



Alabama Federation of Music Clubs

Music News



Marsha Harrow, President

September 2013

OFFICIAL CALL

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

The AFMC Fall Board Meeting is called for Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church (1723 Third Avenue North) in Bessemer, Alabama 35020.

Hosted by Bessemer Music Club
Tiger Baker, President (205) 317—4099

Registration deadline: September 25, 2013

Send your \$15 check, made payable to the Bessemer Music Club, to Bonnie Lipscomb, 210 North 18th Street, Bessemer, AL 35020 (205)428—8488.

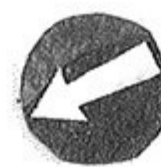
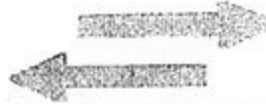
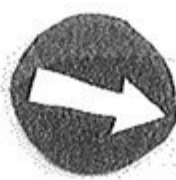
With your check include a note with your name as you wish it to appear on the name tag and the name of your Club. Indicate if you are the president and/or any AFMC chairmanship you hold.

9:00	Registration, welcome refreshments
9:30	Meeting
11:30	Program
Noon	Lunch (chicken salad, fruit, rolls dessert, beverage)

[If you have any dietary limitations, please indicate this on your registration note.]

AFMC Officers should be prepared to give a brief report.

Division and Department Chairmen who wish to make a report should notify Marsha Harrow (334)624—4213 marshaharrow@gmail.com a few days before the meeting in order to be put on the agenda.



DIRECTIONS

from the north – Follow I-65 S to Birmingham. Take I-59 S/20 W toward Tuscaloosa. Take Exit 112 (19th Street). Go through traffic light to 2nd light (18th Street is one way into town). Turn left. Go straight to 3rd Avenue, turn right. Church is on left corner. Parking on street or in parking lot on right.

from the south – Follow I-65 N toward Birmingham. Take I-459 S toward Tuscaloosa. Take the exit to I-59 N/20 E toward Birmingham. Take Exit 112 (18th Street), turn right. Go straight to 3rd Avenue, turn right. The church is on the left corner. Parking is on the street or in the parking lot on the right.

From east or west – follow directions for I-20/59.

EVA JOHNSTON LEAVES A LEGACY OF SERVICE TO NFMC

With the May 15th passing of Eva H. Johnston, the Federation at all levels lost a long-time member and a tireless worker. Even through a number of years of declining health, Eva continued to work on her Federation projects as long as she was able, leaving in progress her final undertaking - "A Pictorial History of NFMC."

A long-time member and past president of the Huntsville Music Study Club, Eva was also an active member of both AFMC and NFMC. She served the state federation in a number of different capacities, including treasurer and Past Presidents Assembly Chairman. She spent ten years as a NFMC board member-at-large, and served as the NFMC Historian and PPA Chairman.

Her obituary in the *Huntsville Times* observed, "Music and other arts were always a vital part of her life. She enjoyed playing the piano, organ, and singing in the church choir. She was actively involved in church music, the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, the Huntsville Arts Council, as well as the National and Alabama Federation of Music Clubs. She served on numerous councils and in 1970 was awarded the coveted (Huntsville) Virginia Hammil Simms Memorial Award for work in the Arts."

Eva's survivors include Stephen L. Johnston, her husband of 67 years, and three children: daughters Susan Campbell of Montgomery and Virginia Anthony of Maryland, and son Stephen L. Johnston, Jr. of Huntsville. All three are Alabama NFMC Life Members.

In Federation meetings, Eva left no doubt how she felt about any issue being discussed; but whether agreeing with her or not, none who knew her well ever doubted her love for the Federation and her devotion to doing what she could to see its goals accomplished. The materials she had assembled for the unfinished "A Pictorial History of NFMC" have already been sent to the National Federation Headquarters for processing into the NFMC archives and will be available to whomever is assigned the completion of her project.

NOTES FROM NFMC

by Jan Hill

New beginnings – new school year, new Club year, new possibilities. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each of us to begin to **Take a Look Around!**

First, check out the new and greatly improved AFMC website, www.afmc-music.org. *Brava!* to Gayle Baker and company, who have produced this very classy site. And this in spite of a “minor mishap” suffered in Greenville immediately after the National convention that resulted in a longer stay than had been planned. The hospital staff at St. Francis assured us that if one were to fall and break a hip, that was the best place to do it!

