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## President's Corner

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Thanks to our Board members who attended our Friday, October 16th Board meeting. I enjoyed listening to all the reports. The Board voted to move the 2016 OFMC Convention and centennial celebration from October to August. The move to August will help ensure the following: We can have the election of officers earlier so that the senior clubs will be able to obtain the list of new state officers before the printing of their club's year book. Also, since states receive directives from NFM, which need to be passed on to club officers, this can now be done by September 1st. Further, the Board felt that the recruitment of adjudicators for the Juniors Competitions will be easier as adjudicators will not be as busy with teaching; and an August convention may encourage more teachers to attend because school has not yet started. Please keep in mind that the change from October to August is experimental and not necessarily a permanent change. We will see how it works this coming year.

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The planning for our upcoming Centennial celebration is now underway. The members of the planning committee have wonderful and exciting ideas to share which I will report later.

### ATTENTION ALL OFMC MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES

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#### SAVE THE DATE

#### OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

#### AND STATE CONVENTION

**WILL BE HELD ON August 11-13, 2016**

**At the Holiday Inn**

**2800 Presidential Drive**

**Fairborn, OH**

**Bring your Family for this Grand Celebration**

**Convention Information will be published in our June, 2016 Newsletter and Website**

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President  
Christy Smith

## *President's Corner*

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2015. While December can be a hectic month, it is my favorite month, thanks to all the enjoyable festivities. It is a busy time of the year, with various activities such as decorating our homes with colorful lights and hanging ornaments on Christmas trees, singing Christmas carols, parties etc. I enjoy playing Christmas music, opening Christmas cards, and reading updates from friends and family who live so far away. It is a time when I experiment with different recipes for cookies to share with loved ones and friends, and a time to be generous to those who are not as lucky as we are. Please remember the poor, and remember to visit the elderly who are in nursing homes. It is a special time to share the joy of music with the lonely, the sick, not to mention your loved ones. Also remember the police officers and fire fighters who could not be with their families because they have to be out there protecting us, the soldiers who are deployed and the nurses who have to take care of the sick. Have a safe and musical holiday, everyone.

Christy Smith

### **Juniors Day at the Westerville Convention**



### **Competitors for the Elizabeth Gerber Award**

### **Composition winners—Elizabeth Chen, Margaret Chen, Kevin Lewis, Lucas Huang, Sarah Mellinger, Grace Dancy, and Judge Susan Carlock**



## OFMC State Convention in Westerville....October 16th and 17th



### OFMC Board of Directors Meeting on October 16

### OFMC Juniors Day



### Judging at the Juniors Day Recital

The OFMC Juniors Day took place at the Church of the Messiah in Westerville, OH on Saturday, October 17. The Elizabeth Gerber Program began at 11:00 a.m., followed by the awards presentation and the composition winners' performances. After a short lunch break, the Marilyn Walters Program began at 1:00, followed by the Charlotte and W. Alfred Gray Program.

We had 65 performers registered for the day's events. The competition winners and awards recipients are listed below:

**Elizabeth Gerber Award: Marina Ziegler**—Marina Ziegler began her musical training at the age of four with her mother, Mayumi Kikuchi, who is a member of the University of Akron Music faculty and is a federated member of OFMC.

Kikuchi has been her teacher for both strings and piano, and Marina has also studied with Stephen Sims at the Sato Center for Suzuki Studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music and Isabel Trautwein of the Cleveland Orchestra. She has also studied piano with Tatsuya Nagashima. She has given a number of violin recitals and has performed with The Awesome Children's Orchestra in Severance Hall. She performed a Haydn piano trio with her mother and sister for the Tuesday Musical 125th anniversary gala. When she is not practicing piano or violin, Marina enjoys jogging and riding her bicycle. Marina attends St. Hilary School in Fairlawn, where she is a fifth grader.

