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Greetings! St. Patrick's Day is March 17. If you do not have a good Irish community in your area, come to Dayton where you will see so many Celtic music and dance programs. We even have a huge Celtic Festival downtown in the summer which involves closing several blocks for partying, music performing and dancing. I will remember to wear green even though I really do not have an ounce of Irish blood in me. I am Catholic though, so I can celebrate St. Patrick without worrying about being kissed by strangers.

As of this writing, one festival (district 3-C) has already ended. Twelve more to go! I hope that you will volunteer in your district. My husband and I are. I treasure Ohio's district Festival and Gold Cup Chairmen. They are the most conscientious and hard-working volunteers in our organization. If you are a teacher with

students participating in the festival, please don't forget to thank your festival chairman and Cup Chairman. Show your appreciation. They certainly deserve our accolades. Don't you agree?

April is the month for district conferences and Honors Recital. I encourage you to attend for music and harmony. Please fill out the registration form and send it to your respective registrar along with your check issued to your district. I hope you will promote National Music Week to your local schools, churches and libraries. Let your local radio stations know about it. This year's theme is Music...A Universal Language.



I am thrilled to introduce our youngest Federation member. 5-month old (soon to be six) Geneva Mia Smith, born on September 6, 2017, is the newest member of the NFMC Cradle Roll. I can't recall anyone joining the Cradle Roll in our state in the 37 years that I have been a member of OFMC. Of course, her grandmother, a piano teacher, had to inspect to make sure she has 10 fingers, the most basic tool that she needs to learn to play the piano. At five months old, her ears are already developing an appreciation for good music. Her listening repertoire, thus far, include Handel's Messiah, some works of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms as well as the music of Debussy and Gershwin. Chopin Preludes tend to put her to sleep though. And grandma's humming of Brahms Lullaby soothes her down for slumber. She re-acted with delight when she heard rag time and New Orleans style Jazz for the first time while visiting New Orleans. Geneva was only two months old when the healing power of music was put to the test. Her father kept the music playing next to her in bed while she was confined to the hospital for 17 days. Boy, did she give us a horrible scare! While I already know she has a good musical ear, I think we should give Geneva two years or so to develop her fine motor skills along with other physical and mental developments before she tackles the most simplified version of the introductory theme of Mozart's Ah! vous dirae-je, mamam Variations (AKA Twinkle Twinkle Little Star). Or Beethoven's ninth with the theme that starts like this: mi mi fa sol sol fa mi re do do re mi mi re re. Geneva Mia is a third-generation member of OFMC.

Christy Smith, president

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Save the Date

May 6-13 is National Music Week

June 19-23, 2018 is NFMC Conference in Milwaukee WI

Northeast Regional Meeting in Chautauqua, NY is set for July 14-15

Come, join the festivities and Merriment!

The state of our website

I know some of you are very frustrated with outdated information on our website. I apologized for the inconvenience. We are now in the process of making. Please allow 15 days for the updates to be published. It has come to a point that Brian Zahn no longer have the time to be our webmaster and therefore had to resign. This is what Brian had to say, "The past year has been busy, but good for me! I was recently promoted at my work and have taken additional responsibilities. In addition, I am working on taking classes to complete my degree and starting up a side business. As such, I unfortunately no longer have the extra time to continue my commitment with the OFMC.

Let me know how I can assist with the transition. Sincerely, Brian"

Thank you, Brian, for all your wonderful work as webmaster. On behalf of the executive committee and board of directors, I wish you the best on all your endeavors.

Now, we have come to a full circle. **Chuck Smith**, our original webmaster, creator and publisher of our original website has agreed to take over Brian's job. As of this writing, Brian and Chuck are working on the transition. Chuck's email address is ofmcweb@gmail.com. All changes must be approved by the president, therefore, **please copy the president** when emailing Chuck regarding website updates. Welcome back, Chuck! Now that Chuck is retired, he should have more time to devote to our website. Did you know that our website has been around since January of 2000?

