








Ohio Federation of Music Clubs

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Let Music Bring Peace and Harmony Throughout the World

		<p>President's Corner By Christy Smith</p>
	<p>I thoroughly enjoyed our state convention in Newark with the wonderful concerts and presentations. I met new OFMC members and renewed old friendships. I appreciate all the kind comments and encouragement. They inspire me to work hard as your president.</p>	
	<p>A big round of applause and many thanks to the members of District II for hosting the convention and also to the planning committee for their collaborative efforts to make our 88th convention a success. I got to know Newark's Mayor Jeff Hall and his lovely wife, Helen. He presented a proclamation. Everyone enjoyed listening to our key speaker, Christopher Purdy who roused us with his hilarious stories. The convention attendees enjoyed the Sparkling Silver Flute Quartet performance during the formal banquet. The quartet is composed of graduate students of the Ohio University.</p>	
	<p>I was impressed with our Musical Family of the Year, the Bisson sisters (Shannon, Kathleen and Serena), who gave a wonderful concert with solos and ensemble for piano, cello and the harp. Dr. Lisa Rainsong of Cleveland Institute of Music gave a very informative presentation on "Earth's First Musicians and protecting their Concert Halls". It led me to buy more bird feeders to invite more songbirds into my yard. It was interesting to hear Dr. Virginia Landgraf's presentation and performance of the kaen, an instrument from Thailand. Her performance was very well received. The master class by Olga Krayterman was also well attended. In honor of the 200th anniversary of Francis Scott Key's Star-Spangled Banner, I gave a presentation on the bombing of Fort McHenry. Thanks to Jack Pottmeyer for singing the "Anacreon in Heaven", a British drinking song by John Stafford Smith, the tune of which was used for the Star-Spangled Banner which later became our National Anthem. I wish I had brought a tankard! Thanks to Marilyn Boyd for performing on the clarinet accompanied by Robert Robuck after the executive meeting and dinner. I was glad to hear Stephanie Morris who spoke on Music Therapy, with its incredible healing power. It was a treat to hear NFM Young Artist winner, Olga Krayterman, who gave a wonderful piano recital. We all enjoyed meeting her family. On the last day of the convention, we had a special memorial for our departed members with Donna Gerber giving a very touching eulogy for our past president Helen Dill. Helen's husband, Richard and daughter Brooke were in attendance. It was a beautiful memorial with Sally Christman playing some of Helen's favorite music.</p>	
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WEST HILLS MUSIC CLUB CELEBRATES 90TH ANNIVERSARY

The West Hills Music Club in Cincinnati celebrated its 90th Anniversary this year! Founded during the Roaring Twenties in 1924, the club began with 6 members in East Price Hill, holding meetings in the public library. During the Depression, with dwindling membership, the club bought a new Baldwin grand piano and paid for it in installments. Through good times and bad, the club always had a strong philanthropic character.

The 90th Anniversary was celebrated with several historic sketches, read at meetings. Pianist Don Hurd accompanied the sketches with songs from the era. As a special project, the club donated new chairs to the library. A June Luncheon, featuring "The Life and Music of Cole Porter," concluded the year at Cloverbrook Country Club.

Presently, the club has 62 members and presents eight programs yearly. Programs are now open to the public and held in the Green Township Library. The club's mission, helping young musicians, is secured by a Scholarship Fund. An Audition is held each spring for 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students. A College Piano Award is given annually to a senior majoring in piano. The club also supports a Junior Music Club. Junior musicians still perform in homes and meet monthly.



Gift to the OFMC Foundation

Honor a deceased member of your club, a family member or a special person by making a contribution to The Foundation for the Advancement of Music. Detach and mail the gift form to:

Ron Marenchin
1415 Cottage Street
Ashland, Ohio 44805-1224.
Phone: 419-651-3747

Email:
ronmarenchin@ohio.net.