**Marilyn Walter Awards: Abhijit Davalapura**, 1st place; **Danna Long**, 2nd place; **Jessica Lee**, 3rd place



**Abhijit (Abby) Devalapura** is 13 years old and attends New Albany Middle School. Abby has studied piano with Kathleen Stephenson Sadoff since 2007. He has participated in the Junior Music Festivals for the last 7 years and received Unanimous Superior ratings for all 7 years. In 2013 Abby was awarded the Elizabeth Gerber Award from OFMC and won the Columbus Music Teachers' Achievement Award in 2014. In 2014 and 2015 he attended the Summer Sonata program at the Cleveland Institute of Music, studying with Dr. Sean Schulze. Besides playing the piano, Abby likes photography, listening to music and building with Legos. He also plays violin in his school orchestra.

**Danna Long**, (2nd place winner) is a 7th grade student at the New Albany Middle School. She started piano lessons from Kathleen Sadoff when she was 5 years old. Besides the most recent award from the Marilyn Walter competition, she has received a number of other awards. In 2012 and 2013, she won the 2nd and 1st place respectively during the New Albany Youth Music Competitions. In 2014 during the OMTA Piano elementary duet competition, Danna and her partner Cecilia Martin won 2nd place; in the 2015 CMTA Achievement Award competition Danna received Honorable Mention, and also in 2015 Danna won \$200 from the OMTA Summer Scholarship award which funded her first Chamber Music Camp at Malone University. Besides piano, Danna plays clarinet in the band and is also a New Albany Middle School basketball cheerleader.

**Jessica Lee** (3rd place winner) is a freshman at Canfield High School and studies piano with Mrs. Fanny DiDomenico of Canfield. She has earned consecutive superior ratings in piano solo and theory for 8 years and for 5 years in concerto in the NFMC Junior Festival. She has earned a "1" rating for 2 years in the OMEA Adjudicated Event. She has won the Youngstown Philharmonic Masters competition for 5 years and has performed 6 times for the Butler Art honors recital. She is a choir member, serves as a piano accompanist, has played violin for 2 years, and has been a band member for 4 years, playing clarinet and bells. She also is a member of the debate team and tennis team.



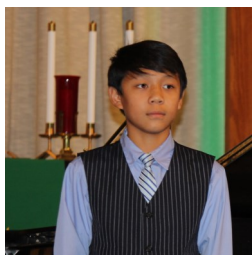
Charlotte & W. Alfred Gray Awards: **Samuel Musser**, 1st place; **Alice Lo**, 2nd place; **Brian Troung**, 3rd place

**Samuel Musser** won 1st place in the Charlotte & W. Alfred Gray Competition. Samuel has been home schooled since kindergarten and is a high school senior from Cincinnati, OH. He had studied with Inna Terekhov, his dedicated piano teacher, for eleven years. Samuel has enjoyed entering various competitions over the years, such as the New Horizons competition at Cincinnati Christian University where he won 2nd place in the Junior Division his sophomore year and 2nd place in the Senior Division his junior year, as well as the Greater Cincinnati area's Overture Awards in which he was a semi-finalist his junior year. In the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs' recent 2015 State Competition, Samuel placed 1st in the Senior Division. This is his third year as pianist, organist, and harpsichordist for the Northern Kentucky Youth Sinfonia, for which he is also conducting a piece for two upcoming holiday concerts. He also plays regularly for his church's worship services. In addition to being a superb student—a National Merit Commended Student—Samuel enjoys playing high school tennis, strategizing during board games with friends and family, and being commissioner for three fantasy football leagues.

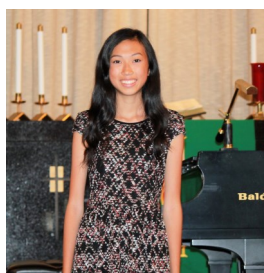
**Alice Lo** is the 2nd place winner of the 2015 OFMC Charlotte & W. Alfred Gray Competition. She received unanimous superiors and superiors from the OFMC in the last 8 years. She has been taking piano lessons from Kathleen Sadoff for ten years. She participated and won multiple awards in CMTA and OMTA piano recitals and competitions. She participated in Guild for 7 years and Pianorama for 3 years. She attended a piano master class with Prof. Christopher Durrenberger. She also plays the flute and the violin. She sang in the Columbus International Children's Choir for 3 years. She is a sophomore at the Metro Early College High School. She is a member of the Robotics team and the Science Olympiad Club. She volunteers at COSI throughout the year and holds a second degree black belt in Taekwondo. During her free time she enjoys swimming and playing golf with her younger brother and sister.