District Conferences:



We know Spring is here when we get the notices about OFMC District Meetings. I look forward to them every year. Fellowship with familiar and new friends, news concerning the clubs around the state and good music to enjoy, makes for a refreshing and stimulating Saturday. There will be news of the upcoming State Convention in Ashland this Fall. I know there are exciting plans being made for a special Convention. Bring a friend and enjoy a day as members of OFMC and to renew our commitments to the support of Music and the arts.

See you soon!

Donna Gerber, District and Club President

Registration for District Conferences

Please cut and fill out this form and send it along with your check to the registrar who is listed in your district no later than one week before your conference.

Name: _____ Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Club's Name: _____

Fill the appropriate fees:

D-I: 15.00 ____ D-II: \$16.00 ____ D-III: Registration: \$5 ____ D-III B-fast: \$5 ____ D-III Lunch 8.50 ____ D-IV \$15 ____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Information about your Conference

District I (Northeast) Conference date: **Saturday, April 7, 2018** Host Club: MacDowell Music Study Club
Location: **St. Johns United Church of Christ, 409 N. Wooster Ave. Dover, OH 4462** [330-364-4458](tel:330-364-4458)
Registrar: **Ila Jeanne Paxson, 333 West 10th Street, Salem, OH 44460-1517** - [330-337-8895](tel:330-337-8895) - ilajeanne@neo.rr.com
Registration cost includes lunch \$15.00

Driving Directions

Take the Dover Exit #83 off I-77. From the north, turn left off the ramp toward Dover & go past Wendy's & the cemetery. From the south on I-77, turn right off the ramp and go past Wendy's & the cemetery. The street forks at the first traffic light past Wendy's. Get into the left lane and turn onto W. Slingluff Ave. The second traffic light is N. Wooster Ave. Turn right onto N. Wooster Ave. Go 5 blocks to the church which is on the left. There is a parking lot before the church, handicapped parking on the other side, with an elevator up to the meeting room, and parking behind the church.

District I Schedule of events:

- 9:00: Registration - Coffee and Donuts
- 9:30: Meeting
- 10:00 to Noon: Junior Honors Program
- 12:00: Lunch - OFMC president speaks
- 1:00 Council of District & Club Presidents meeting
- 1:45: OFMC Agnes Fowler Award winner recital

District II (Central) Conference date: **April 14, 2018** Host: Saturday Music Club Registration deadline: **April 6**
Location: **Stanton Sheet Music, 330 S. 4th Street, Columbus, OH 43215**
Registration and lunch: \$16 check issued to **Saturday Music Club**.
Registrar: **Carl Cummins, 5078 Bomar Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026**.

District II Schedule:

- 9:30: Coffee and rolls
- 10:00 Business Meeting
- 11:30: A short interlude by
- 12:00: Lunch
- 1:15 Agnes Fowler Scholarship Winner recital
- 1:30: Juniors State Honors Recital

Teachers: Please email your recitalist's piece to:
Kathleen Sadoff at thesadoffs@sbcglobal.net

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District III (Southwest) Conference Date: **May 5, 2018** Host: West Hills Music Club
Location: Otterbein Senior Center, 385 St. Rt. 741, Lebanon, OH
Registrar: **Dr. Gwen Brubaker, 4550 Parklawn Drive, Kettering, OH 45440**
gwenbrubaker2017@gmail.com 937-297-0463

Driving directions from the south: Take I-75 north and take exit 29 at Ohio 63. At the ramp, turn right unto St. Rt. 63 until you are at the second light. Turn left onto St. Rt. 741. Otterbein Senior Center is on the left. Take the driveway which is directly across the water tower.
From the north: Take I-75 south and take exit 29 St. Rt. 63. Turn left at the ramp onto St. Rt. 63. Turn left unto St. Rt. 741 at the second traffic light. Otterbein Retirement Center is on the left side. Take the driveway which is directly across the water tower

District III Schedule: of events

- 9:00 Registration and Breakfast
- 9:30: Meeting
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 Agnes Fowler Winner Recital followed by Juniors Honors Recital