Then, check out the updated NFMC website, www.nfmc-music.org. There is much to be learned there. “Carolyn’s Corner” is full of information, news, and personal tidbits from our National president (and recent National Guest at our AFMC convention in Gadsden). Carolyn sends out an email each month to state presidents, national chairmen, and other officers. If you are not on that list, you can still read her missives from the NFMC website. Look under “About NFMC” and click on “Monthly Newsletter.”

Alabama, among many other distinctions, can boast of having had two winners in the National Student/Collegiate Auditions this year – Leah Doss, a senior at Samford University, won Woman’s Voice, and Scott OToole, a graduate student at the University of Alabama, won Percussion. Scott wowed the Convention attendees in Greenville with a performance during one of the Musical Interludes. A picture of Scott performing at the convention is currently 16th in the slideshow at the top of the NFMC home page. (Contributor’s note: the Festival Chorus is slide #29. This writer can be spotted, if you look – carefully – on the very back row, on the right. She is the body-less face between the red-head and the blonde.)

Also, hearty congratulations and best wishes to our Alabamians who will be serving NFMC. (See attendant list.) And congratulations to Blobbye Guyton, one of our newest Rose Fay Thomas Fellows.

Finally, look for the latest issue of **Music Clubs Magazine**. You will find pictures of the convention as well as pictures and bios of Leah and Scott. We all can be proud to be an American, an Alabamian, and a member of NFMC!

MEMBERS OF AFMC SERVING NFMC

(as of June 29, 2013)

Dr. Mira Kruja (Huntsville MSC) – International Music Relations Chairman

Dr. Marilyn Cash (Fayette MSC) – Music in Poetry Chairman and Southeastern Region
Editorial Board

Margie Garrett (Huntsville MSC) – Publications Editor (formerly titled Printing Chairman)

Jan Hill (Bush Hills MC, Birmingham) – Student/Collegiate Auditions Chairman

Janis Abernathy (Bush Hills MC, Birmingham) – Elizabeth Wiegand Music of the Faiths
Award Chairman

Bobbye Guyton (Melodia Music Club, Birmingham) – NFMC, Bullock, and Robertson Music
Therapy Awards Chairman

Margaret Smith (Tuscaloosa MC) – Virginia Allison Collaborative Award Chairman

AFMC WELCOMES THE AUBURN MUSIC CLUB

AFMC is delighted to announce that the Auburn Music Club has completed its federation process, and is pleased to welcome the AMC members to the Alabama Federation and the National Federation of Music Clubs. The current Auburn club roster includes forty-five members. Mike and Cathy Golden are co-presidents for the 2013-14 club year.

The Auburn Music Club was officially founded on January 30, 1980, and has continued as an active part of the Auburn music scene since that time. According to Linda Anderson, the club's immediate past president, "Throughout the club's thirty-three history it has continued to fulfill beautifully its mission of 'encouraging interest and participation in all areas of music and promoting musical endeavors in the community, homes and schools.' "

For its regular meetings, the club enjoys the use of Auburn's Nunn Winston Annex in Kiesel Park. As a result of the club's 1989 donation of a grand piano to the city of Auburn, the facility is available, rent-free, to the club. The piano is housed at this location and is available for use by the AMC for its meetings. Nearby Auburn University guarantees the club a source for outstanding music programs, and the club's yearbook lists a number of presentations by Auburn music faculty members as well as students from the music department. Other programs featured club members, the club chorus and a handbell choir.

Following the lead of AMC, the Auburn University Music Department has already completed the federation process to become an AFMC/NFMC student/collegiate club, thereby qualifying Auburn's music students to participate in the annual AFMC scholarship auditions to be held next March and to enter the NFMC Student/Collegiate award competitions. .

Former AFMC Presidents Gayle Baker and Margie Garrett attended AMC's May meeting to meet club members, answer their questions and present them a brief orientation to the Federation. AFMC members look forward to the new association with the Auburn club members and to seeing many of them at the state meetings. //

CLUB RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

At the 2013 AFMC Convention held in Gadsden last April, Citations Chairman Gayle Baker presented Certificates of Recognition to all twenty-three of Alabama's federated clubs. The certificates represented 379 items of participation in forty categories of club work; individual club listings ranged from 2 to 37. The total number of listings consisted of 242 in recognition of the reports which all of the local clubs submitted and 137 which recognized club activities in fifteen special categories of work. Twenty-three of the local clubs participated in at least one of the special activities.