**Brian Troung** won 3rd place in the OFMC Charlotte & W. Alfred Gray Competition in 2015. He is an 11th grader at Metro Early College High School and takes classes at OSU, including Psychology and Biology. He enjoys writing and practicing piano, violin and guitar. Brian won first place in the Graves Duet competition as well as first place in the Marilyn Walter competition two years ago. He has studied music for 12 years, has passed the 9th level of the Royal Conservatory's music tests, and has 10 years of Unanimous Superiors in the NFMC Junior Festival.

#### **Outstanding Junior Award winners, Juniors Day, 2015**



**Timothy Dang** is 13 years old and studies piano with Esther Chu. He has earned 7 consecutive unanimous superiors in the NFMC Junior Festival and has earned 2 gold cups in piano solo and a gold cup in piano duet. In 2014 Timothy was the winner of the Elizabeth Gerber Young Musicians Program. He has performed in many events, including the Cleveland Composer's Guild concerts, Ohio Buckeye Auditions, OFMC district and state honors programs, the Young Artist of the 56th World Piano Competition in Cincinnati, and Junior Fortnightly Music Club recitals & competition. Timothy plays clarinet in his school band and has played for church services, Christian fellowship groups, and a senior living center.



**Joanna Wang** is 16 years old and studies piano with Shulamite Chu. Joanna has played the piano for 11 years. She has received many superior and unanimous superior ratings in the NFMC Junior Music Festival, earning 2 gold cups in piano solo and a gold cup in piano duet. Joanna and her duet partner performed for an OFMC district honors recital and were 2nd place winners of the OFMC Charlotte and W. Alfred Gray Competition in 2014. She has performed in Junior Fortnightly Music Club recitals and auditions and for a Cleveland Composer's Guild concert. Every week, Joanna rehearses with a church youth music group that visits nursing homes and performs for church. She has been a band member for 7 years and plays piccolo in the marching band and flute in the concert band.



**Sonja Kalb**, receiving the Festival Chairman Award from Sally Christman



**Emily Beck**, Counselor of the ETB Music Club, receiving the Junior Composer Award from Sally Christman

District Gold Cup Chairman of the Year Award: Cindy Cleeland, District 1B

NFMC Rating Sheet Certificates: **The Rose Pedals** (highest evaluation), Amy Immerman, counselor; Dykstra Piano Studio, Brian Dykstra, counselor; The Quarter Notes, Patricia Brooks, counselor



**Sally Christman**, Junior Counselor



### What is Music Outreach?

The goal is to bring the gift of music to those in their own homes, hospitals, nursing homes, retirement homes, prisons, retirement centers, schools for the disabled and other places where people are totally or partially confined. In 2014-2015, OFMC had 314 volunteers give 6049 hours of service in the following: 5147 hours in Retirement Homes, 48 hours in Prisons, 632 hours in Nursing Homes and 222 hours in Day Care Centers for Seniors.

Virginia Longmire, Rosaline Doria, Carolyn Heimlich, Ednita Vafloor, Gabe Vafloor and Ron Boquist each gave more than 100 hours for Music Outreach. A special thank you to these volunteers, and thank you to ALL members who brought the gift of music to those who are confined.

Jeannine Morris, OFMC Music Outreach chairman

### Music Outreach Program

Warren Music Club presented a Music Outreach program at the Manor At Autumn Hills assisted living on Sat., Oct. 17. Fifty attended the program including residents of The Manor and their relatives, club members, students of club members, their parents and grandparents. Everyone sang the **NFMC Song of the Month**, *I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles*, and the students blew bubbles as we sang. Our **Music in Poetry** was *October's Clear, Crisp Beauty* from *A Symphony of Seasons* by Connie Arnold. (This book is advertised in Music Club Magazine.)

The program included piano, vocal and violin solos, 2 violin duets, a piano trio of *Stars and Stripes Forever*. Group singing included *Oh! Susannah*, *The Old Gray Mare* and the NFMC Benediction, *The Gift of Song* using song sheets and the NFMC 2015-17 *Together We Sing* books.

