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Beatrice Wassenberg
MFMC President



President's Message

Dear Michigan Federation of Music Club Members,

As in-coming president, it is both an honor and privilege for me to serve you and this wonderful organization. I wish to thank Laurie Marshall for her outstanding work, dedication and leadership these past two years. Our state has grown in membership and leadership, along with a new and improved website which has become a model for all the other federated states!

One very important part of the MFMC, which is very dear to my heart, is the presentation of awards for our young junior and collegiate musicians. Together, I hope to improve communication about our awards throughout the state, which provide these young people the important experiences of auditioning and possibly performing for club programs or our own Award Winner's Concert at the convention. Our convention will be held in Grand Rapids on May 29th and 30th. Please plan to enjoy the company of fellow MFMC members and experience the outstanding talent of our Michigan musicians.

Remember, each and every one of you is important to our organization's success. Your dedication to sharing your love of music and its importance in our lives is the very foundation of the Federation. I look forward to meeting many of you at the district meetings and training workshops. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your thoughts and concerns. Communication is the key to keeping it all running smoothly!

Thank you for all you do,
Beatrice Wassenberg

News Flash

Fall, 2019

- Sept. 20 MFMC Board Meeting
- Sept. 27 NW District Fall Meeting
- Oct. 4 SW District Fall Meeting
- Oct. 11 SE District Fall Meeting
- Oct. 18 NE District Fall Meeting

2020

March 15 Deadlines:

♪ 25- and 50-year club members – Arlene Anger arlenetanger@outlook.com

♪ Deceased members' names – Sandra McNeely sandymcneely826@gmail.com

April 1 ♪ Profiles - Susan McDonald elizamc428@comcast.net

May 3-10 National Music Week

May 28-30 *Theme: Music...A Magic Carpet*

MFMC Convention - Hosted by NW District **(NOTE DATE CHANGE)**

July 15 Membership rosters to:

Bea Wassenberg, MFMC President beawass4music@gmail.com

Lyn Schwartz, Senior Clubs Treasurer lynschwartz92@gmail.com

Laurie Marshall, Leadership Education Chair laurie@thechildrensacademy.us

Hard-copy *CounterPoint* requests Susan McDonald, *CounterPoint* Editor
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Aug. 15 News Deadlines:

NFMC *Music Clubs Magazine* & MFMC *CounterPoint* – Susan McDonald

elizamc428@comcast.net

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♪ Let MFMC know what your club is doing! Send program listings and club awards information to MFMCmi.org

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Fall District Meetings



Northwest District – Sept. 27

Home of Mary Jane Timmer
3635 Leonard St., NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49534

- 9:30 a.m. – Coffee
- 10:00 a.m. – Meeting
- Noon – Lunch

12:30 p.m. – All teachers invited to join us for instruction on the new online Festival.

- Contact Lorraine Ridenour by September 25 for reservations

lorrainelridenour@gmail.com

Northeast District – Oct. 18

Congregational Church of Birmingham
1000 Cranbrook Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

- Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
- Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

Noon luncheon- \$17.00/ Res. due- 10/1/19

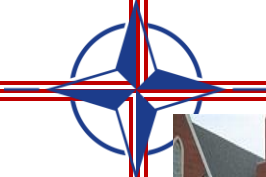
Featured discussion: "How to Attract New Members"

- Payable to: The Birmingham Musicale
c/o Barbara Woolf

6236 Worlington Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

Email questions to: barbaramw@me.com
248-626-8868

Host Club: The Birmingham Musicale



Southwest District – Oct. 4

Win Schuler's Restaurant
115 S. Eagle Street, Marshall, Mi

- 10:00 am meeting

Guest Speaker: Bea Wassenberg, MFMC President

- All lunches are \$20.00, including 20% gratuity
- Meal order is placed on meeting day.
- Send no money prior to the meeting.

Contact Rochelle Daneluk, SWD President with any questions.
rocdnlk@aol.com



Host Club: Jackson Tuesday Musicale

Southeast District - Oct. 11



St John Lutheran Church
23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills MI 48335

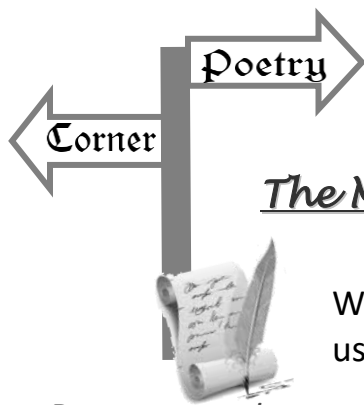
- Registration: 9:30 am
- Meeting: 10:00 am

Continental Breakfast - \$12.00
checks due 10-01-2019

Payable to: The Farmington Musicale
memo: *SE District*

- Send to: Brian Golden, Treasurer
PO Box 551
Farmington MI 48332-0551
248-701-8112
bgolden@pastways.info

Host Club: The Farmington Musicale



The Music of Language and the Language of Music

What is poetry and what is music? Definitions for these terms give us clues as to why the two blend together so well:

Poetry- *the art of traditional rhythmical composition, written or spoken, for exciting pleasure by beautiful, imaginative, or elevated thoughts*

Music - *an art of sound in time that expresses ideas and emotions in significant forms through the elements of rhythm, melody, harmony, and color*

Both definitions emphasize portraying emotion as an important quality. Music depicts emotion in lyrics, instrumentation and performance. Emotion in poetry is shown by the words, their construction and the cadence of the speaker.

In February, The Birmingham Musicale was treated to “The Pianist and the Professor”, a combination of music and poetry presented by Barbara Woolf and Dr. Edward Sharples. Originally asked to present a fund-raiser for their church, the duo decided to combine their skills to create a unique program. Their February performance concentrated on African American poetry and music, presenting the progression of black history through spirituals and poetry into more contemporary works for the piano.

Barbara, a former President of The Birmingham Musicale, majored in piano performance, performs as a soloist and maintains a private studio. Dr. Sharples earned a Ph.D. in English Language and Literature and served in many positions at Wayne State University in Detroit.

The duo has presented several different programs in the area as they explore the music of language and the language of music.



Show your Federation pride!

Place an advertisement in the 2020 Convention program:

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Inside Covers -	\$200
Full Page -	\$150
Half Page -	\$100
Quarter page (2.25x3.5) -	\$75
Quarter Page (4.85x1.625) -	\$75

In Memoriam:



We are sad to announce the passing of longtime Battle Creek Morning Musical Club member Frances Isaac. She was twice-President of the club, sang in the chorus and served as Junior Festival Chairperson. Frances credited her enjoyment of music and staying active for her longevity. "Get involved in community activities," she advised. "Don't just sit at home."



Frances Isaac
2/17/18 - 1/21/19



Mary Lou Lourim
10/15/31 - 5/24/19

Mary Lou Lourim, 43-year member of Jackson Tuesday Musicale, died in May, 2019. She served as Chairman of the Music Awards Committee, sang in the Chorus and was an Honorary Past President. Mary Lou was also a former MFMC Chaplain. She loved making music, played both piano and organ, and was a church choir member for 40 years. In fact, she was with the choir when they sang at both Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center.