District I (Cullman, Decatur, Florence, Huntsville and Scottsboro) - 86 Listings

District II (Allegro, Bessemer, BMTA, Bush Hills, Gadsden, Melodia, Shades Mountain, Shades Valley) - 158 Listings

District III (Fayette, Greensboro, Tuscaloosa) - 52 Listings

District IV (Montgomery, Troy) - 24 Listings

Districts V, VI (Enterprise, Evergreen, Mobile - Schumann, Monroeville, Wedowee) - 59 Listings

Administrative Division (9)**Arts Advocacy (9)**

Bessemer	Huntsville
BMTA	Monroeville
Bush Hills	Shades Valley
Decatur	Tuscaloosa
Gadsden	

American Music Division (15)**Alabama Day (5)**

Bessemer	Huntsville
Florence	Monroeville
Gadsden	

American Women Composers (4)

Allegro	Gadsden
Bush Hills	Huntsville

Parade of American Music (6)

Bessemer	Monroeville
Gadsden	Shades valley
Huntsville	Tuscaloosa

Arts Division (76)**Chamber Music (3)**

Decatur	Huntsville
Gadsden	

Choral Music (10)

Bessemer	Greensboro
Bush Hills	Huntsville
Decatur	Monroeville
Florence	Shades Valley
Gadsden	Tuscaloosa

Crusade for Strings (8)

Bessemer	Gadsden
Bush Hills	Huntsville
Decatur	Monroeville
Florence	Tuscaloosa

Folk/Traditional Music (7)

Bessemer	Monroeville
Florence	Shades Valley
Huntsville	Tuscaloosa
Melodia	

International Music Relations (8)

Bessemer	Huntsville
BMTA	Monroeville
Decatur	Shades Valley
Gadsden	Tuscaloosa

Music Outreach (8)

BMTA	Huntsville
Decatur	Monroeville
Florence	Shades Mountain
Gadsden	Tuscaloosa

Music in Schools and Colleges (2)

Gadsden	Huntsville
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Arts Division (cont'd)**National Music Week (9)**

Bessemer	Scottsboro
Bush Hills	Shades Valley
Florence	Troy
Gadsden	Tuscaloosa
Huntsville	

Opera (9)

Bessemer	Huntsville
Bush Hills	Monroeville
Decatur	Shades Valley
Florence	Tuscaloosa
Gadsden	

Poetry (8)

Allegro	Huntsville
Bessemer	Monroeville
Decatur	Shades Valley
Gadsden	Tuscaloosa

Sacred Music**Hymn of the Month (4)**

Allegro	Huntsville
Bessemer	Monroeville

Finance Division (47)**Founders Day (21)**

Allegro	Melodia
Bessemer	Mobile-Schumann
Bush Hills	Monroeville
Decatur	Montgomery
Enterprise	Scottsboro
Evergreen	Shades Mountain
Fayette	Shades Valley
Florence	Troy
Gadsden	Tuscaloosa
Greensboro	Wedowee
Huntsville	

PNP Contributions (18)

Allegro	Huntsville
Bessemer	Melodia
Bush Hills	Monroeville
Decatur	Scottsboro
Enterprise	Shades Mountain
Evergreen	Shades Valley
Fayette	Troy
Florence	Tuscaloosa
Gadsden	Wedowee

PPA Contributions (8)

Decatur	Melodia
Fayette	Troy
Gadsden	Tuscaloosa
Huntsville	Wedowee

Membership/Education Div. (88)**Membership Extension (17)**

Allegro	Gadsden
Bessemer	Greensboro
BMTA	Huntsville
Bush Hills	Melodia
Decatur	Mobile-Schumann
Enterprise	Montgomery
Evergreen	Shades Mountain
Fayette	Tuscaloosa
Florence	

Special Members (5)**Cradle Roll**

Huntsville

Life Member

Allegro	Melodia
Bessemer	Schumann

Achievement Record Book (18)

Allegro	Greensboro
Bessemer	Huntsville
Bush Hills	Monroeville
Decatur	Montgomery
Enterprise	Shades Mountain
Evergreen	Shades Valley
Fayette	Troy
Florence	Tuscaloosa
Gadsden	Wedowee

Orientation and Leadership (23)