District IV (Northwest) Conference Date: April 21, 2018 Host: Ashland Music Club
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Center Street, Ashland, OH 44805
District IV Registrar: **Carol Bernhardt, 1370 Royal Oak Drive, Mansfield, OH 44906**

District IV Schedule:

9:00 Registration and Coffee
9:30: Business Meeting
12:00 Lunch
1:15 Agnes Fowler Scholarship winner recital
1:30 Juniors Honors Recital

Driving Directions: From the Northeast or South

Take exit 186 from I-71. Turn left onto US-250 West. Continue straight for about 3 miles. Turn left on to E. Liberty or E. Walnut Streets. Church is a few blocks ahead, at the Center Street intersection.

From the West (on US 30)

Take US 42 North. Exit LEFT onto Claremont Avenue. Continue about 2.5 miles, past Ashland University, to the W. Walnut Street traffic light. (Marathon on left, Rite Aid on right). Turn right. Church will be on the right a few blocks ahead at the next traffic signal.

From the Northwest (on US 250)

Take US 250 turns left and bypasses the town. INSTEAD, continue straight ahead (Cottage Street.) Ignoring several blinking traffic lights, turn left at the SECOND working traffic signal (Main Street.) Turn right at the first traffic signal (Center Street.) Church is on the right at the first traffic signal.

Adult Composition Contest chairman, Sally Christman announced the winners of the Adult Composition Contest. They are:

Janet Sima, of district I, taking 2nd place and a prize of \$500. The tittle of her piano composition is "Rain to Rushing River".

Moiria Levant of the Dayton Music Club in district 3 took 3rd place with a prize of \$300 for her violin and piano composition "Curious Coincidences"

The judges for the competition, Dr. Cora Kuyvenhoven, Deborah Price and Dr. David Rives did not award a first place which would have been a \$800 award



Mr. Guitar man, Jim McCutcheon, was featured in The Art Show, a weekly program on ThinkTV, public television in Dayton and Cincinnati area. After Jim won the prestigious 2017 Ohio Governor's Award for the Arts in Arts Education, Jim was selected by ThinkTV to be a featured artist. Crews came and filmed Jim in several locations including his music store, McCutcheon Music, in Centerville, as well as at GuitarFest, an annual concert he produced with the Dayton Guitar Society and the Centerville Arts Commission. And finally, at an informal performance at a local park. Jim said, "the crews were extremely courteous and professional". I watched the show and all I can say is, WATCH IT, you won't regret it! Jim's enthusiasm is infectious. He is passionate about his guitar playing and teaching. He was totally awesome. Here is the link: <http://video.thinktv.org/show/art-show/> Scroll down to Season 8, Episode 2. The Guitar Man is the first one on the program.

Attention! Are you a new piano teacher who wants to develop your professionalism as a piano teacher, are 21 years or older? this is for you. NFMC Dr. Ouida Keck Award for Professional Development for the independent Piano teacher offers an award of \$1,500. The deadline for the application is June 1st. There is an application fee of \$10. Please contact Laurel Ince at ljinc@gvtc.com for details. Go for it and Good luck

Senior Club News.....



The board members of the Dayton Music Club are always thinking of new ideas to improve itself as a club that promotes good musical programs to the community. One of the new things that they did recently is to invite the choir of Warren County Music Club in a joint recital featuring the piano, pipe organ and choral Sacred Music. Warren County Music Club president Cynthia Gray directed the choir. the Dayton Music Club is in Montgomery County. Warren County Music Club is in Lebanon in Warren County, the next county south of Montgomery. The Dayton Music Club had a wonderful chorus for decades. One that I wish we still have, I hope this is the beginning of new friendships between music clubs, to get to

know other Federation members who have the same interests and common goals. It is, indeed wonderful to see clubs joining forces to present better quality programs in the community. That is what we are all about.