Jeannine Morris, president

### From Newsletter Editor, Sue Hassler

Please remember that the deadline for the spring newsletter is **February 15**. Requests for articles go out January 15, so you have lots of time to think of things you want in the newsletter. The spring newsletter comes out March 1.

The Salem Music Study Club celebrated its 90th birthday at the September meeting. The club was formed in 1924 and federated with the Ohio and National Federation of Music Clubs in 1925. The club was just for women until the 70's when men were invited to join. The club originally met in members' homes twice a month, and then the meeting place was changed to the Smucker House for many years. Now the club meets in the parlor of the Educational Building of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Each month, September through May, programs are presented to study different styles of music with club members performing the music. Each year a study book is chosen from an approved list from National and a portion is reported on at each meeting. One of our main purposes is to provide scholarships to young people for music lessons and if they are majoring in music, funds for college. There are 5 different memorial funds for piano, voice and instrumental. Each December a Choir Festival is held at the Methodist Church featuring area choirs with the free will offering going for scholarships. Several different members perform in nursing homes each month.

At the September meeting Jeff Smith and P.J. Devine presented a program to show how melodies in Classical music were used in contemporary music. Also Brenna Price, a scholarship winner, presented several flute solos and also a duet with her mother, Lisa Price. The club members sang a special song that was written for the club's 60th birthday by Evelyn Barnes. Refreshments, including a beautiful birthday cake, were enjoyed by members and guests. Anyone who loves music is welcome to attend or join the club.



Officers—I to r Mike Newman, corresponding secretary; Ila Paxson, president; P.J. Devine, secretary; Ruth Newman, Vice President; Marsha Wilson, board member; Jeff Smith, board member; Lelia Mitchell, treasurer. Program chairman—Jeff Smith and P.J. Devine



Flutes—Brenna and Lisa Price

**The Saturday Music Club** of Columbus performed a Parade of Music Concert at the Parkside Village Senior Living in Westerville on Sunday, November 8. The program featured Pianist **Elmer Cabotage** performing *Variations on America* by Charles Ives, transcribed by Lowell Liebermann. **Jessice Kahn**, soprano, performed *Silver Aria* from *Ballad of Baby Doe* by Douglas Moore (1893-1969) and *Only a Rose* from *The Vagabond King* by Rudolph Frimi (1879-1972). Jessica was accompanied by Elmer Cabotage on the piano. Flute player **Susan Cowden** performed *Danza de la Mariposa* by Valerie Coleman. *Adagio con Amore* by Brian Carr, *Butterfly Waltz* by Brian Carr, and *Paragon Rag* by Scott Joplin were performed by **Ron Soriano** on the violin and **Rick Soriano**, piano.

From the Editor: I deeply apologize to both Diane LaRochelle and Lelia Mitchell for leaving Diane's name and other information out of the Fall Newsletter. Because of that, Lelia got a great number of checks that should have gone to Diane. Please excuse my mistake! Lelia Mitchell's email address is [lnmsew@hotmail.com](mailto:lnmsew@hotmail.com). (The first letter is an L but lower case). And Diane Larochelle's email is [dlarochelle@woh.rr.com](mailto:dlarochelle@woh.rr.com). Her telephone number is 937-427-3827.