Allegro	Huntsville
Bessemer	Melodia
BMTA	Schumann-Mobile
Bush Hills	Monroeville
Cullman	Montgomery
Decatur	Scottsboro
Enterprise	Shades Mountain
Evergreen	Shades Valley
Fayette	Troy
Florence	Tuscaloosa
Gadsden	Wedowee
Greensboro	

Senior Club Report (7)

Allegro	Gadsden
Bessemer	Huntsville
Bush Hills	Tuscaloosa
Florence	

Club Yearbook (18)

Allegro	Huntsville
Bessemer	Melodia
Bush Hills	Monroeville
Decatur	Montgomery
Enterprise	Shades Mountain
Evergreen	Shades Valley
Fayette	Troy
Florence	Tuscaloosa
Gadsden	Wedowee



Public Relations Division (7)

Publicity (7)

Allegro	Gadsden
Bessemer	Huntsville
Decatur	Monroeville
Fayette	

Special Categories (137)

Hosted AFMC Meeting (4)

Fayette	Montgomery
Mobile-Schumann	Tuscaloosa

Mem. Attended AFMC Meeting (18)

Allegro	Greensboro
Bessemer	Huntsville
Bush Hills	Melodia
Decatur	Mobile-Schumann
Enterprise	Monroeville
Evergreen	Montgomery
Fayette	Shades Valley
Florence	Troy
Gadsden	Tuscaloosa

Sponsored a Junior Festival (9)

BMTA	Gadsden
Cullman	Huntsville
Decatur	Montgomery
Fayette	Tuscaloosa
Florence	

Contribution to Summer Music Camp

Assisted Camp Student (6)

Allegro	Gadsden
BMTA	Melodia
Enterprise	Montgomery

Contrib. to AFMC Scholarship (9)

Allegro	Huntsville
BMTA	Monroeville
Enterprise	Shades Mountain
Florence	Shades Valley
Gadsden	

Awarded Club Scholarship(s) (17)

Allegro	Huntsville
Bessemer	Melodia
BMTA	Montgomery
Bush Hills	Shades Mountain
Decatur	Shades Valley
Enterprise	Troy
Fayette	Tuscaloosa
Florence	Wedowee
Gadsden	

State/Community Projects (7)

Bush Hills	Montgomery
Gadsden	Shades Mountain
Greensboro	Tuscaloosa
Huntsville	

Volunteers/Contributions to AFMC Auditions (15)

Allegro	Gadsden
Bessemer	Greensboro
BMTA	Huntsville
Bush Hills	Melodia
Enterprise	Monroeville
Evergreen	Shades Valley
Fayette	Tuscaloosa
Florence	

Student in AFMC Auditions (6)

BMTA	Gadsden
Bush Hills	Huntsville
Decatur	Tucaloosa

Secured NFMC Entries (1)

Bush Hills

Federated New Junior Club(s) (4)

BMTA	Huntsville
Gadsden	Montgomery

Material to Historian/State Scrapbook (4)

Allegro	Huntsville
Bessemer	Monroeville

Members Served as AFMC Officers/Chairmen (17)

Allegro	Gadsden
Bessemer	Greensboro
BMTA	Huntsville
Bush Hills	Melodia
Decatur	Monroeville
Enterprise	Montgomery
Evergreen	Shades Valley
Fayette	Tuscaloosa
Florence	

Entered Student(s) in Junior Composers Contest (5)

BMTA	Huntsville
Fayette	Montgomery
Gadsden	

President's Report to 2012 AFMC Convention (16)

Allegro	Florence
Bessemer	Gadsden
BMTA	Huntsville
Bush Hills	Melodia
Decatur	Monroeville
Enterprise	Shades Valley
Evergreen	Troy
Fayette	Tuscaloosa

MYSTERY TUNE:
COMPOSER:





ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION
HOSTED BY GADSDEN MUSIC CLUB
by Carol Larkins

In the City of Champions on the banks of the Coosa River, where "Music is ALIVE!" Gadsden Music Club hosted the Alabama Federation of Music Clubs Ninety-seventy Annual Convention on April 19-20, 2013 at the Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts. Judy Hicks meticulously conceived and executed an outstanding convention. The Cultural Arts Center was abuzz with laughter and noshing as the fifty-seven attendees met and greeted old friends and made new ones.