In Memoriam... 'Music, when soft voices die, vibrates in the memory, and so thy thoughts, when thou art gone, love itself shall slumber on'

December 31, 2017: **Barbara Wasson** became a member of the Dayton Music Club when she moved to Dayton in 1946. She served as president from 1989 to 1991. She taught master classes all over the country and Europe and were always well attended. Many of the piano teachers in the Miami Valley took lessons to further their studies in piano techniques and pedagogy with Barbara. She was the Honoree of the year in 2017. Barbara taught for over 70 years. She retired from teaching last April 2017 at the age of 99. Her very last student gave a senior recital on April 8, 2017. Barbara was only a little over month short of becoming a Centenarian when she passed.

Joan Harrah, also a member of the Dayton music Club passed away in January.



December 19, 2017, past Saturday Music Club President and life member Ruth Manahan passed away peacefully at age 90 at Sunrise Senior Living in Bexley after struggling with health issues for years. Ruth taught voice and piano from 1950 until just a few years ago and in 2011 she co-authored a book on bel canto singing. (*Unraveling the Mysteries of Vocal Technique* – still available on Amazon) She was a good friend and student of Metropolitan Opera star Eleanor Steber. Ruth attended master classes and NATS seminars until well into her 80's, always striving to learn new ways to help her students., Ruth also modeled the latest fashions in

Lazarus Chintz Room during her younger days



Nine Eva Twitty a long-time member of Saturday Music Club passed away on April 9, 2017. Nine Eva taught piano for many years and was a good friend of the late Ruth Manahan

Rosaline Doria, Feb 24, 1921 - June 22, 2017, member of the Marion Lecture Recital Club (now Marion Music Club) for 75 years. She served as president of MLRC from 1989-1991 and 2007-2009. She was vice president in charge of District IV (Northwest). She accompanied the Ladies Chorus at 2 State Conventions. Rosie (as she was called fondly) was the accompanist of choice of many club members.

Maxine Hunter, January 2, 1927 – July 16, 2017 was a member of the Marion Lecture Recital Club for over 20 years and served as its president from 1991-1993. She played the cello with the Central Ohio Symphony Orchestra, the

PalaceTheater Orchestra, the Delion Cello Quartet and the String Connection. Maxine was a dance major in college and did several dance programs for the club

Sharon Flickinger, 2017 She was a member for only a year, but she was very cooperative when asked to be in a program

It is due to the generosity of our contributors that we can give awards and scholarships to the Music students of 25 affiliated Ohio universities and conservatories. We appreciate your generosity. If you would like to honor a member of OFMC or give a Memorial contribution, please fill out the contribution form and mail your check to our Foundation Treasurer Ron Marenchin. Your contributions are fully tax deductible.

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In memory of _____ or honor/tribute gift to _____

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Complete Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Make check payable to OFMC Foundation Amount: _____

Mail this form and check to Ron Marenchin, 1415 Cottage Street, Ashland, OH 44805

STUDENT DIVISION NEWS

Agnes Fowler Collegiate Scholarships are presented annually by OFMC Foundation for the Advancement of Music in memory of the longtime professor of French and Italian at Miami University. She was a supporter of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the Cincinnati May Festival, and a leader in several civic and professional organizations. She was president of the Oxford Music Club, a district president and a state officer of the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs, and for more than ten years was the OFMC state historian.

Bravo and congratulations to the 2018 winners of the \$1,200 Agnes Fowler scholarships.

- University of Akron – Justin Evangelist - Saxophone
- Otterbein University – Dominica Bean – BA in Music
- Ohio Northern – Jordan Lloyd – Music Performance - Voice
- Malone University – Alyssa Bogner – Music Education
- University of Mount Union – Breana Tompulis – Music Education
- Miami University – Jubilee Chen – Violin Performance
- Wright State University – Joseph Fansler Music Performance
- University of Ashland – Derek Rangel – BA Music
- Kent State University – Ian Daugherty – Instrumental Performance
- Wittenberg University– Anna Fox – Mezzo Soprano
- Bowling Green State University – Zhanglin Hu – Piano Performance
- Ohio Wesleyan University – Rachel Ballitch – Vocal Performance
- Youngstown University-Daniel Slencsak – Saxophone

Winners from Heidelberg, Capital and Oberlin did not get in by press time.