**Sue Hassler**, Greatly Fallible Newsletter Editor



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## 2016 Festival Schedule

DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION	CHAIRMAN	GOLD CUP
District I-A	January 16 March 19	Cleveland State University	Cindy McAdams 801-766-1789 <a href="mailto:Ofmcfestival1a@yahoo.com">Ofmcfestival1a@yahoo.com</a>	Karen Spisak 440-543-1400 <a href="mailto:Dkmsba06@yahoo.com">Dkmsba06@yahoo.com</a>
District I-B	January 9 March 12	Youngstown State University	Patricia Hale 330-207-4062 <a href="mailto:sweetpattyjeanne@gmail.com">sweetpattyjeanne@gmail.com</a>	Cindy Cleeland 330-792-9274 <a href="mailto:cindynotes2@zoominternet.net">cindynotes2@zoominternet.net</a>
District I-C	January 19 March 19	Kent State University	Sue Hassler 330-673-9164 <a href="mailto:dhassler@kent.edu">dhassler@kent.edu</a>	Mack Hassler 330-673-9164 <a href="mailto:dhassler@kent.edu">dhassler@kent.edu</a>
District I-D	January 9 March 12	Baldwin Wallace College	Martha Custer 216- 856- 2515 <a href="mailto:ofmcjrftest1d@sbcglobal.net">ofmcjrftest1d@sbcglobal.net</a>	Kathy Savinell 330-686-1285 <a href="mailto:ksavinell@gmail.com">ksavinell@gmail.com</a>
District II	January 9 March 12	Ohio State University	Marie Nichols 740-787-9846 <a href="mailto:nmusiccenter@mail.com">nmusiccenter@mail.com</a>	Mary Ann Guilkey 740-366-1636 <a href="mailto:jackgulkey@roadrunner.com">jackgulkey@roadrunner.com</a>
District III-A	January 16 March 18 & 19	Miami University Oxford	Irene Sakelos 513-738-5221 <a href="mailto:jamminmeldoy@aol.com">jamminmeldoy@aol.com</a>	Nancy Gruber 513-367-1710 <a href="mailto:nkgpaino@yahoo.com">nkgpaino@yahoo.com</a>
District III-C	January 16 March 20	Cedarville University	Angie Vaubel 937-431-0570 <a href="mailto:angie@vaubel.net">angie@vaubel.net</a>	Debbie Dustin 937-399-3679 <a href="mailto:deb@kincaidmusic.com">deb@kincaidmusic.com</a>
District III-D	December 15 March 4 & 5	College of Mount St. Joseph	Anne Schummer 513-661-2424 <a href="mailto:piano@fuse.net">piano@fuse.net</a>	Marcia Lucas 513-385-9263 <a href="mailto:mslucas@zoomtown.com">mslucas@zoomtown.com</a>
District III-E	January 12 March 12	University of Dayton	Daira Skriblis 937-312-0134 <a href="mailto:daira.skriblis@gmail.com">daira.skriblis@gmail.com</a>	Eric Bess 937-335-2804 <a href="mailto:Ebess61@juno.com">Ebess61@juno.com</a>
District III-F	January 16 March 18 & 19	Miami University Oxford	Marion Peraza deWebb 513-681-5551 <a href="mailto:Perazaml@hotmail.com">Perazaml@hotmail.com</a>	Amy Weaver 513-777-8882 <a href="mailto:weaversink@gmail.com">weaversink@gmail.com</a>
District III-G	January 5 March 5	Wright State University	Jennifer Shoup 937-426-6920 <a href="mailto:Pianoprepschool.yahoo.com">Pianoprepschool.yahoo.com</a>	Anne Morris 937-426-6920 <a href="mailto:annemorris@cedarville.edu">annemorris@cedarville.edu</a>
District IV-A	January 1 March 12	Heidelberg University	Denise Hauden 419-261-1477 <a href="mailto:dkhauden@gmail.com">dkhauden@gmail.com</a>	Kevin Eikum 419-351-8702 <a href="mailto:kevineikum1@gmail.com">kevineikum1@gmail.com</a>
District IV-B	January 16 March 12	Ashland University	Sonja Kalb 740-360-2916 <a href="mailto:fourstarguesthouse@yahoo.com">fourstarguesthouse@yahoo.com</a>	Open

District	Co Chairman	Co Gold Cup Chair
District IV-A		Susan Zacharias 419-825-1374 <a href="mailto:suza@embargmail.com">suza@embargmail.com</a>
District		

## CALENDAR 2015-2016

### January

1 to Feb. 12

Applications for **The Winifred Collins Music Education Scholarship** and **The Gertrude Sieberling Music Education Scholarship** go to George Pope, 518 Dorchester Rd., Akron, OH 43220-1923, Phone: 330-869-9113, email: [gspope@uakron.edu](mailto:gspope@uakron.edu). Both awarded by the Tuesday Musical Association, Akron, Ohio. (Both \$1,400)

5 Application deadline for **Senior/Adult Composers Contest** to Marietta Brits, Chairman, 1692 Van Pelt St., Columbus, OH 43220-2522. See page 11 for forms. (1st \$600, 2nd \$450, 3rd \$300.

15 **Donald Babcock Junior Composers' Awards (up to 18 years)** \$735 total awards, 1st State: \$150, 2nd State: \$125, 3rd State: \$100, Junior Class I&II: 1st, \$50, 2nd \$30, Junior Class III& IV: 1st \$60, 2nd, \$40. Application (Rules) Deadline: January 15, Chairman: Susan Carlock, 5781 Brookbank Drive, Dayton, OH 45440-2716, Phone 937-291-9189, email: [Susan.carlock@wright.edu](mailto:Susan.carlock@wright.edu).

15 **Agnes Fowler Scholarship** (Selected by the College/University) Awards total \$14,000  
A \$1000 scholarship to a student in an OFMC affiliated school majoring in music, preferably strong in performance and proficient on at least one instrument or in voice. The school shall choose the recipient by the January 15 deadline. Each eligible school will be sent a form to be completed with their recipient and returned to : Brenda Bradley, 974 Arch St., Salem, OH 44460-2942, Phone: 330-332-1736, email: [bradleybrenda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bradleybrenda@sbcglobal.net). The student receiving the scholarship should be willing to perform once at a State Convention, a District Conference in NE, SE, or NW Ohio, or a local music club meeting.

**February 1** **Parade of American Music Report** due to Roseanne Brown

**National Music Week Essay Contest** due to the Regional Chairman

1 **Stillman Kelley Awards**—an NFMC Annual Junior Award, Applications go to Donna Gerber, 14249 Sperry Road, Newbury, OH 44065-9714, Phone: 440-338-8187, email: [minyduur@twc.com](mailto:minyduur@twc.com).

20 **Marjorie Neville Collaborative Piano Award** (Accompanying) \$1000 prize for winning accompanist, Auditions March 20 at Schuster Hall, Creative Arts Center, Wright State University, Chairman: Dr. Jackson Leung, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton, OH 45435-0002, Phone: 937-775-2386, email: [jackson.leung@wright.edu](mailto:jackson.leung@wright.edu).

**April 1** **Disinger Summer Marching Band Camp Scholarship** (1 award. Grades 10-12) \$150, Chair: Norma Disinger, 645 Neil Ave., Apt. 819, Columbus, OH 43215, Phone: 614-824-5400. email: [normadisinger@gmail.com](mailto:normadisinger@gmail.com).

15 **Venetia Hall Piano Concerto Competition** (1st \$600, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$200) Chairman: Marie Nichols, 9775 Hidden Springs Rd, Hopewell, OH 43746, Phone 740-787-9846, email: [nmusiccenter@gmail.com](mailto:nmusiccenter@gmail.com).

**May 1** **Summer Music Camp Awards** (20 awards/\$150 each) Grades 6-12, Festival 3 year Superior Winners, Mod. Dif. Level or above for piano and Medium level or above for strings. Applications go to Karen Hunt, 245 Idlewood Road, Youngstown, OH 44515-2831, Phone: 330-792-3966, email: [kihunt48@gmail.com](mailto:kihunt48@gmail.com).

**July 15** **Elizabeth Gerber Award**, (Pre-7th grade, Festival 5 year Superior winner) \$100 award, Applications go to Linda Rinderknecht, 1120 Edgewood Drive, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351, Phone: 419-310-1198, email: [rinderknechtlinda@gmail.com](mailto:rinderknechtlinda@gmail.com).

15 **Marilyn Walter Young Musicians Awards** (Grades 7-9, Festival 5-Year Superior Winners) 1st \$200, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$100, Chair: Linda Rinderknecht, 1120 Edgewood Drive, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351, Phone: 419-310-1198, email: [rinderknechtlinda@gmail.com](mailto:rinderknechtlinda@gmail.com).

15 **Charlotte & W. Alfred Gray Competition** (Grades 10-12, Festival 5-Year Superior Winners) 1st \$200, 2nd \$160, 3rd \$130, Chair: Linda Rinderknecht, 1120 Edgewood Drive, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351, Phone: 419-310-1198, email: [rinderknechtlinda@gmail.com](mailto:rinderknechtlinda@gmail.com).