The formal opening of the Convention began at noon with our processional hymn "God of Our Fathers," directed by Kristen Dunn, accompanied by Sharron Yancy (piano), Rachel Elkins (one of the Gadsden Music Club scholarship winners this year), John Hefner, and Taylor Fortenberry (trumpet).

AFMC President Bobbye Guyton called the meeting to order and Bill Peoples, AFMC Chaplain, led the invocation. Posting of the Colors was by the American Legion Department of Alabama 21st District.

Members were welcomed by Carol Larkins, President of Gadsden Music Club; Shane Ellison, Gadsden Mayoral Assistant; and Becki Cannon of the Cultural Arts Center. Responses were given by Gayle Baker, Bessemer Music Club, on behalf of the AFMC and Carolyn Nelson, NFMC President and National Guest, on behalf of the NFMC.

Preceding the memorial service that was held at the First United Methodist Church, Catherine Heeman, organist and the Mary Vick Student/Collegiate Audition first place winner of the AFMC/Sarah Caldwell Lee Award, presented a wonderful concert of Sonata V by Felix Mendelssohn and "Aria on a Chaconne" by Joel Martinson.

The processional hymn, "For All the Saints," was directed by DeLeath Rives. Anna Mullin, soprano, sang "O Divine Redeemer" by Charles Gounod. Bill Peoples, AFMC Chaplain, led the memorial service honoring State members who passed away last year. Benny McNair, organist, provided an inspiring conclusion to the service with "The Lord's Prayer" and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." The memorial service was televised by a local station and highlighted Catherine Heeman.

The Friday evening banquet, held at the Cultural Arts Center, honored AFMC Club presidents. The tables, decked with white tablecloths, colorful netting, flowers, and blue and gold favors, were lovely. Jan Hill, Alabama's Representative on the NFMC Board, was our Mistress of Ceremonies. As usual, she kept us delightfully entertained with her witty repartee. A delicious meal of chicken or fish stuffed with spinach and artichokes was served. Throughout the banquet music gently wafted through the air as we were entertained by the Etowah Youth Orchestra.

Jan then introduced Carolyn Nelson as our guest speaker. After a personable presentation, she installed the AFMC officers – Marsh Harrow, President; Barbara Lee, President-elect; Carol Larkins, 1st Vice President; Cindy Durst, 2nd Vice President; Mary Margaret Yeilding, 3rd Vice President; Renee Richardson, 4th Vice President; Mattilyn Harless, Recording Secretary; Dr. Marilyn Cash, Corresponding Secretary; Margie Garrett, Treasurer; Theresa Scholz, Auditor; Marjorie "Tiger" Baker, Historian; and Jenny Jacks, Parliamentarian.

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After the banquet activities, members enjoyed a recital by AFMC Junior and Collegiate Audition winners -- Mira Walker, winner of the Mabry Miller Award (First Place Piano); Abigail Rankin, violinist, winner of the Huntsville Music Study Club Award (First Place Strings); Leah Doss, soprano, winner of the AFMC/Willis and Mary Harris Award (First Place Woman's Voice); Jenny Maclay, clarinetist, winner of the AFMC/Lois Pile Award in honor of Ann Baughman (First Place Woodwind); Alexis Taylor Cote, trumpet, AFMC/Robin Rumcic Award (First Place Brass); Wesley Hyde, winner of the Annie Lou Ellis Award (First Place Piano); and Scott O'Toole, marimba, winner of the Bill Peoples Award (First Place Percussion).

On Saturday we gathered once again at the Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts Center. President Bobbye Guyton's call to order was followed by a prayer and the singing of the State song "Alabama." Kristin Dunn, accompanied by Sharron Yancy, sang the NFMC President's hymn "How Can I Keep From Singing" and the AFMC President's hymn "He Keeps Me Singing."

For our musical interlude, Devin D. Barton, baritone, winner of the Walter Shoemaker Award (First Place Men's Voice) performed. Mr. Barton's magnificent voice and choice of repertoire combined to create a powerful presentation. Dr. Lynn Faulkner, collaborative pianist, was his accompanist. Bravo! and Bravo!!

Following the business session, a buffet luncheon honoring AFMC Officers and Division Chairmen provided delicious choices of pork tenderloin, chicken, vegetables, salad, and desserts. As usual, the door prizes and "opportunities" were a big hit. The gamut of opportunities ranged from clocks to handmade crochet items to a hand blown glass vase to delightful miscellaneous items. Bob Hicks became the auctioneer for several items and a total of \$850 was raised for scholarships.