Some of the winners will have the opportunity to perform at the district conference in April. Some will perform at the state convention in the fall.

Junior Division News

Please welcome your new State Festival Chairman, **Katherine Savinell**. Katherine has been teaching piano for 24 years. Her students participate in district I-D Festival where she currently serves as district I-D Gold cup chairman. She has been District I-D's Gold Cup Chairperson since 2010. Katherine is also a member of the Ohio Music Teachers Association. She enjoys accompanying area school choirs, soloists and ensembles. She also plays organ and piano occasionally at St. Basil the Great Catholic Church in Brecksville, Ohio.

Kathy is a mother of three, with four adult step-children and 12 grandchildren. She and her husband, Jim live in Stow, OH. They both enjoy hiking, traveling, and being with their grandchildren. Kathy will be very busy real soon as district festival reports start pouring in. Thank you, Kathy for stepping up to the plate.

District Festival Chairs, please send your reports on timely manner to:

Kathleen Savinell, 4264 Hile Road, Stow, OH 44224. Her e-mail address is ksavinell@gmail.com Phone: 330 868-1285

Just like most of us, Kathleen also has a deadline to meet. She is still a rookie, so send your reports as soon as you get them done to give her the extra time to compile the reports for Ohio.

Teachers: If you haven't done so yet, please fill out the form below for your students who are eligible to perform at the conference. Please send the form to your district Junior counselor listed below:

District I (Northeast): Sean Baran, 4255 Chester Drive, apt. 2, Youngstown. OH 44515 Email Address: sbaran@zoominternet.net

District II (Central/southeast): Kathleen Sadoff, 5006 Cadogan Place, New Albany, OH 43054 Email: thesadoffs@sbcglobal.net

District III (Southwest): Shannon Kempton, 711 Cincinnati Street, Dayton, OH 45417 Email Address: trimsandtrills@sbcglobal.net

District IV (Northwest): Ednita Vaflor, 945 Forest Hills Drive, Marion, OH 43302 Email Address: egvaflor@roadrunner.com

District Honor Recital

By now, teachers who have students who are due to perform at the district conference should have received their letters. These are for the juniors who have achieved four consecutive years of superiors and have performed during the P.M. honors recital last year. If your student plays two or more instrument, the student must choose which one instrument to play. Performing at district is the last requirements for competing at the state. Fill out this form and send it to your respective district counselor listed above either by postal or electronic mail.

Student's Name: _____ Club's Name: _____

Teacher's name: _____ Email or phone number: _____

Title of the piece: _____ Composer's Name: _____

Length of piece in minutes: _____

Note: District I and III have limitations on the length of piece due to high number of participants



Stillman Kelley Competition State Chairman Donna Gerber is happy to announce the state winner of the Stillman Kelley Competition winner. Congratulations Olivia Gittens! Olivia's performance CD has been sent to compete in the National level. Good Luck at National Olivia! Edgar Stillman Kelley and his wife were members of Oxford Music Club. Mrs. Kelley became the Ohio President in 1922 until 1925 and became the NFMC president from 1925 to 1929. After finishing her term, she became OFMC president again in 1930 until 1934. It has been a while since Ohio produce a National winner of Stillman Kelley competition. You will be impressed to read Olivia's biography

Pianist Olivia Gittens, 17, began her piano studies at age three. She was the first-place winner in the keyboard division of the Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Concerto Competition in 2017 and she will have a solo performance with orchestra in 2018. She was the first-place winner of the Paducah Symphony

Orchestra concerto competition in 2016 where she had two solo performances. Olivia has won several merit awards for attendance at music festivals and piano institutes. She has also performed in many recitals, churches, and nursing homes. Olivia enjoys playing violin in her high school orchestra and collaborates frequently with various ensembles. She also gives weekly lessons to younger students as she finds that through teaching she gains further musical insight to apply to her own piano playing. Aside from her musical talents, Olivia is an honor student at Mason High School who enjoys writing and has had two essays published in the NFMC Junior Keynotes Magazine. She is currently studying with Dr. Jackson Leung who was one of three piano adjudicators at the 2017 Young Artists competition.

