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President's Greeting

"Music builds community" is the first part of my theme because the OFMC is a community of music lovers who appreciate the role that music plays in their lives and have built relationships with others to experience, strengthen and share that love.

Let's meet others in our music community.

This issue of the *OMC News* is focused on the recent spring conferences, where we gathered with folks from other clubs and studios, and brings news of the upcoming Northeastern Regional Meeting in Chautauqua, New York where we will meet and greet others outside of Ohio.

The next issue in just a few weeks will list many of the 2018-19 scholarships and awards received by our students on the local, state and even national level. It will be an exciting newsletter, as we take a glance at those whom we seek to serve by assisting them with scholarships, grants, and awards.

I enjoyed hearing about your clubs at our district meetings. I asked you to jot down three unique things about your local club, each of five words or less and you responded with pride. "Free public music programs. Scholarships. Social interaction. Access to Junior Festival Event. New ideas. Tasty refreshments after. Diversified talent. Entertain in retirement home. Poetry at every meeting. 70+ voice choir. Performance promote passion. Communication is the foundation."

Wow! Sounds like FUN! We will talk about this some more, as surely there are other people who would enjoy being part of our musical family circle?

How else can we as a state organization promote music and musicians?

What more can your club do to seek to serve those in your area?

Ron Marenchin
OFMC President



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OFMC Officers 2018-2019

President: Ron Marenchin
Vice President: Jason Volovar
Recording Secretary: Julie Riegle
Treasurers:
Sr. Division - Gwen Brubaker
Jr. Division - Diane Larochelle
Festival - Brenda Zeigler

COME TO CHAUTAUQUA IN JULY!

> > Deadline for hotel reservations is June 10 < <

If you have never been there, you should experience the beauty of Chautauqua – the Victorian setting, the large lake, the wonderful music, the spiritual lift, the interesting people, and the restorative power of this unique institution. If you have been there, you know what a wonderful place it is. Chautauqua Institution is a short drive from Ohio. You can check it out on the web at www.ciweb.org.

THE 75TH NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING is scheduled at Chautauqua the weekend of **Friday, July 12 to Sunday, July 14**. We stay at Chautauqua Suites and Expo Center, a modern hotel a short distance from Chautauqua. Chautauqua Suites Room Rate is \$145 per night plus applicable taxes. Up to 4 can occupy some suites. Call 716-269-7829 for reservations. Ask for your reservation to be in the National Federation of Music Clubs block of rooms. **Deadline for hotel reservations is June 10**. After that date, the block of rooms is not available.

FEDERATION WEEKEND starts on Friday evening, **July 12** with a Meet and Greet dinner in the dining room of Chautauqua Suites. I will send the reservation form and schedule in an email to NE Region members by May 24.

The REGIONAL MEETING is on Saturday morning, **July 13** at the hotel followed by lunch in the hotel dining room. An officer from Chautauqua Institution will speak to us at that luncheon. Following the lunch, we will go to the Institution for a recital given by students at the Chautauqua Music Center who have received scholarships from states in the NE Region. On Saturday evening, we will attend the Chautauqua Symphony concert in the 5000 seat amphitheater.

We will attend the worship service on Sunday morning, **July 14** in the amphitheater. The Chautauqua Choir of 100 voices will sing. NE Region members may sing in that choir if you attend the rehearsals on Friday and Saturday evenings. By going to the 2 rehearsals and singing in the choir, your Saturday Gate Pass is complimentary. The NFMC Ellis Duo piano winners “Happy Dog Duo” will perform on Sunday evening at 5 PM. We heard their high-energy concert at the 2017 NFMC Convention in Dayton. We can also attend the Sacred Song Service in the amphitheater on Sunday at 7 PM.



Jeannine Morris
NFMC vice president in charge of the NE Region

2019 SPRING CONFERENCE REPORTS

The **DISTRICT I** (Northeast) **CONFERENCE** was held Saturday, April 6 at New Lisbon Presbyterian Church in Lisbon, hosted by the Lisbon Music Study Club.