Many citations and awards were presented to the various Clubs. [*Reference earlier article*]

With business and festivities completed, the colors were retired, the Benediction "The Gift of Song" was led by Kristin Dunn, accompanied by Sharron Yancy, and AFMC President Bobbye Guyton adjourned a most successful convention.

Certainly, "Music is ALIVE in Gadsden!"



HUNTSVILLE MUSIC STUDY CLUB
WINS NATIONAL AWARD



State Women Composers Chairman Jo Ann Hadaway has notified the Huntsville Music Study Club that it has won the NFMC Cash Award for its October 2012 program on Music by American Women Composers.

The program featured the music of internationally known composer Emma Lou Diemer and included the world premiere performance of "The Creation of God," a work composed by Ms Diemer for words written by Huntsville writer Sara McDaris. The composition was presented by an instrumental ensemble of Huntsville musicians. The program also included additional works by Ms Diemer performed by the HMSC Chorus and other Huntsville vocalists.

Ms Diemer, Professor *emerita* of Composition at the University of Southern California, Santa Barbara, is a former Fulbright scholar. Her works have received awards from Eastman School of Music, the National Endowment of the Arts, the Kennedy Center, and the American Guild of Organists.

JUNIOR CONVENTION HOSTED BY FAYETTE MUSIC STUDY CLUB

by Renee Richardson, AFMC 4th Vice-President



Those entering the fellowship hall of Fayette First Baptist Church on Saturday, April 13, were greeted by a panoply of color created by the table and room decorations designed by Renee Richardson, AFMC 4th Vice President. The name tags (which were in the shape of an artist's palette), posters, and place settings carried out the National theme of "Music - the Colors of Life."

Presiding over the events of the day were the State Junior officers: President Haidee Richardson, RichSchool JMC, Fayette; Vice-President Eldred Duncan, Jr., Young Musical Geniuses JMC, Birmingham; Secretary Emily Smith, Bass Melody JMC, Fayette; Newsgatherer Priya Genetra, Diana A. Pettit Piano Studio JMC, Huntsville.

Program activities included Junior Composers, who played their award-winning compositions. These compositions have been compiled and enhanced by artwork submitted by other junior club members. The artwork of the first place winner, Hallie Richardson of Fayette, was used for the front cover.

Five other local students - Jessica Junkin and Seth Junkin of Gordo, Conrad Spear of Fayette, Caleb Patton of Northside, and Haidee Richardson of Fayette also had their drawings included.

The State winner of the National Music Week Junior Essay Contest, Tiffany Dong (Betty's Young Musicians JMC, Berry), read her essay. Samantha Strunk of Pell City won the AFMC 2013 poster contest.

A mid-morning highlight was the Honors Recital. Each Junior Counselor could recommend one student who had achieved a superior rating at Junior Festival to display his/her talent. The

program included solo and duet performances. Club Rating and Achievement Awards were given to those Clubs who excelled in activities promoted by NFC during the past year. Individual awards were presented to Club members who exhibited outstanding achievement in the Junior program.

Chase Nolan and Emily Smith, both students of Mrs. Iva Gardner Wooten, received their fifth Gold Cup, a high honor indicative of talent and dedicated work.

The two most coveted awards are the Most Outstanding Junior, ages 6-12 and the Most Outstanding Junior, ages 13-18. Tying for Outstanding Junior, ages 6-12, were Tiffany Dong and Rachel Ding. Haidee Richardson was presented the awarded for Most Outstanding Junior, ages 13-18.

Officer for 2013-2014 were elected and installed. Vice-president Eldred Duncan, Jr., automatically moved up to the office of President. Emily Smith of Bass Melody JMC (Fayette) was elected vice-president. Dylan Hitchcock of Kinder Keyboard (Guntersville) was elected Secretary and Erin Chism of Upbeat JMC (Fosters) was chosen to be the Newsgatherer.

Auxiliary activities were available to the students attending. These included hand-on educational games and exploration of the intricacies of various musical instruments such as the accordion, didgeridoo, sitar, handbells, and rain stick. Certified piano technician Mr. Bill Kidd of Columbus, MS, supplied a dismantled piano with labeled parts. Several students took advantage of the opportunity to rehearse and perform

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three-keyboard ensembles.