FOUNDATION GIFT FORM

In memory of: _____

Or Honor/Tribute gift to:

Address: _____

Donor _____

Address _____

Make check payable to: OFMC Foundation. (Appropriate acknowledgement & notification cards will be sent to the donor and the recipient or bereaved family.)

CALENDAR 2014-2015

January

1 to Feb. 1 Applications for **The Winifred Collins Music Education Scholarship** and **The Gertrude Sieberling Music Education Scholarship** to George Pope, 518 Dorchester Rd., Akron, OH 43220-1923, Ph: 330-869-9113, Email: gspope@akron.edu. Both awarded by the Tuesday Musical Association, Akron, Ohio.

5 Application deadline for **Senior/Adult Composers Contest** to Marietta Brits, Chairman, 1692 Van Pelt St., Columbus, OH 43220-2552. See Page 10 for forms. (1st \$600, 2nd \$450, 3rd \$300)

15 Application deadline for **Donald Babcock Junior Compositions** to Susan Carlock, Chairman, 5781 Brookbank Drive, Kettering, OH 45440-2716.

15 Application deadline for **Agnes Fowler Collegiate Scholarships**, Brenda Bradley, Chairman, 974 Arch St., Salem OH 44460-2942.

Feb. 1 Application deadline for **Wendell Irish Viola Award**. Applications to George Keck, Chairman, 421 Cherry St., Arkadelphia AR 71923.

1 Deadline for **Stillman Kelley Awards** applications to Donna Gerber, 14249 Sperry Road, Newbury, OH 44065-9714 or Email: minydu@juno.com. For musicians who have not reached their 19th birthday by March 1.

15 **Deadline for Spring Issue of OFMC Newsletter** to Sue Hassler, 1226 Woodhill Dr., Kent, OH 44240, or dhassler@kent.edu.

20 Applications for **Marjorie Neville Collaborative Piano Award** to Dr. Jackson Leung, at Wright State University, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton, OH 45435-0002, or jackson.leung@wright.edu.

March 1 Application and Composition Deadline for **Collegiate Composers Contest** to Peggy Conner, 4824 Judith Drive, Kettering, OH 45429-5328, Ph. 937-439-7756, Email pconner5@who.rr.com.

1 Application and Essay Deadline for **R. Keith Newton Music Education Essay Award** to Wanda Stubbart, 2002 Brimfield Court, Columbus, OH 43229-3814, Ph: 614-885-0987 or Email: wanda.stubbart@gmail.com.

April 1 **Music Therapy Scholarship** application is due to Ronna Kaplan at rkaplan@the-musicsettlement.org.

1 **Music Therapy Internship** due to Ronna Kaplan at rkaplan@the-musicsettlement.org.

1 Application for **Disinger Summer Marching Band Camp Scholarship** due to Norma Disinger, normadisinger@gmail.com.

15 **Venetia Hall Piano Concerto** is due to Jan Dunphy at jandunphy@aol.com.

15 Application for **Dance Award** due to Mary Fahrenbruck at pianomary@gmail.com

If a street address is preferred to email, please check in your directory for these, as there is no more space.



OHIO FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS
JUNIOR DIVISION – JUNIOR (STUDENT) MEMBERSHIP
2014-15

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, COMPLETE AND RETURN BY NOVEMBER 1, 2014

(Fees and deadlines were approved by the OFMC Budget Committee on 7/16/13)

STEP 1 – TEACHER'S MEMBERSHIP All **teachers** who are entering students in any OFMC and NFMC event must be members of the Federation. PLEASE PROVIDE **YOUR** MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION **BEFORE** PROCEEDING TO STEP 2.

Please check **one**:

_____ **Senior Club Membership Information.** I have joined the **following** senior music club for the 2014-15 season:
 (Name of Senior Club) _____

_____ **Senior (Adult) Individual.** I am not a member of a senior club but I have submitted my Senior Individual dues to Lelia Mitchell with the form designated for that purpose.