The Installation of **District I officers** on April 6. (Left to right:) Peggy Elliott, president; Cinda Pottmeyer, vice president; Sue Hassler, recording secretary, Jodine Pilmer, treasurer and Jason Volovar, OFMC first vice president and installing officer.



Piano students who played in the **Junior Honors Recital** at the District I Conference April 6 in Lisbon: (Row 1) Anav Bhide, Grace Basile, Anna Shevock & Katie Benson; (Row 2) Anthony Meranto, Gabrielle Rodriguez, Phillip Naples, Nate Gostey & Elaina Marcum; (Row 3) Nathaniel Warner, Andrew Ross, Duy Tran, David Balshen & Ethan Jing.

District II (Central) & District IV (Northwest) held a **JOINT CONFERENCE** on Saturday, May 4 at Trinity Baptist Church in Marion, hosted by the Marion Music Club. Both districts have few active senior clubs, and discussed various ideas about combining or realigning the districts. After much thought and discussion it was decided to remain as separate OFMC Districts but put some plans and energy into building up existing clubs and starting new ones.

The District II officers were all reelected - Christina Dorinsky, president; Julie Riegler, secretary and collegiate representative; James Dorinsky, treasurer and Kathleen Sadoff, junior counselor.

District IV officers selected include Randall Boquist, vice president; Lee Ann Derugen, secretary; Carol Bernhardt, treasurer; Marjorie Poorman, collegiate representative; and Ednita Vaflor, junior counselor.



District II & IV students who performed on the **Junior Honors Recital** were Aaron Hershberger, Ava Abate, Eric Jacoby, Olivia Hoang, Evan Nightingale, Tyler Cupples, Jason Nightingale, Claire Flake, Theresa De Zurik, Cailyn Hoel, Anthony Blank, Pranava Mudigonda, and Caroline Lee.



Two **Agnes Fowler Scholarship** recipients performed during the joint conference.

Violinist Ling-Na Koa (*left*) of Bowling Green State University in District IV was accompanied by pianist Jiamo Zhang in the morning.

Bassoonist Kelsey Brown (*right*) of Otterbein University in District IV was accompanied by pianist Tony Richards in the afternoon.



The **DISTRICT III (Southwest) CONFERENCE** was held on Saturday, April 27 in Lebanon at the Otterbein Senior Center, hosted by the Dayton Music Club.



(Below) 2019 **Agnes Fowler Scholarship** recipient Chi-Tou Lao, a pianist from Wright State University, District III, performed during the conference.



(Above) **District III officers** reelected for another term were (left to right) Dr. Gwen Brubaker, treasurer; Pat Brooks, president & collegiate representative; and Kathy Johnston, secretary. Shannon Kempton was also reelected as junior counselor.

Junior Honors Recital



District III students who performed on the **Junior Honors Recital** were Emily Hodges, Olivia Crumback, Truman Fisher, Josephine Schumacher, Anika Wright, Meghana Curran, Claire Brown, Sonya Wert, Joshua Han, Nola Stowe, Anwyn Ashley, Emma Henze and Caleb Ashley.



Coming soon!

The **NFMC 2019 Biennial Convention** in Jacksonville, Florida is **June 18-22**.

The **Northeast Regional Meeting** in Chautauqua, NY is **July 13-14**.

See this Newsletter for information.

Come, join the festivities and build community!



Mark Your Calendars 2019 Fall OFMC Meetings

Friday, October 18

1 pm - District and Club Presidents

2 pm - Combined Meeting of Executive Committee and Board of Directors

Please plan to attend if you are a club or district president,
or a member of the OFMC Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

Saturday, October 19

Juniors Day

Gerber, Walter, and Gray Competitions

Church of the Messiah

51 N. State Street

Westerville, OH 43081



Looking ahead to 2020

District **IV** Conference - **March 28**

District **I** Conference - **April 4**

Easter Sunday - April 12

Venetia Hall Piano Concerto Competition - April 18

District **III** Conference - **April 25**

District **II** Conference - **May 2**