Activities were further enhanced by a special post-convention presentation by Mrs. Kelley Strickland on digital applications for Apple technology. Forty-one students opted to explore music apps for their ipods!

Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch served by Fayette Music Study Club President Janelle Brendel and several committee members. Guests enjoyed a closer look at table decorations and favors which included vintage records, colorful place settings, music favors, samples of local products, and beverage glasses that were hand-painted by Maggie Stough.

Community merchants joined in the efforts to make the Junior Convention a memorable event. The Fayette Aquatic Center provided five passes to the water Park; the Lions Club purchased samples of Golden Eagle Syrup and Alabama Sunshine

hot sauce; State Farm provided promotional materials, and McDonald's gave ice cream. The Fayette Chamber of Commerce contributed to the purchase of the souvenir t-shirts which Amy Fowler printed to promote Fayette and the National theme of "Music - the Colors of Life."

Among the 109 Junior Club members, their parents and family members, music teachers, and other supporters attending were several special guests - AFMC President Bobbye Guyton of Birmingham; AFMC Treasurer Margie Garrett of Huntsville; past State President Dr. Marilyn Cash of Millport; State Junior Counselor Dr. Mira Kruja of Montgomery; State Gold Cup Chairman Mary Ellen Sanford of Fosters; Junior State Awards and Achievement Chairman Sandy Stephenson of Chelsea; and Junior Festival Chairman Iva Gardner Wooten of Fayette.//

————— FYI: GOUNOD —————

- * Charles-Francois Gounod was a French composer most well-known for his "Ave Maria" (based on a word by Bach) as well as his opera Faust.
- * His mother was his first teacher; he later studied at the Paris Conservatoire.
- * He won the Prix de Rome for his cantata Fernand.
- * During his four year stay in Italy he studied the sacred works of the 16th century, which he never ceased to cherish.
- * He seriously considered joining the priesthood, but changed his mind before actually taking holy orders.
- * His "Solennelle" ("Saint Cecelia Mass") established his fame as a noteworthy composer.
- * Geroges Bizet was one of his students.
- * Fanny Mendelssohn (sister of Felix) introduced the keyboard music of Bach to Gounod, who came to revere Bach. For Gounod "The Well-Tempered Clavier" was "the law to pianoforte study ... the unquestioned textbook of musical composition."
- * He lived in England for four years where he became the first conductor of the Royal Choral Society. Much of his music during this period was vocal - although he composed "Funeral March of a Marionette." (This was used as the theme for the television series Alfred Hitchcock Presents.)
- * He performed publicly many times with Fernando de Cristofaro, a mandolin virtuoso living in Paris.
- * Late in life he returned to writing sacred music. His "Pontifical Anthem ("Marche Pontificale") eventually became the official anthem of Vatican City.//

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS NEEDED

In recent months AFMC has lost the funding for two of its annual Student/Collegiate scholarship awards, and additionally, the current low-interest yield for invested funds has decreased the availability of funds for other awards. The AFMC scholarships at both junior and student/collegiate levels are a major project of the Federation, and nurturing and encouraging our nation's young musicians is one on the major goals of NFMC stated in its original charter.

In recent years, Alabama students have won a number of awards at the national level, including this year with Scott O'Toole winning the National Student/Collegiate Award in percussion. It is a priority of AFMC to keep its scholarships at the current level; but to do this, additional funds are needed.

AFMC welcomes gifts to its scholarship funds from individuals, estates, and local clubs. Gifts to the Federation are tax deductible. Funds and/or inquiries should be sent to:

Margie Garrett, AFMC Treasurer 256-883-7785
9627 Dortmund Drive marlouga@comcast.net
Huntsville AL 35803

Following is a list of the scholarships which need to be funded or need additional funds (the annual amounts needed are listed):

Student/Collegiate Scholarships

Full Funding:

1 st Place Brass	\$500.00
1 st Place Strings	\$500.00

Additional Funding:

1 st Place Female Voice	\$500.00 - total funding amount
1 st Place Organ	\$500.00 - total funding amount

Junior Scholarships

Full Funding:

1 st Place Winds	\$400.00
2 nd Place Winds	\$200.00

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Category: Percussion #1 - \$1000

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Category: Man's Voice

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Category: Man's Voice #2 - \$600

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Category: Woman's Voice #1 - \$1000

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Category: Brass (Horn) #1 - \$1000

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