_____ **Life Member.** I am a life member of OFMC and NFMC.

STEP 2 – JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP (students) Please check one: _____ **Renewal Club** _____ **New Club**

All **students** participating in any OFMC and NFMC event **must** be a member of OFMC either as a member through a Junior Club (**use this form**) or as a Junior Special Membership/Individual. (Please obtain that form from the website).

+++PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY FOR ACCURATE RECORDS+++

Club Name: _____ Date _____

Counselor: _____ **Attach a typed list of additional teachers, addresses, senior membership and # of students. Also include fees for Junior Keynotes Magazine. (See below)**

Counselors Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____ Phone # () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

TOTAL # of students: _____ **entering Festival District (circle one)** 1A 1B 1C 1D 2 3A 3C 3D 3E 3F 3G 4A 4B

❖ **New Club Dues (postmark by December 13, 2014 to participate in the 2015 festival*)**

New Club with 20 members or less \$40.00 \$ _____

Number of additional members: _____ @ \$1.50 each = \$ _____

❖ **Renewing Club Dues (postmark by December 13, 2014 to participate in the 2015 festival*)**

20 members or fewer paid by November 1st.....\$30.00 \$ _____

20 members or fewer paid between November 2 – December 1.....\$40.00 \$ _____

20 members or fewer **postmarked December 2 - 13, 2014***.....\$50.00 \$ _____

Number of additional members: _____ @ \$1.50 each = \$ _____

***Students WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE to participate in the 2015 Festival if the teacher has not met this deadline.**

❖ **Publications:** Annual dues **INCLUDE** one subscription (3 issues) of Junior Keynotes for the club counselor.

For additional copies to be sent to the counselor's address:

a) 1- 9 copies _____ @ \$6.00 each = \$ _____

b) 10 or more sent to the counselor's address.

No. of copies _____ @ \$5.50 each = \$ _____

If your club has additional teachers who send students to a Festival through your Jr. Club, they are required to subscribe to Junior Keynotes. Number of additional subscriptions/teachers _____ @ \$6.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

SEND COMPLETED FORM AND A CHECK/MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO **OFMC JUNIOR DIVISION**
 TO THE STATE OFMC JR. TREASURER: DIANE LAROCHELLE, 5401 OLEVA DRIVE, DAYTON, OH 45440
 QUESTIONS: DLAROCHELLE@WOH.RR.COM or 937-427-3827



Myrleann Hall Newton Receives Citation

At the OFMC State Convention held in Newark, OH on October 9, 10 and 11, 2014, Myrleann Newton was presented with a citation for her many years of service to both OFMC and NFMC. She is a life member of the NFMC. Myrleann is shown here receiving the NFMC Rose Fay Thomas Medallion from V. Allison and L. Ward. She served 8 years as National Chairman for American Music. In 1999 she compiled and edited the *Directory of American Composers*. An avid supporter of the NFMC, she attended its conventions from 1971 through 2000, serving as the local chairman for the convention in Columbus, Ohio in 1983. John and Mary Kay Beall, members of the Saturday Music Club in Columbus, affectionately dedicated their opera *Ruth* to the members of the original cast and to Myrleann, who believed in their project. The premiere performance of the opera was June 13, 1981, in Columbus, Ohio. In that performance, Myrleann sang in the chorus, as did her sister, Venetia Hall Francis, and her husband, R. Keith Newton, who sang the role of The Servant. Myrleann also wrote the publicity for the event. For eight years, Myrleann chaired Young Artist Competitions, and for ten years she chaired Student Auditions for the NFMC. She has been a member of Women-in-Music and The Saturday Music Club for 66 years. She served as president of SMC from 1980 to 1982. She has been a member of the Delta Omicron music fraternity since 1991.

