



Alabama Federation of Music Clubs

Music News



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Official Call

TO: All AFMC Officers and Chairmen, District Junior Counselors, Senior Club Presidents, Life Members, other interested Federation members, and friends and guests.

The 2015 "Breaking Sound Barriers Through Music" Senior Convention

is called for

April 17-18, 2015

at the Hilton Garden Inn (301 Boulevard South, SW)

in Huntsville, Alabama



The Convention will be hosted by the Huntsville Music Study Club.

The co-chairmen are Cindy Durst and Jenny Jacks.

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Convention Registration Deadline: April 8, 2015

A registration form is included in the Call.

Your check for registration fees and meals should be made out to AFMC State Convention 2015 and mailed to Theresa Scholz 5010 Somerby Drive Huntsville, AL 35802.

Indicate the way you want your name to appear on your name badge.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: April 8, 2015

Room reservation is on your own. Call the Hilton Garden Inn (256/881—4170) ASAP to reserve your room. We have a limited number of rooms available at the price of \$97, plus tax. This includes breakfast the following morning.

Directions are included in the Call.





**Nominations
AFMC Officers 2015-2017**

***President**

Barbara Lee

***President-elect**

Carol Larkins

***First Vice-President**

Gayle Baker

***Second Vice-President**

John Larkins

***Third Vice-President**

***Fourth Vice-President**

Renee Richardson

***Recording Secretary**

Mattilyn Harless

***Corresponding Secretary**

Margie Garrett

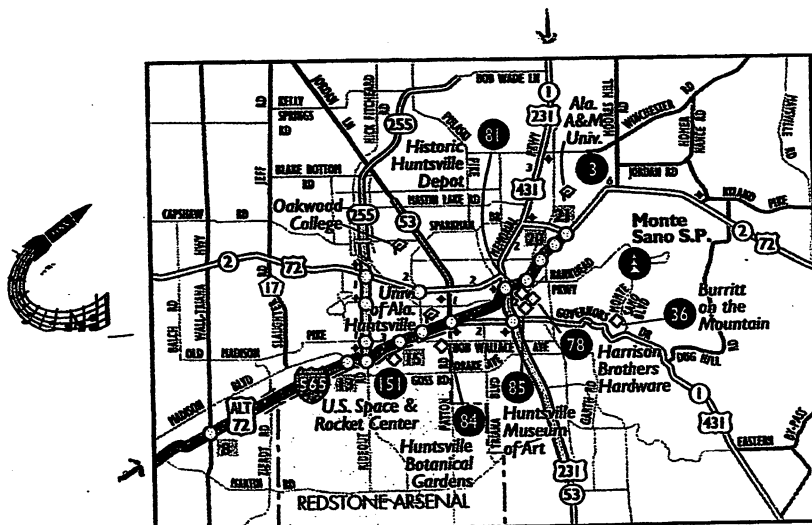
***Treasurer**

***Chaplain**

Bill Peoples

DIRECTIONS

From your starting point: Get on I-65 North (or South).
 Merge onto I-565 East Huntsville/Decatur Highway East toward Huntsville.
 Merge onto US 231 South via Exit 19A (Memorial Parkway). Go approximately 5 miles.
 Turn right onto Boulevard South SW. Go .4 miles. Turn right. Go .02 miles.
Voila! You have arrived at your destination: Hilton Garden Inn at 301 Boulevard South, SW.



Huntsville

A REMINDER

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday

noon	Registration
1:00	First Business Session
5:30	Dinner
7:00	Concert

Saturday

7:30	Past Presidents' breakfast
8:00	Registration
9:00	Second Business Session
9:30	Memorial Service
10:00	Third Business Session
	Installation
11:00	HMSC Corus
noon	Luncheon

Adjournment – Safe travel!!

AFMC Officers, AFMC members serving NFMC, and Club Presidents will give reports *on Friday*. AFMC District Chairmen will report *on Saturday*.

If you cannot attend the convention, please send your report to AFMC Recording Secretary Mattilyn Harless (1409 Swallow Lane, Birmingham, AL, 35213).

Everyone giving a report at the convention is required to provide three copies of the report to the Recording Secretary.

Oral reports should be limited to three minutes (except for designated District Chairmen). The written report may contain additional information not included in the oral report.

Silent Auction

There will be great items for you to bid on. All proceeds will go for scholarships.

New Activity:

An Iron Bowl Auction!

There will be a friendly bidding competition between Alabama and Auburn fans for an iPod pillow.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

A wonderful concert is planned for Friday night at the First Baptist Church. The Huntsville Club is excited about the venue and the program. Our State scholarship winners will perform.

Although the church is in easy access, HMSC members will be available to shuttle convention guests to the concert.