**Henrietta Cissy Matthews** is the newly appointed Student Advisor. She has a Bachelor's Degree in piano performance and a Master's Degree in Education. She has taught music in various schools for 28 years and has served as director of the piano department at the Stivers School of Fine Arts in Dayton. She has directed bell choir and hand chimes and was the recipient of the National Exemplary Award by the American Guild of English Hand Bell Ringers. She is a board member as well as the chairman of the Young Artist Program for the Dayton Music Club. Cissy has been married to Norman Matthews, a retired officer of the U.S. Airforce for 43 years and has three grown children.

**Leah Kay Hogg** is the new state Festival Chairman. Leah Kay graduated from Miami University majoring in Music Education with concentration in piano performance. She also holds a Master's Degree from the University of Dayton. She served as District 3-F Festival chairman for several years until medical issues forced her to step down. Leah Kay enters her students in District 3-G. She is the proprietor of Leah Kay's Music Academy of Middleton. She and Jim, her husband of 24 years, live in Middleton.

**Dr. Gwen Brubaker**, for OFMC Foundation Board of Trustee, earned her PhD in Music from Northwestern University in Chicago. She is a retired professor of music at the University of Dayton and Wright State University. Currently she is serving as treasurer of the Miami Valley Community Concerts and the Dayton Music Club. She teaches piano in her private studio and has a junior music club participating in junior festivals. She is on the finance committee for the Dayton Music Club.

**Stephen Domka** will chair the Crusade for Strings. He has been well-known in the Federation. Steve had his first violin instructions from Elva Newdome of District 4. He is an active collaborative pianist for many students in competitions. His violin studio has 28 juniors participating in District 4-B festivals. He and his brothers play strings. His family was chosen as the Family of the Year at the state convention when it was hosted by District 4.

**Ila Jeanne Paxson** will serve as chairman of American Folk Song. She is a very active member of OFMC. She is currently serving as president of Salem Music Cub in District 1. She is also Northeast Regional chairman of Parade of American Music.

**Karl Morris** is Member at Large. Karl has been one of the hardest working members of OFMC. He has served in many capacities within OFMC. He was junior division treasurer, editor of our newsletter, updated the OFMC directory in the past and even revised our current by-laws. He is also active in the northeast region as well as in the National level, attending meetings, conferences and conventions for many years. He is a freshman Member at Large for NFMC as national chairman of Music for the Blind, and the northeast regional chairman of Music in Poetry.

**Marie Nichols** will serve as the chairman of the Venetia Hall Piano Concerto competition. She is currently the festival chairman in District 2. She gives private piano lessons and has a junior club with numerous students participating in the junior festival. Marie owns Nichols Music Center in Columbus.

National Federation of Music Clubs 2015 Young Artist winner Christie Conover, soprano, gave a well received concert on Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Christ United Methodist Church in Kettering. Her concert was sponsored by the Dayton Music Club and Christ

United Methodist Church. Ms. Conover's travel arrangements were handled by the Dayton Music Club Young Artist chairman, Henrietta Cissy Matthews. She was accompanied on the piano by Tiraje Ruckman. A reception followed the concert to honor Miss Conover.

L--R: accompanist Tiraje Ruckman, NFMC young artist winner Christie Conover, state president Christy Smith, District 3 president Sally Christman, and DMC YA chairman Cissy Mathews.



**New Clubs**

Joan Sutton Studio: Counselor Joan Sutton, P.O. Box 91, Kinsman, OH 44428, Phone: 330-397-4368, email: [joanniesutton@yahoo.com](mailto:joanniesutton@yahoo.com), District 1B

Oxford Piano Players: Counselor Jon Sanford, 1007 Arrowhead Dr., Unit 23C, Oxford, OH 45056, Phone: 513-377-8188, email: [jonsanford620@gmail.com](mailto:jonsanford620@gmail.com), District : 3A

Yasutake Piano Studio: Counselor Debbie Yasutake, 5081 Lakeside Ct., Stow, OH 44224, Phone: 330-554-3187, email: [dmyasutake@roadrunner.com](mailto:dmyasutake@roadrunner.com), District: 1C