Reported by Wanda Stubbart



JUNIORS DAY AT THE 2014 OFMC CONVENTION

Reported by Sally Christman, Junior Counselor



Brian Zahn, new webmaster for OFMC

Brian Zahn currently holds the position of Senior Student Technology Leader in the office of Information Services at Kent State University. In late summer of this year, President Christy Smith asked him to accept also the position of webmaster for OFMC. Originally from Pittsburgh, he studied piano for many years and came to Kent State on a Trustee Scholarship, entering the Honors College where I was his Honors Colloquium instructor last year. That is how his association with OFMC began because he is one of the most conscientious and skilled students I have ever taught. While still in high school, Brian did some web design for the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Now he has started up his own small business online for web design. He can be reached at bzahn@kent.edu.

Reported by Mack Hassler, Gold Cup Chairman for District 1C.



Juniors Day at the 2014 OFMC State Convention featured a master class with NFMC Young Artist Winner Olga Krayterman. Four juniors performed piano selections for the class on Saturday, October 11.

The Junior Honors Program took place in the afternoon at the Second Presbyterian Church in Newark, Ohio. There were eleven participants in the Elizabeth Gerber Competition, twenty participants in the Marilyn Walter Competition, and nine participants in the Charlotte and W. Alfred Gray Competition.

Timothy Dang was the winner of the Elizabeth Gerber Competition. Results of the Marilyn Walters Competition were: First Place – Calvin Huang; Second Place – Wending Wu; Third Place – Kenny Zhang. Results of the Gray Competition were: First Place – Yun Cao; Second Place – Pheby Liu & Joanna Wang (duet); Third Place – Olivia Jones. The Awards Presentation followed the program.

The Outstanding Junior awards went to Arthur Li (Ages 9-13); and to Vivian Chan, Sarah Mellinger, and Maggie Niekamp (all Ages 14-18). Sue Hassler received the Festival Chairman Award, and Donna Sturts received the Festival Gold Cup Chairman Award. The ETB Music Club, (Emily Beck, counselor) was awarded the Junior Composer club award. Finally, the NFMC Rating Sheet Certificates recipients were announced: The Rose Pedals, Calovini Piano Studio, Dykstra Piano Studio, and Kurtz Music Club. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to the participants, judges, competition chairmen, and all who helped make the day a success!

Our website is www.ofmc.org

You can read the newsletter, connect to NFMC and our Facebook, check dates and competition requirements, get application forms, etc. Just click on the above address and it will take you to the OFMC website. Please send any additional updates to our Editor: Sue Hassler at dhassler@kent.edu.

Deadline for the Spring issue of the Newsletter is February 15, 2014.

New OFMC Officers

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Ron Marenchin was elected Vice President of the OFMC at the October convention. He also con-

tinues to serve as OFMC Chaplain (since 2010) and as OFMC Foundation Treasurer (since 2012).

A member of the Ashland Musical Club since the 1980s, Ron was its president for the past four years and now serves as its vice president.

In real life Ron is beginning his 35th year as Coordinator of Music Ministries at Trinity

Lutheran Church in Ashland, where he oversees four worship services each weekend as well as special programs such as the annual Christmas musical and an annual Bach vesper service in conjunction with Ashland University. He is the vice president of the Ashland County Ministerial Association, and coordinates its annual Community Good Friday Service. He received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Baldwin-Wallace College and completed the course work for a Master of Education in Curriculum

Vice President Ron Marenchin

and Instruction from Ashland. University. He taught music in the public schools for several years in Pennsylvania and Ohio, was music director for several community theater programs in PA and played the cello in various orchestras before becoming more and more involved at Trinity.

For more than 20 years Ron was the Production/Personnel Manager for the Ashland Symphony Orchestra. More recently he served as the treasurer for the Ashland Symphonic Youth Chorus. In addition to teaching private music lessons, his string quartet, *The Classic Strings*, keeps him busy with weddings and receptions.

Ron and his wife Carolyn have one daughter, a violinist and singer, who lives in Michigan with her husband, a pianist, organist, singer and physicist. They met at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, where he was the president of the Witt Choir two years before she was! To contact Ron, email ronmarenchin@ohio.net, call 5419-651-3747.

Christy Smith of Vandalia, OH did her undergraduate and graduate studies in piano performance at the Anmerican Conservatory of Music in Chicago. She moved to Dayton when she married Chuck in 1977. They have two children who are grown. Christy has been teaching piano since 1975. Her first teaching job was at Gad's Hill in Chicago teaching the poor people on the south side of Chicago.

She joined the Dayton Music Club in 1982 and currently serves on the board of directors. That same year, Christy founded the Dayton Pianoforte Junior Music Club, also becoming the gold cup chairman in District 3B. She chaired the festival in 3B in 1996-1998, and became the interim festival chair for District 3E when the chairman of that district passed away. She chaired that festival for 13 years. In 1996 she became the State Junior Counselor and served in that position for 18 years. In 1996 she chaired the Marilyn Walter Competition for several years. In 1998 she founded the Elsie Stupp Grand Cup Award.



President Christy Smith

Christy was elected OFMC vice president in 2012 while she was still the festival chairman in District 3E, continuing to serve as the junior division chairman. In 2000, she and her husband Chuck created the OFMC website, making Ohio the first state in the nation with a website. During Mary Helen Bower's term as president, Christy redesigned and presented the OFMC logo to include our website address. (WWW.ofmc.org) It was voted down. During Donna Gerber's term, Christy presented it again and had it accepted unanimously. For 17 years, Christy chaired the Juniors Convention. She joined the Panhellenic Association and became president of her chapter from 1976-1977. She is also a member of Mu Phi Epsilon International Professional Fraternity since 1973, serving as president of her collegiate chapter from 1975 to 1976. (continued on page 9)

Lelia Mitchell was born in Salem, OH, raised on the family farm and took piano lessons as a child. She was married in 1961 and has two children, a son who is 6'6",



Treasurer Lelia Mitchell

and a special needs daughter who lives with her. She has two grandsons. She was a church organist for 12 years at the country church where she was raised and later a substitute organist at a Christian Science Church. She sang in the church choir, an Oratorio Guild and then the Kent Communiversity Chorus associated with the Salem Campus, of which she is still a member. She joined the Salem Music Study Club in 1971, and served at various times as president and treasurer. She is Secretary of District One, and has been OFMC treasurer for 3 years. She was a legal secretary when she was married, but now works as a seamstress in order to stay home with her daughter. She's been widowed for 18 years.

Secretary Barbara Emler



Barbara Emler has been a widow for the past fourteen years. She has raised five children, and they are now all grown. She attended Dominican University. She still works outside the home for an accounting agency and also does food demonstrations at her local Kroger store. She attends Second Presbyterian Church, sings in the choir and plays in the bell choir. She certainly seems to keep busy.

MUSIC IN POETRY REPORT

AR 6-1

Music in Poetry Chairman _____

Address _____

Region, State or Club _____

Please check or place number in the following:

1. Poetry read at a meeting _____
2. Choral reading _____
3. Seasonal poem read _____
4. Guest read poetry _____
5. Guest artist read original poems _____
6. Book study on poetry _____
7. Have you attended a performance of poetry reading? _____
8. Have you attended a poetic drama (example: Shakespeare, Sophocles)? _____
Explain:

9. Have you watched a story of a poet's life (TV or theater)? _____
10. Have you offered scholarships in the study of poetry? _____
Explain:

11. Have you sponsored a poet in a public presentation of poetry? _____
12. Have you made financial contributions to poetry in some way? _____
Explain:

13. Is there a poetry activity of which you are particularly proud? _____
Explain:

14. Have you had a meeting focused on a poet, style, or theme? _____

Regional and state chairmen - Please list the clubs reporting on the back of this sheet. Also, please include a brief descriptive narrative of activities and programs. This provides depth to the compiled report, thereby making it more interesting, informative and helpful.