A SPECIAL BONUS

Several stores at The Summit, the nearby Mall, have agreed, "Show us your AFMC badge and we will give you a discount! Smiles!"

Another Highlight
You know how skilled, talented, and creative HMSC members are. They have been busy this past year making hand-crafted items for favors and the goody bags.
Anticipate!!

We Remember

During this current club year, a number of our beloved Federation members have passed from this life. Almost every club has experienced these losses, and a number of those members were well-known and active at the state level.

Beginning with the passing of Mrs. Estelle Popejoy Perry almost exactly a year ago, we have lost two Alabama Life Members. Mrs. Perry was the mother of former AFMC President Jennie Lee Cabler and a long-time member of the Florence Music Study Club. Life Member Stanley M. Owen, Sr. of Huntsville (December 2014) was especially well-known to Federation members for his loyal support of his wife Margaret during her term as AFMC President.

A number of the local clubs have lost past presidents who had not only continued to serve their own clubs, but had also served the state organization in various ways. Lyndel Lyons, the immediate past president of the Decatur Music Club, was previously active with clubs in Birmingham before moving to Decatur and joining the club there. During the summer, the Allegro Music Club was shocked by the relatively sudden passing of their immediate past president Tim Craig. Many Federation members had come to know Tim from being with him at state conventions, particularly the 2011 "tornado convention" which was hosted by the Allegro club when he was its president.

Two other local clubs have lost active past presidents who had continued to serve their clubs. Huntsville Music Study Club Past President Deanna Geurkink passed away just last month after several years of declining health. During her two terms as its president the Huntsville club reached its all-time membership high of 116, and its junior festival grew into one of its major projects. The Troy Music Study Club suffered a double loss with the passing of long-time active member Bobbie Swisher and past club president Don Crapps who first joined the Troy club in the 1950s and served two terms as its president – one in the 1960s and the second in 1997-99. Don served his club in a number of other capacities and was active in the state federation as chairman of a number of AFMC Committees.

The Allegro Club took the first of its double hit when long-time member Hugh Hudson suffered a fatal accident just days before the death of Tim Craig. Hugh served a number of years as his club's treasurer, but will be best remembered for the detailed history of the Allegro club which he left in the collection of club scrapbooks he compiled over many years. He will long be remembered by AFMC members for his enthusiasm for the work of his club and for AFMC. The Birmingham Music Teachers Association will miss teacher Delores Howard who passed away in November. Over the years she compiled a long list of piano award winners at the AFMC Junior Scholarship Auditions, including her last winner (2014) Amy Zhao.

Finally, AFMC members have long recognized that our Federation is blessed with many that are not actually Federation members, but who are so supportive of a spouse who is, that we have all come to know and love them and to regard them as part of our organization. No one fits this description better than Larry Baker, husband of AFMC Past President Gayle Baker. Larry touched our hearts with his obvious devotion to Gayle and his wonderful support of her as she served as our president. In spite of failing health, he was always there for her, and for all of us whenever we needed him. Larry passed away in October.

Convention Memorial Service

On Saturday morning (April 18th) of the upcoming AFMC Senior Convention, Chaplain Bill Peoples will direct the annual Memorial Service, honoring all AFMC members who have passed away during the club year. Each name will be called and a white rose honoring the memory of that member will be presented by the appropriate club president or representative. The service will also consist of a processional and recessional, a hymn sung by the audience, and a responsive scripture reading.

Club presidents are asked to submit to the Chaplain a list of his/her club's members who are to be honored at this service. Send the list to:

Mr. Bill Peoples, 47 A Shadowood Circle, Birmingham AL 35215; 205-856-6779.

Junior Auditions Winners - 2015

The Alabama Federation of Music Clubs sponsors annual Junior Scholarship Auditions in which junior students compete for awards in piano, strings, male and female voice, and orchestral winds. There is also an award for handicapped students. A total amount of \$3,450.00 is available in amounts ranging from \$100.00 to \$400.00. Birmingham Southern College was the site of the January 2015 auditions in which nine winners received awards totaling \$2,250.00 (see chart of winners.)

Mrs. Jodean (BMTA) is the AFMC Junior Auditions Chairman; she is assisted by Birmingham area senior club members who take care of hospitality and provide volunteers who help on audition day. This year AFMC President-Elect Barbara Lee and Treasurer Margie Garrett were on hand to assist. Reneé Richardson of Fayette is the AFMC Fourth (Junior) Vice President

2015 Junior Winners

Piano

1 st Place Mabry Miller Award	Amy Zhao Birmingham AL Teacher, Yakov Kasman
2 nd Place BMTA Award	Jack Yarbrough Maylene, AL Teacher, Lucy DeSa
3 rd Place Gayle Baker Award	Joanne Kim Vestavia AL Teacher, Titania Kasman
4 th Place Betty Bridges Award	Sebastian Black Birmingham AL Teacher, Titania Kasman