Piano Prodigies: Counselor Tiffany Cary, 2354 N. Limestone St. #7, Springfield, OH 45503, Phone: 937-708-0530, email: [tiffanycary@cedarville.edu](mailto:tiffanycary@cedarville.edu), District 3C

D.P.S. Junior Music Club: Counselor Karen Dulmage, 9005 Ravine Avenue N.W. , Pickerington, OH 43147, Phone: 614-833-9005, email: [kdulmage@mail.com](mailto:kdulmage@mail.com), District: 2

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Lelia Mitchell's email address was wrong in the last newsletter. It should be [lnmsew@hotmail.com](mailto:lnmsew@hotmail.com). The first letter is an L (but lower case).

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**Corrections in the 2015-2016 Directory**

Page 9: Susan Carlock's phone: 937-672-7036

Page 10: Ila Jeanne Paxon's email: [ilapaxon@neo.rr.com](mailto:ilapaxon@neo.rr.com)

Page 11: Wanda Stubbart's email: [wanda.stubbart@gmail.com](mailto:wanda.stubbart@gmail.com)

Page 12 and 22: Martha Custer's phone: 216-256-2515

Page 13: Judy Schenker's address: Strasburg, OH

Page 15: Jr. Counselor Shannon Bisson's email: [trimsandtrills@gmail.com](mailto:trimsandtrills@gmail.com)

Page 17: Randall Boquist's email: [rafoquist@gmail.com](mailto:rafoquist@gmail.com)

Page 18: Andrea Kayln (spelling error)

Page 21: Marjorie Donahue's email: [rroach@neo.rr.com](mailto:rroach@neo.rr.com)

Page 21: Gold Cup Chairman Mack Hassler's address (should be in Kent, rather than Stow)

Page 21: Cindy Cleeland's email address is [cindysnotes2@zoominternet.net](mailto:cindysnotes2@zoominternet.net)

**ACT NOW****ONLY 4 1/2 MONTHS LEFT**

That's right...you only have a few short months left to report your club's poetry activity to Jack Pottmeyer. Last year I couldn't make a full report because so few clubs responded. So, club presidents...save yourself from having to make up excuses at the last minute and report now (ok, before April 1) and let me know what you've been up to with Poetry in Music. Let's show National that Ohio has what it takes!

Please email me at [pottmeyer@tusco.net](mailto:pottmeyer@tusco.net) to make your report or request new forms.

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## Adult Composers COMPETITION Application

(1<sup>st</sup> \$600, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$450, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$300)

Marietta Brits, Chairman

Application Deadline: January 5, 2016

(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: \_\_\_\_\_ PlayingTime: \_\_\_\_\_

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, 2016.

**Marietta Brits**

**OFMC Adult Composition Contest Chairman**

**1692 Van Pelt Street**

**Columbus, OH 43220**

### DUES COLLECTION PROCEDURE

**Senior Division Dues**, including Sr./Adult music clubs and Sr. Special memberships should be received by State Treasurer, Lelia Mitchell, 652 Deming St., Salem OH 44460-3742, Phone :330-332-9458 , Email [lnmsew@hotmail.com](mailto:lnmsew@hotmail.com) by Nov. 1, 2015.

**Junior Division Dues**, including Jr. Clubs and Jr. Special memberships should be sent to Jr. Division treasurer, Diane Larochelle, 5401 Oleva Drive, Dayton, OH 45440, Phone:937-427-3827,Email [dlarochelle@woh.rr.com](mailto:dlarochelle@woh.rr.com) by Nov. 1, 2015 (form on p. 5)

**Teachers/Counselors** who send students to Festival must pay Sr. /Adult dues for themselves, as a member of a music club or as a Sr. Special member. Their students must also be OFMC members by being in a Jr. Music Club or by being Junior Special members. As a Jr. Club Counselor, you should pay your dues before November 1st to avoid paying a penalty. If you do not know the exact number of students, pay the minimum of 20. You can add students later with no penalty for \$1.50 each.

**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 44805-1124. Phone: 419-651-3747, email: [ronmarenchin@ohio.net](mailto: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 & the recipient or bereaved family.