



Ohio Federation of Music Clubs News

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Let Music Bring Peace and Harmony Throughout the World



President's Corner

Greetings, my fellow members of OFMC. It is hard to believe that 2017 is nearing its end. Soon we start a new year. As I write this newsletter, Chuck and I are planning a funeral for his aunt. I regret that this newsletter had to be late. The last 6 weeks have been a very trying time for our family. Our granddaughter went through a two-hour operation and a 12-day stay at the Lexington Children's Hospital, thanks to the advancement of medical technology and the brilliant pediatric surgeons. Baby Geneva, 2 months old at the time, survived a very delicate operation. She is now continuing to heal well.

Our daughter in law also had a surgery at the University Hospital in Louisville the day after Thanksgiving, and Chuck's aunt from Lebanon spent a few days in the hospital until the doctors had given up on her and was taken to the same hospice where Helen Dill spent her last few days in 2014. Our aunt died on 'December 1st and now, Chuck and I are busy preparing the details of her Memorial Service and burial. I regret that I could not focus on getting this newsletter done on a timely manner. Well, I guess I am not a super woman. Right now, I am just trying to survive the stresses that goes with love ones getting sick and or dying.



We had been traveling up and down on I-75 to be with our families. Chuck and I even had to split so he can stay with his aunt and I with our grandbaby.

Thanks to all the clubs who honored our American composers during the Parade of American Music celebration last November.

I hope your Thanksgiving celebration with your family was a happy time. We celebrated ours at the cafeteria of the Children's Hospital. A rather unusual way to celebrate, but our family was complete. That's what matters. We had so much to be thankful for as God had blessed us with a miracle on our precious grand baby. Our family had the chance to pray together.

I wish you a very happy Holidays. Make someone happy this season and share the healing wonders of music to everyone in your community. Remember the sick, the hungry and the poor not only during the holidays but throughout the year. And may the new year bring good health, peace and harmony to you and yours!

Christy Smith

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Job Opening If you enjoy writing articles, I can really use you. We need a newsletter editor. It would really help Tremendously. Please consider it and to give it a try. Christy 937-280-4288 or ofmc@woh.rr.com

Senior Club News

October 22, **The Dayton Music Club** co-sponsored the Young Artist piano recital by Kevin Ahfat. He was the piano solo winner at the 2017 Young Artist competition held at the University of Dayton last June. The recital was held at Christ Church United Methodist in Kettering. Mr. Ahfat's outstanding performance dazzled his audience. His chosen repertoire included compositions of Bach, Grieg, Poulenc, Schumann and A. Gunastera. Club members brought refreshments for the reception in honor of Mr. Ahfat.

December 2, **Saturday Music Club** presented their Holiday Concert. The residents of Kensington Place Retirement Home enjoyed the Christmas program which featured Alan Ray, bassoon, Mia Lewis cello, Jessica Kahn, soprano, Karen Thimmes and Lena Silshtinska, piano. Elaine Schnipki, percussion. Wanda Stubbart led a sing Along.

Parade of American Music is an annual program held annually in November

On Saturday, November 18, **Saturday Music Club** presented a Parade of American Music Program at the Village of Westerville Nursing Home. Performers included a quintet, Susan Cowden, flute, Fred Meyer, oboe, Carl Cummins, clarinet, Helen Doering French horn, and Alex Triani, bassoon. Hank Arbaugh, vocal solo and percussionist Elaine Schnipki. Special feature were two compositions of Ohio composer Rick Sowash.

November 19, **Marion Music Club** presented a program in celebration of American Music held at the Prospect Street United Methodist Church in Marion. Club president Ednita Vaflor organized a program titled Tapestry, which covered different periods of American History through Music. The program was opened to the public.

Sunday, November 19, **The Dayton Music Club** presented a Parade of American Music program. Their focus was to hear Living American Composers who also happen to be members of their club. The concert was held at the Epiphany Lutheran Church in Centerville. The program featured composers Rosanne Brown, piano, Moira Levant violin, Chris Berg, bass and a Celtic band, Blackthorn and Laurel, a group that compose their own music

Annual Dues Reminder!

To senior clubs who enjoy procrastination. Did you know that your annual dues to OFMC and NFMC was due in November? So, if you have not paid yet, you are already past due. Gwen Brubaker sent out reminders by e-mail. Please check to make sure you really did pay. Let's not frustrate Dr. Gwen, our new treasurer. I must also mention that NFMC is now charging late fees.