Include any other materials you wish and send your entry by regular mail or e-mail to your regional chairman on or before postmark date April 15. Reports are to be sent to Dr. Marilyn Cash, National Chairperson on or before postmark date May 1.

Regional Chairmen:

Northeastern: *Linda Flick*, 516 S. Pearl St., Lancaster, PA 17603; (717) 392-6898; flick516@aol.com

Southeastern: *Ann Guest*, 34 Timrod Way, Greenville, SC 29607; (864) 234-0579; jonguest@aol.com

North Central: *Louise Pinkerton*, 1417 14th Ave. S, Grand Forks, ND 58201; (701) 775-0108;
Louise_pinkerton@hotmail.com

South Central: *Julie Watson*, 10017 West 52nd St., Merriam, KS 66203; (913) 908-2386; Julie@jewelsoftravel.com

Western: *Karen Johnson*, 3680 Maywood Dr., Boise ID 83704; (208) 376-4535; boisekj@hotmail.com

Ohio Federation of Music Clubs

2015 Festival Schedule

DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION	CHAIRMAN	GOLD CUP
District I-A	January 14 March 16	Cleveland State University	Cindy McAdams 801-766-1789 ofmcjrfs1a@yahoo.com	Karen Spisak 440-543-1400 dkmsba@yahoo.com
District I-B	January 14 March 14	Youngstown State University	Patricia Paridon 330-207-4062 patricia.paridon@gmail.com	Cindy Cleeland 330-792-9274 cpianokeys1@zoominternet.net
District I-C	January 21 March 21	Kent State University	Sue Hassler 330-673-9164 dhassler@kent.edu	Mack Hassler 330-673-9164 dhassler@kent.edu
District I-D	January 7 March 7	Baldwin Wallace College	Martha Custer 440-877-9563 ofmcjrfs1d@sbcglobal.net	Kathy Savinell 330-686-1285 ksavinell@gmail.com
District II	January 16 March 14	Ohio State University	Marie Nichols 740-787-9846 nmusiccenter@mail.com	Marie Nichols 740-787-9846 nmusiccenter@mail.com
District III-A	January 31 March 28	Miami University	Irene Sakelos 513-738-5221 icsakelos@aol.com	Nancy Gruber 513-367-1710 nkgpiano@yahoo.com
District III-C	January 10 March 14	Cedarville University	Angie Vaubel 937-431-0570 angie@vaubel.net	Debbie Dustin 937-399-3679 deb@kincaidmusic.com
District III-D	December 15 March 7	College of Mount St. Joseph	Anne Schummer 513-661-2424 piano@fuse.net	Marcia Lucas 513-385-9263 mslucas@zoomtown.com
District III-E	January 7 March 7	University of Dayton	Daira Skriblis 937-312-0134 daira.skriblis@gmail.com	Eric Bess 937-335-2804 Ebess61@juno.com
District III-F	January March	Miami University Oxford	Marion Peraza deWebb 513-681-5551 Perazam1@hotmail.com	Amy Weaver 513-777-8882 weaversink@gmail.com
District III-G	January 10 March 7	Wright State University	Jennifer Shoup 937-426-6920 Pianoprepschool.yahoo.com	Open
District IV-A	January 1 March 7	Heidelberg University	Denise Hauden 419-261-1477 jhauden@windstream.net	Ray Montgomery 419-875-5110 bluegrasscamp@aol.com
District IV-B	January 10 March 14	Ashland University	Sonja Kalb 740-360-2916 fourstarguesthouse@yahoo.com	Donna Sturts 419-522-3805

The Bisson Family of Huber Heights was chosen as the OFMC Musical Family of the Year. The three sisters (Shannon, Kathleen and Serena) presented a concert, with Shannon playing the piano, Kathleen playing the harp, and Serena playing the violoncello. Another sister, Sarah, could not perform as she is away at school in South Carolina. After their performance, they were presented with an award.