Announcing the Venetia Hall and Lana Bailey Piano Concerto Competition

Attention Piano Teachers with students participating in senior piano concerto at the Juniors Festival: The deadline for entries to the Venetia Hall piano concerto competition is March 30. 43746. There are three prizes to be given. \$700 for first prize. \$500 for the second prize and the third-place winner will receive \$200 from Saturday Music Club. For more details, email Marie Nichols at nmusiccenter@mail.com.

I encourage the winners of this competition to record your playing on a CD for more possible awards from NFMC. The **Lana Bailey Piano Concerto Competition** entries are due on **May 1, 2018**. Check the NFMC website for more information. There will be two winners. First place winner receives \$800. Second prize winner will receive \$200. Send your entry to NFMC chairman Delores Blaser, 4404 Heritage Dr. Lawrence, KS 66047. For more details, email dblaser@sunflower.com.

Venetia Hall Piano Concerto Competition Entry Form

Please fill out this form completely and accurately and mail it along with the entry fee of \$15 issued to OFMC to **Marie Nichols, 9775 Hidden Springs, Hopewell, OH 43746.**

Entry must be received by this chairman by March 30

Entrant's Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ OH Zip code: _____

Name of Club where you belong: _____ or I am a Junior Special _____

Accompanist's Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of Concerto: _____ Movement: _____ Composer: _____

I certify that I have read the requirements and promise to comply with all regulations of the official rules.

Entrant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Accompanist's fee is the responsibility of the contestant.

The 2017 summer music camp scholarship winners were omitted in the fall issue. Yea, it was my fault, my brains are beginning to shrink. But like they say "Better late than never" so here they are:

1. Ashley Cvetiche of Cirvencic Studio od district I attended Western Reserve Chamber Festival
2. Grace Brown of Brahms Allegro attended Western Reserve Chamber Festival
3. Vincent Lin of Sima Music Studio in district I attended Baldwin Wallace University String Camp.
4. Jonathan Lin of Sima Music Studio in district I attended Baldwin Wallace University String Camp.
5. Adam Ryan of Brahms Allegro in district I-C attended Encore
6. Olivia Fahrenbach of Perazza Strings Studio, district 3-D attended Encore
7. George Shum of Haewon Song Piano Studio in district I-A attended Oberlin Music Conservatory Cooper Piano Festival
8. Danna Long of Kathleen Sadoff Piano Studio Piano Institute of Kent State University
9. Max Rubin of Kathleen Sadoff Studio attended Summer Sonata at the Cleveland State University
10. Vania Jiao of Daira Skriblis Piano Studio, district III-E attended Oberlin Conservatory of Music Cooper Piano Festival
11. Nathalie Rocke of Katz Cello Studio in district III-G attended Baldwin Wallace University Cello Camp
12. Lili Dawes of Katz Cello Studio in district III-G attended CYA cello camp
13. Brevin Balliet of Kurtz Music Club in district IV B attended Malone University Worship Music Camp
14. Anthony Mahoney of Studio Connection in district IV-A attended Ohio University Summer Piano Camp
15. Ella Mae Schag of Elva Newdome Club in district IV-B attended Baldwin Wallace University String Camp
16. Kenny Zhang of Keyboard Musicale in district IV-A attended Ohio Northern University Summer Music Camp

Congratulations to all the winners!

Summer Camp chairman, Karen Hunt will be sending the entry form for the 2018 Summer Scholarship very soon. Deadline is May 1st.