Calling Adult Unpublished Composers!

If you like composing, how about entering the adult composition contest? The deadline for submitting is January 15. There are three prizes to be given. 1st prize receives \$700, 2nd is \$500, 3rd is \$300. Please look at OFMC website for rules and application form. Send your application to Sally Christman, 1965 Loma Linda Lane, Dayton, OH 45459. Email Sally at kscdchristman@aol.com for information.

OFMC Foundation for the Advancement of Music Trustees are happy to announce that our investment earnings of over \$62,000 made it possible to increase our scholarships for 2017-2018. **Thanks to the generosity of our contributors** Honor a deceased member of your club, a family member or a special person by contributing to the OFMC Foundation for the Advancement of Music. E-mail Ron at ronmarenchin@ohio.net for more information. Please cut the form below, fill it out and send it along your check.

Gift to the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs Foundation for the Advancement of Music Form

In memory of _____ or honor/tribute gift to _____

Donor's Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Complete Address _____

Make check payable to OFMC Foundation Amount enclosed: _____

Mail this form with your check to: **Ron Marenchin, 1415 Cottage Street, Ashland, OH 44805**

District Conferences

District	Date	Host	Location
District 1	April 7	McDowell Music Club	St. John United Church of Christ
District II	April 14	Saturday Music Club	TBA
District III	May 5	West Hills Music Club	Otterbein Retirement Center
District IV	April 21	Ashland Music Club	Trinity Lutheran Church, Ashland

Collegiate News:

I am pleased to welcome the Music students at **Wittenberg University**. I had a very nice conversation with Chris Durrenberger, chairman of the music department last October to discuss the benefits of being a member. He agreed that with the various OFMC competition awards and scholarships that we offer, we should be able to assist their music students with their scholarship needs. Please add the following information in your directory under District III on page 19. Wittenberg University, Dr. Christopher Durrenberger, Department chairman, Krieg Hall Room 308, Springfield, OH 45504 WWW.wittenberg.edu/music/durrenberger. 937-327-7341

I am also happy to announce that the **Conservatory of Music at Capital University** joined OFMC. Congratulations and a warm welcome to the music students at Capital University. Please add the following in your directory, page 19 under district II: Conservatory of Music at Capital University, Dr. Lynn Rosenberry, Dean, One and Main, Columbus, OH 43062. Phone number is 614 236-4674. Their website is WWW.Capital/conservatory.

Two students from both Universities will receive \$1,200 scholarships from the Agnes Fowler Funds. Congratulations!

There are several collegiate competitions that are coming up this spring. Check them out from our website www.ofmc.org. There is nothing that would make our Foundation

trustees happier than giving money to support our music students.

Deadline for the **College Composition Contest** is March 1. Entrants must be between the age of 19 and 26. There are two prizes for this competition. 1st. place winner receives a \$1200 award and the 2nd placer will receive an \$800 award. Check requirements and application form from the website. National Composition competition is also due on March 1. Please visit NFMC website for rules and application forms. For entry in Ohio, please send your entry to Sally Christman, 1965 Loma Linda Lane, Dayton, OH 45459. E-mail Sally for any questions at kscdchristman@aol.com

Marjorie Neville Collaborative Piano (Art of Accompanying) Competition will be held at Wright State University on March 20. Deadline for the application is February 20. The winner will receive \$1,000 and the soloist will receive \$200. For information, please email coordinator Dr. Jackson Leung at Jackson.leung@wsu.edu. Please send your application to Dr. Jackson Leung, Wright State University, 3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy, Dayton, OH 45435

Keith Newton Music Education Essay contest for music education majors is due on March 1. Prizes are \$500, \$300 and \$200 Please send your essay and application form and a to chairman Wanda Stubbart, 2002 Brimfield Court, Columbus, OH 43229. please e-mail wanda.stubbart@gmail.com for info.

MUSIC MATTERS!



Junior Division News

Attention: We have two Junior Division positions that still needs to be filled.

1. The State Junior Counselor is the person in charge of the Junior Division. It was the position that I held for 18 years.

2. State Festival Chairman: The biggest responsibility of the festival chairman is compiling the reports of all district festival chairman to send to the regional chairman.