Pianist Shannon received her Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance from Thomas Edison State College. She is the junior counselor of the Musical Fingers Junior Music Club. She teaches piano and her students participate in the junior music festival in District III G (Wright State University). She is also active as an adjudicator during the festivals in District III. She also studied the organ when she received a scholarship from the Dayton chapter of the American Guild of Organists. On top of teaching, she is also a church musician. She is a member of the Dayton Music Club.

Harpist Kathleen started harp lessons at the age of fourteen. She later received her BA in Harp Performance from Thomas Edison State College and her MA from the College Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati. She is the founder and director of the Dayton Area Youth Harp Ensemble.



The Bisson Family, Musical Family of the Year

Kathleen has performed with the Miami Valley Symphony, Yellow Springs Community Orchestra and Chorus and in various choral groups in the Miami Valley. Kathleen has been a member of the Harps of Grace Ensemble for ten years and enjoys teaching harp.

Cellist Serena has been a member of the Springfield Youth Orchestra for four years and the principal for the last two years. She has been participating in the junior music festival for three years and enjoys going to the Sforzando String Camp in Chicago in the summer.

Sarah, a violist is a third year college student majoring in Early Childhood Education and minoring in music at Bob Jones University. Sarah plays with Bob Jones University Symphony Orchestra. And plays in the pit orchestra for their musicals.

Reported by Christy Smith

Music in Poetry

Every April we need to submit to the National Federation of Music Clubs our activities for Poetry. Come to think of it, they're due April 15th, just like the income tax! Historically we don't have much activity and this follows the rate of National participation.

Attached on page 6 is the form I need to send in, listing a host of activities that qualify for reporting. If each club President would be so kind as to fill out a copy for their club and email it to me by April 1st, that would give me a chance to compile the results and ship them off by the deadline. Even if you have no activity and are not planning anything you can send me an email saying "No activity for ____ Club".

Please send your report to Jack Pottmeyer pottmeyer@tusco.net and I can fill out my handy-dandy spreadsheet to send to National.

Thanks for your help.

Jack Pottmeyer
Music in Poetry Chairman

2014 ACHIEVEMENT RECORD BOOKS

At the OFMC State Convention on October 10, 2014, the Achievement Record Books were reviewed and rated for the period of 2013-2014 (one year only). Four books were received. Each book was rated by three judges in six categories.

Two awards of \$75 each were presented on one evening of the State Convention to the winners. The two categories were based on the size of the club. Warren Music received \$75 for the clubs with 30 or fewer members. Marion Lecture Recital Club received \$75 for the club with 31 plus members. This year the points were very close. Congratulations to these two clubs.

Mary Margaret Haagar, OFMC member since 1935

I have always known that OFMC has many members who have dedicated themselves to OFMC for fifty years or more. In the eighteen years that I have been on the executive committee, none of these members have been recognized by OFMC. So I called music clubs that have been around since 1964 or before. The Dayton Music Club of District 3 has nine of these members., Fortnightly Music Club of District 1 has ten, Saturday Music Club of District 2 has ten, Ashland Music Club of District 4 has three. It was exciting to hear there are so many of them, and I wanted to honor these wonderful and dedicated members by awarding them with a Certificate of Merit at the state convention. Of all of the above, I was particularly interested in knowing more about Mary Margaret Haagar. I called her, and we had a wonderful conversation. Mary Margaret has been a member of Fortnightly Music Club in Tuscarawas for seventy-nine years. She studied piano with Elmer Matthias, a graduate of Cincinnati Conservatory, who encouraged Mary Margaret to join Fortnightly Music Club. She was eighteen years old at the time. After Mary Margaret graduated from high school, she continued her piano studies as well as studying the organ with Elliott Breneiser at the College of Wooster. When the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Orchestra was founded in 1936, she played in the violin section during the first two years. Mary Margaret was the organist for the First Evangelical and Reformed Church until 1960. The name of the church later changed to First United Church of Christ. She also taught piano privately in her home. She laughed when she said she charged 25 cents for a piano lesson, but charged 50 cents if she had to go to a student's home. She taught until she was 80 years old. Mary Margaret and her musical friends formed a group called the Swiss Hill Toppers. The group consisted of piano, drums, accordion, banjo, Alps Horn, trumpet and a vocalist. They performed in many venues for many years until the other members started dying away. Today there are only two survivors of the group left. Her church burned down and was rebuilt in 1995. Mary Margaret donated a grand piano to the church. During the dedication of the piano, some of her former students who are now professional pianists gave a concert. Mary Margaret is now 96 years old and still has a very sharp mind.