Did you know that there are numerous Junior Dance competitions in NFMC? In fact, the largest of these competition is the ballet competition was named after NFMC Past President Thelma Robinson, of Athens, Ohio. Mrs. Robinson served as OFMC president from 1962 to 1965. And became a NFMC president. While it is too late to enter the \$2,500 Thelma Ballet competition as the deadline was February 1, there are several prizes that Ohio can win. You must be between the age of 11 and 18 The competitions are for Ballet, Theater Dance or Tap, Lyrical or Tap dancing. I know that we have so many juniors who are taking dance lessons. Please check it out and enter. Deadline is May 1. Email Gay Dill at Gaydilli@att.net for more information



Calendar of Events

March 30: VH Piano Concerto Entries due to Marie Nichols
April 1: Music Outreach report to Jeannine Morris
Together We Sing report go to Leah Estes
Sacred Music Senior Report
Opera Club Report goes to Tamra Francis
Music in Schools and Colleges due to Norma Jean Hendricks
April 7: District I Conference and Honors Recital
April 14: District II Conference and Honors Recital
April 15: Poetry in Music is due to Jack Pottmeyer
April 21: District IV Conference and Honors Recital
April 27: Venetia Hall Piano Concerto Competition at Graves Pianos
May 1: Lana Bailey Piano Concerto Competition is due
Folk Music Report Due to Ila Jeanne Paxson
Junior Dance Award entries due to Gay Dill
May 5: District III Conference and Honors Recital
May 6-13: National Music Week
June 1: Entry for the Dr. Ouida Keck Award for Professional Development for the Independent Piano Teacher
National Music Week Report due to Carolyn Heimlich
June 19-23: NFMC Conference in Milwaukee
July 1: Senior Club Reports are due to Dorothy Blackburn
July 14-15: Northeast Regional Meeting in Chautauqua
Finance Meeting's date is TBA

Comments from the Editor:

I am only an amateur when it comes to newsletter writing. I have no experience in editing. I did not even major in English to insure correct and proper grammar. Nor was English the first language I learned as a child. It has taken me at least ten times longer to write the newsletter in comparison to those who studied to become news editor. Last January, I made requests for information or stories that are worthy of inclusion to the newsletter. Only a few sent me something. Enough to fill three pages at most. I know for a fact that Ohio has a lot of newsworthy stories and reports to tell. So, I made a point of emailing and calling people to send me information and pictures, so I can write something. Would it not be wonderful if we practice COOPERATION from those who have positions in state, district, local, and chairmen of various events? It would only take a few minutes of your time. Just think if you work 12 hours or more a day for several days due to lack of cooperation from many others. Life becomes miserable and emotionally draining. During the time of putting this newsletter together, I had been very ill. My doctor threatened to put me in the hospital if I can't take care of myself at home. I did not realize the danger of being sick when you are a diabetic.

In the Winter edition of OCN I asked if someone would step up to the plate as editor. Since no one stepped in to volunteer as newsletter editor, and I know for a fact that we have so many members who majored not in music but in English, I can only assume that only a few of you read the newsletter and many did not know that we need a news editor. So, in my desperate attempt, I am going to make you a deal, I decided to run a contest between the clubs to see how many of you really read the newsletter. The club with 49 members or less who sends the most correct answers will receive \$100. The club with 50 or more members who sends in the most number of correct answers will receive \$120. I am also offering \$25 gift card to the first three senior members who sends the questionnaire with correct answers. While executive members may send their answers, they are exempt from receiving the awards. This challenge expires on March 15. I will announce the club and individual winners at your district conference.

Can you find the answers to the following questions?

1. Where did Agnes Fowler work? _____
2. What club does Vania Jiao a member of? _____
3. Where does Delores Blaser live? _____
4. Who plays the organ at St. Basil, The Great Catholic Church? _____
5. Which district has the \$16 registration fee for the conference? _____
6. What kind of membership does Geneva Mia have? _____
7. Who is Gay Dill? _____
8. What district does Perazza Strings belong to? _____
9. Who is the chairman of the Summer Camp Awards? _____
10. What is the name of Olivia Gittens teacher? _____
11. What instrument does Daniel Slensak play? _____

12. What year was OFMC founded? _____
13. How much is the award for the Agnes Fowler Scholarship? _____
14. What district does Carl Cummins belong to? _____
15. Who is the OFMC Foundation Treasurer? _____

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LUCK
St. Patrick's Day