If you are interested in either of these jobs, please e-mail Christy at ofmc@woh.rr.com. Or call her at 937-280-4288. These positions need to be filled immediately.

Juniors Day competitions were held on Saturday, October 6 at the Church of the Messiah in Westerville. Sally Christman chaired the program and Linda Rinderknecht oversaw the competitions. Thank you, Sally and Linda for a job well done! All competition winners received monetary awards of up to \$250.

Meet our OFMC Outstanding juniors:



Nicholas Oita is the recipient of the 2017 OFMC Outstanding Junior Award for ages 14-18. Nicholas is a very busy performer around the Cleveland area. He has performed with the Cleveland Ballet. At the age of 14, he has already garnered some prestigious awards having competed and won first place at the Protégé International Vocal competition at Carnegie Hall in New York. He won 2nd place at the Little Mozart competition also held at Carnegie Hall. He won first place at the Virtuoso Competition at Royal Albert Hall in London, UK. He won the grand prize at the 2nd Feurich International Piano, Voice and chamber music competition in Vienna, Austria.



Vincent Lin, recipient of the Outstanding Award for ages 14-18, is 15 years old and in 10th grade. He is a member of the Olmsted Talent Education. He participates in several competitions in piano solo and piano duet and has been winning in several competitions at the Global Great Composers Competition, American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition, Carmel Klavier International Piano Competition in Carmel, IN and the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs.



Jonathan Lin is the recipient of the OFMC Outstanding Junior award in his age category. He is 10 years old and in 5th grade. Jonathan was the third-place winner in the Elizabeth Gerber competition in 2016. He competed in piano solo and violin solo for the Music in America

Polina Kornyushenko is 12 years old is also a very busy performer around the city of Cleveland as well as entering in various competitions around the U.S. and Europe. Sorry picture was not provided.

The performers of the **Elizabeth Gerber Competition** were truly outstanding! It is amazing that these children are only in grades 4-6, and they are already showing maturity with their artistic ability. Congratulations to everyone who participated.



Behind is Donna Gerber



There were 20 participants in the

Marilyn Walter competition (picture on the right) for grades 7 through 9.

Several participants were high caliber performers which made judging extremely difficult. **Congratulations** to the winners. They are Cory Wu (on the left) in first place. Followed by Dana Long (on the right) who won second

place. She is from District II. Marina Ziegler who placed third is from District I. Marina was not in the picture.



The **W. Alfred and Charlotte Gray** competition (for grades 10-12) participants, picture on the left. Congratulations to the winners. Calvin Huang, (right) first place, Nova Meng (middle) placed second, Max Rubin (left) of district II took third place.



Other Individuals and Junior Club winners

- Kathy Savinell of district 1-D received the Gold Cup Chairman of the Year Award from Junior Counselor Sally Christman
- Anne Schummer, Festival Chairman of the Year
- Bede Bourrees, Judy Bede Counselor, Junior Composers Award
- Brahms Allegro, Cheryl Boigegrain, Junior Composers Award





Junior Composers

Two winners of the Junior Composition contest performed during Juniors Day. They are: Charlotte Geary who performed Dancing Waters and Taleh Fannafazir who played Momo's Dance Party. On the left is Susan Carlock, chairman of the competition.

Attention young budding composers: The **Donald Babcock Composition contest** for juniors is due on January 15. Please send your entry to Susan Carlock, 5781 Brookbank Drive, Dayton, OH 45440. There will be two winners in each of the four age categories as well as two state winners. All winning pieces will be entered in the regional competition. The regional winning compositions will be sent to National. Winners in state, regional and National will receive cash awards. Entry form is on our website. For more information, please e-mail chairman Susan Carlock at carlock22@gmail.com.

If you are entering in a Senior Piano Concerto event at the 2018 Junior Festival and receive a unanimous superior, I encourage you to enter the **Venetia Hall Piano Concerto Competition**. It will be held on April 21 at Graves Pianos and Organs, 5798 Karl Road, Columbus, OH 43229. The entrant is required to play in front of the judges either the first or the last movement of a concerto memorized. There will be three winners. 1st place receives \$700, 2nd place receives \$500 and 3rd place winner will receive \$200 from Saturday Music Club, Venetia Hall's senior club. Please mail your application form and fee to chairman Marie Nichols, 9775 Hidden Springs Road, Hopewell, OH 43746. The deadline for submission is March 30.