Reported by Christy Smith

(This is continued from page 5): She joined Mu Phi Epsilon Dayton Alumni Chapter in 1978. In 2010 she was elected president of the Dayton Alumni Chapter, a position she still holds.

Christy and her husband support the Dayton Public Radio WDPR, PBS Public Television and enjoy attending the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, the Dayton Opera, and the Dayton Ballet concerts as well as the Wright State University Theater Department, the Human Race and the Dayton Bach Society. Outside of music, Christy was certified by the Ohio State University Extension as a Master Gardener volunteer in Miami County and has served as their social director. She loves arranging flowers, gardening, bird watching, traveling to historic places and going to festivals. She believes in supporting local businesses and prefers to buy locally and organically grown food.



Performers at Honors Recital



Marilyn Walters Winners,
Kenny Zhang, Wending Wu, & Calvin Huang with Sally Christman



Winners of Charlotte & W. Alfred Gray Program, Yun Cao, Pheby Liu & Joanna Wang and Olivia Jones with Audrey Rhinehart & Sally Christman



Dick & Audrey Rhinehart

Donna Sturts
Gold Cup Chairman
Of the Year



Yun Cao & his mom



Vivian Chan, Outstanding Junior



Newark Mayor Jeff Hall



Sue Hassler & Sally Christman



Calvin Huang & Sally Christman



Past President,
Helen Dill



Dick Dill



Karl and Jeannine Morris,
Sally Christman & Donna Gerber



The Shimmering Silver Flute
Quartet of Ohio University



Outstanding
Junior, Arthur Li



Induction of officers



Nana Langraf & her daughter,
Dr. Virginia (Ginny) Landgraf

Ohio Federation of Music Clubs

Adult Composers COMPETITION Application

Marietta Brits, Chairman
(614)273---0251
Email: marietta.brits@gmail.com

Name: _____ DOB: _____ (must be 26 or older)

Nom de Plume: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zipcode _____

Telephone: () _____ Email Address: _____

Membership: Club's Name _____ or Senior special _____ District: _____

Composition Entry: Genre: _____ Playing Time: _____

Title _____

Instrument(s)/Voice(s) _____

I certify that my OFMC membership dues have been paid and that I have composed and notated this piece myself.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Complete this application and mail it to the chairman along with three copies of your composition, three recordings of your composition, a \$20.00 check payable to OFMC, and a 9" by 12" self-addressed, stamped envelope (postage must be sufficient to return your materials). Must be postmarked on or before January 5.

Marietta Brits
OFMC Adult Composition Contest Chairman
1692 Van Pelt Street, Columbus OH 43220
Columbus, OH 43220

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

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Page 20—Amy Malyuk is now married. Her name is Amy Sauriol and her address is 1430 Wilsonway Drive, Barberton, OH 44203

Page 20 —Sarah Robinson, 244 Bank Lane SE, New Philadelphia 44663 is the new counselor for Tuscarawas County Junior Fortnightly

Page 27—Linda Rinderknecht's address should be changed to 1120 Edgewood Drive, Sandusky, OH43351 District IV A.

NEW CLUBS

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