president of the GF club reminds that 20% of students study music, and 70% of adults wish they had.

NDFMC National Music Week Report National Music Week 2018

The 2018's NMW theme was ***Music..An Adventure for Life.*** How true. I received reports from three clubs on their NMW activities: Thursday Music Club of Bismarck-Mandan, Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club, and Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks. There were mayors' proclamations, publicity, and many outstanding music events. I'm quite sure that some of the other clubs participated in NMW as well, but didn't submit a report.

Each NDFMC club received a letter about National Music Week in March, encouraging as many activities as possible. The form for reporting these activities is on the NDFMC website, and each club is encouraged to submit copies of news articles, pictures, and programs celebrating NMW. Brag a little!

As the newly appointed NCR NMW chair, I will be responsible for submitting the reports from our state clubs as well as the other states in the region next May ***Music Week, May 5-12, 2019***
Theme: Music ...A Magic Key

Robyn Vinje, NDFMC NMW Chair

News from St. Cecelia Music Club, Dickinson

by Kris Brugamy, club president

It has been at least a decade since St. Cecelia Music Club held a regular "traditional" business meeting. The club held its first regular meeting of 2018-2019 on Thursday, November 1, at Jacobsen's Music in Dickinson. It was encouraging to have about half the membership attend this meeting.

At the meeting, an election for officers was held. Kris Brugamy was reelected as both the club's president and treasurer. Pam Jangula was elected as the club's vice president, and Jean Guenther was elected as secretary, replacing Roene Hulsing who had held the office for more than 10 years.

The club learned about a matching grant program from the IMC for 2019 camper scholarships, so a motion was made to donate \$1,500 to this program with members making contributions in the month of November, and the club making up the difference to bring the total donated to \$1,500. St. Cecelia depleted its own IMC scholarship fund in 2015, so no camper scholarships have been given by the club since then.



Attention Junior Counselors!

All Junior Counselors, and any additional teachers having students in the Junior Club, are required to be at least 19 years old and be members of the Senior Division. Direct any questions to ndfmc@brugamyer.com

Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks is celebrating its 120th year. Our November meeting, outreach month, was held at Edgewood Parkwood Place. Our program featured 19-year-old Lane Lindseth, accordionist/pianist, and Dave Jeffrey, percussionist. The entertainment was enthusiastically received by our club and the Edgewood Parkwood residents.

IMC News from Director Tim Baumann

SJCHF Provides Matching Grant for the International Music Camp

The St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation (SJCHF) is partnering with the International Music Camp to provide matching scholarship donations to be used for 2019 IMC Campers. Donations of any amount made to the SJCHF in the name of IMC between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31, 2019 will be matched up to a total of \$5,000. Checks should be mailed to: SJCHF; 308 2nd Ave. SW; Minot, ND 58701. Online donations can also be made by visiting the www.sjchfnd.org and clicking on the Twice Blessed link. Thank you for your help and support in making IMC an affordable and accessible arts experience for all young people.

2019 NDFMC Scholarship

The North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs has scholarships available for campers from North Dakota to attend the International Music Camp. The camper must study with a private instructor who is a due-paying member of the North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs. The application deadline is 5pm CST on May 3, 2019. The link to the description and scholarship form is: <http://internationalmusiccamp.com/registration/scholarships>

NDFMC CONVENTION
APRIL 25-27, 2019 at the
BISMARCK RAMADA INN
and
the BISMARCK VETERANS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Celebrating 100 years
of NDFMC's federation.

Some Highlights:

Young Artist, Kevin
Ahfat's recital and
workshop,
Debussy Program
Special memorial
Brunch with the GC stars
Business, of course,

GOOD COMPANY
AND music, music, music

You Won't Want to Miss It!

Strikepoint
Handbells at "Go Light
Your World" Barb
Roberts leads



Teri Fay leads the Rhapsody chorus of
Bismarck Mandan Thursday Music Club
as they perform at the Former Governor's
Mansion during the May fundraiser lunch



Congratulations to Liza Miller, Winner of the Evelyn Sampson Award,
an NDFMC scholarship to Junior Composer Institute at the U of MN.
To apply for the 2019 award, contact Pat Grantier patg@bis.midco.net
To attend JCI see the website: <http://www.juniorcomposers.org/>
NDFMC teachers' students have first chance at this award. Apply!

The 2018 winner of the Evelyn Sampson Award, Liza Miller, 16, Bismarck, ND, student of JoLynn Keller, has taken private piano lessons for 10 years. She has been composing music for all that time. She has entered compositions in the ND Festival Junior Composer division the past two years, and has received 2nd place both years in her age group. She has also entered solos in the Hymn playing and piano solo categories and has earned gold cups in both categories. Liza loves a challenge.

Visit a Club Event Near You

**GF Thursday Music Club's
Fundraiser Christmas Musicale** is
always very special. Dec. 2, 4 p.m.

Calvary Lutheran Church

1405 S. 9th Street

Grand Forks, ND

FMAMC Programs: FREE

Dec 3, 7P.M. Christmas Carol Ring

Jan 21, 1P.M. Jazz in January

Feb 18, 1P.M. NDSU Musicians

March 4. 1 P.M. Opera

All Fargo Moorhead Area Music

Club programs are at

First Presbyterian Church

650 2nd Ave N, Fargo

2019 Junior Festivals--offer to help, or just go to listen/support

**Bismarck, Feb. 8&9, McCabe
Methodist Church, March 15-16,
Library**

**Devils Lake, Feb. 8/9, LRSC
Dance and piano, both!
Dickinson, March 9, DSU**

Fargo, March 16, NDSU

Grand Forks, Feb. 16 Hughes, UND

Minot, March 2, Minot State College

Thompson, February 23, School

**Valley City, February 23, Foss Hall
at VCU**

**Williston, Mar. 21, Faith United
Methodist Church**

*Notes from Pat Grantier, your
representative to NFMC*

**Do you realize that as members
of the National Federation of
Music Clubs, you have great
opportunities for both yourself
and your students? Don't miss
out! Go to the website**

<https://www.nfmc-music.org/>

and explore the hundreds of
competitions and awards for
adults, juniors and senior
students. Download applications
and follow instructions. For
example: **The NFMC Ruth Morse
Wilson Handbell Award (no age
limit) Award amount \$500**

**Ouida Keck Award \$1750 for
Professional Development for the
Independent Piano Teacher**

**NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK ESSAY
CONTEST due January 10. One
\$75 award is available in each
state.** There are also Dance, Jazz,
American Music, Vocal, Collaborator
(accompanist), Veteran, Instrumental
awards too numerous to mention.
Browse and see the many
opportunities that you are missing.

**I CHALLENGE you and your
students to "go for it."**

Effie S. Carr
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**NFMC Young Artist, Kevin Ahfat,
pianist, will appear in recital at
the Bismarck Veterans Memorial
Library on April 26, 2019.**

During the 2017-18 season, Ahfat appeared throughout North America and abroad as soloist and chamber musician, most notably at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, the Zhuhai Grand Theatre in China, the Dame Myra Hess Recital Series in Chicago, and throughout the United States under the auspices of the National Federation of Music Clubs for which he received a Young Artist Award for the 2017-2019 seasons. This past season he was thrilled to give the North American Premiere of Camille Saint-Saëns' Third Sonata for Cello and Piano (1919),



recently published by Bärenreiter-Verlag, with a longtime artistic collaborator, cellist Juliette Herlin. In anticipation of this premiere, Ahfat filmed & produced a mini-documentary titled *Soirée pour Camille*, a short film documenting the historical context of the work, the artistic partnership of Ahfat & Herlin, and their joint exploration of French music.