The **Stillman Kelley and Thelma Byrum** are national competitions. The contestant must send a DVD of her/his playing. Please go to the NFMC website to access the rules and application form. The state winner will receive \$100 from OFMC and the state winner's DVD

will be sent to National for further judging. Please send your entry form and DVD to state chairman Donna Gerber, 14249 Sperry Road, Newbury, OH 44065. The chairman must receive your entry no later than February 1.

NFMC Junior Music Festivals are happening every Saturday in March in Ohio. We need a lot of volunteers to room monitor. If you are available on the Saturday your festival is scheduled in your area, please e-mail or call your festival chairman. The schedule is listed on our website. Teachers, please respect and be mindful of the deadlines for the application forms. Some are due this month. It is extremely important to fill the position of a state festival chairman so that the state report can be done. Call me if you want to know what the job entails. The job requires knowledge in Excel program.

Wendell Irish Viola Competition is a competition for viola players for juniors up to 18 years of age. Please go to the NFMC website and download JR11-1 for rules and procedures and JR11-2 for the application form. Since this is a national competition, the entrant must be a US citizen to enter. There is no requirement other than two pieces must be of contrasting style periods. Your application and CD must be in the hands of the state chairman by February 1. Please send your application along with a CD of your playing with no more than 20 minutes of playing time to Kathy Johnston, 1994 Rockdell Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324. For info, please e-mail johnstonmusicstudio@gmail.com. The CD of the winner in Ohio will be sent to National for more judging and cash award will be awarded.

Welcome to the following New Junior Clubs

3-F Kell's Encore Studio, Mary Beth Kell, 456 Wildrose Lane, Greenville, OH 45331 937-548-0653
3.F Play it Forward Piano Club, Bobbi Wiseman, 5059 Teagues Rd. Bradford OH 45308
3-F Brilliant Notes Piano Studio, Elizabeth Hoelscher, 14071 Coble Rd, Yorkshire, OH 45388
3-E Freda McKinney Music Studio, 1432 Robinhood Dr. West Carrollton, OH 45449, 937-974-0711
1-B Balale Music Studio, Cristin Balale, 6707 Shawbutte Street, Poland, OH 44514, 330-301-1568
2 Piano Fans, Fan Zhang, 2250 Waters Edge BLVD, Columbus 45209, 812-272-4777
3-D Music Makers, Carol Clark, 28969 Blackberry Trail Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45233, 513-922-9038
2 SWC Piano, Stephanie Webster Chen, 2329 Eastclift Dr., Columbus, OH 43221, 614-354-7389
1-C Jarvis Music Studio, Laurie Jarvis, 630 White Tail Ridge Dr. Fairlawn, OH 44333, 330-351-6247
4-A Ohio Northern University Piano Academy, Chloe Ulmer, 1485 Orr Rd., Sycamore, OH 44882, 419-569-8002

Request for Liability Insurance: The following information are needed

Your Club's Name: _____

Date of the Event: _____ Event's Name: _____

Contact's name: _____ E-mail: _____

Complete Address where the event will be held:

The person in charge of the event must sign the Child Protection Form

Cost per event is \$18.00. Check must be issued to NFMFC. Mail this form, along with the signed Child Protection Form and a check to the chairman: Christy Smith, 825 Olde Farm Court, Vandalia, OH 45377

For more information e-mail Christy at ofmc@woh.rr.com.

Calendar of Due dates:

January 15: Adult Composition entries due to Sally Christman

January 15 Junior composition entry due to Susan Carlock

February 1: Stillman Kelley and Thelma Byrum entries due to Donna Gerber

February 1: Wendell Irish Viola Entry due to Kathy Johnston

February 15: Deadline for News articles, email to Smith at ofmc@woh.rr.com

February 20: Entry for Collaborative Piano (Art of Accompanying) due to Dr. Jackson Leung

March 1: Keith Newton Music Ed Essay due to Wanda Stubbart

March 1: College Composition Entry due to Sally Christman

March 20: Collaborative Piano Competition at Wright State University

April 1: Senior Club Reports are due to Dorothy Blackburn. There are several reports that are also due to various chairmen.

For the Junior festival schedule, please go to our website WWW.ofmc.org



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