Female Voice

1 st Place Marilyn Cash Award	Anna Lee Madison AL Teacher, Ginger Beazley
2 nd Place Jan Hill Award IMO Georgia Day Couch	Praise Tillman Dolomite AL Teacher, Laura Doss

Strings

1 st Place Huntsville Music Study Club Award	Haeun Kim, Violin Tuscaloosa AL Teacher, Jenny Gregoire
2 nd Place Gadsden Music Club Award	Amy Zhao, Violin Vestavia AL Teacher, Ai-Yi Bao

Woodwinds

2 nd Place AFMC Award	Linsley Waggoner, flute Pelham AL Teacher, Kimberly Scott
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AFMC 2015 Mary Vick Student/Collegiate Scholarship Auditions

The annual AFMC Mary Vick Student/Collegiate Scholarship Auditions were held on the University of Alabama campus in Tuscaloosa on January 28, 2015. The auditions are a project of the Federation's Student/Collegiate Division, which is chaired by AFMC Third Vice President Mary Margaret Yeilding (Bush Hills Music Club). Pat Campbell and Alice Singleton (both Melodia Music Club) served as audition co-chairmen this year; former scholarship chairman; Lois Pyle (Tuscaloosa Music Club) served as consultant.

Volunteers from various AFMC clubs were on hand to help with the audition-day activities, serving as hostesses, registrars, time keepers, door monitors, and hospitality room helpers. Greensboro club member Rachel Parker served as hospitality chairman, and a number of AFMC local clubs contributed funds for purchasing food for refreshments and lunch for the all-day workers.

Cash awards totaling \$11,400,00 were earned by fifteen winners in piano, organ, male and female voice, strings, winds and brass. Funds for the awards are provided by the AFMC General Scholarship Fund and by individuals and local clubs who sponsor specific awards. The first place winners will present the Friday evening concert at the annual AFMC Convention to be held in Huntsville, April 17-18.

2015 AFMC Student/Collegiate Audition Winners

Piano

1 st Place	Annie Lou Ellis Award	Alckсандra Kasman	Birmingham	UA, Birmingham
2 nd Place	Annie Lou Ellis Award	John Tootle	Vestavia	University of Alabama
3 rd Place	Allegro Music Club Award	Katherinc Vest	Vestavia	Samford University

Organ

1 st Place	Sara Caldwell Lee Award	Katherine Loudermilk	Tuscaloosa	University of Alabama
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Female Voice

1 st Place	Melodia Music Club Award	Joylynn Rushing	Birmingham	Samford University
2 nd Place	Shades Valley Club Award	Alexandra J. Brascho	Anniston	Samford University
3 rd Place	Allie Sue Grimes Award	Katie Thompson	Birmingham	Samford University

Male Voice

1 st Place	Walton Shoemaker Award	Andrew Nalley	Huntsville	University of Alabama
2 nd Place	Cathrine Howard Award	Nicholas Aguirre	Tuscaloosa	University of Alabama

Strings

1 st Place	Bill Peoples Award	Matthew Madonia	Tuscaloosa	Univeristy of Alabama
2 nd Place	Allegro Music Club Award	Drew Sarette	Huntsville	Samford University

Woodwinds

1 st Place	Lois Pyle Award (IMO Ann Baughman)	Olivia Brown	Newnan, GA	Jacksonville State
2 nd Place	Marilyn Cash Award (IMO Mary Vick)	Jenny Maclay	Huntsville	

Brass

1 st Place	AFMC Brass Award	David Haddock	Auburn	Auburn University
2 nd Place	Jean Clemons Brass Award	Andrew Stadler	Chambersburg, PA	University of Alabama

CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATIONS

Deadline: April 8, 2013

Mail this form with your check made payable to AFMC State Convention 2015 and mail it to

Theresa Scholz
 5010 Somerby Drive
 Huntsville, AL 35802
 (256/882-2406) e-mail: tscholz@knology.net

Name _____
 (as you would like it to appear on your name tag)

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

Name of Club _____

AFMC position _____

Registrations and meals	Cost	Number	Total cost
Registration – full	\$32.		
Registration – 1 day	\$15		
Registration – visitor	\$10		
Registration -- junior	\$ 5		
Friday banquet: [] herbal baked chicken [] honey baked ham tossed salad, rice pilaf, new red potatoes, seasoned vegetables, dinner rolls, New York cheesecake or apple pie; coffee, tea, water	\$26		
Saturday buffet lunch: [] Italian buffet: meat and three cheese lasagna [] grilled chicken fettucini Salad, garlic bread, dessert; coffee, iced tea, coffee	\$19		
Total enclosed			

>registration fee and cost for meals are non-refundable

Please list any special dietary needs: