



*Alabama Federation of Music Clubs*  
*Music News*



Marsha Harrow, President

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**OFFICIAL CALL**



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



The 2014 AFMC Senior Convention is called for  
April 25-26, 2014  
at the Hilton Garden Inn (1600 Interstate Park Drive)  
in Montgomery, Alabama

The Convention will be hosted by the Montgomery Music Study Club.  
The Chairman is Theresa Gordon.



**Convention Registration Deadline: April 14, 2014**

A registration form is included in the Call.

**Hotel Reservation Deadline: April 14, 2014**

Make your reservations directly with the Hilton Garden Inn.

(334 - 272 - 2225) Code MS1. Room rates are \$103 for double occupancy.

Please specify if you want one king-size bed or two queen-size beds.



**Directions to the Hilton Garden Inn**

Exit 4 (Perry Hill Road) is the "yellow brick road"!

From I-85 take Exit 4 (Perry Hill Road). [Southbound will turn right; Northbound will turn left.] At the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light turn right onto Interstate Park Drive and then into Colonial Park. The hotel will be on the right.



## OUR NATIONAL GUEST

**Harriet Coker**

**Meet her in print; greet her in person!**

After vowing as a child never to marry a preacher or school teacher, Harriet married Lowell Coker, a high school principal. They have two sons and a daughter and five grandchildren. (Pictures provided on request.)

After serving as a substitute teacher for many years, Harriet decided to go to college -- at the age of forty! She taught seventh grade social studies until retirement following the death of her husband in 2000. After only a few months she was asked to serve as the elementary school library assistant which she continues to do and enjoys very much. She also enjoys reading, bridge, sports, the beach, and (especially) music.

Harriet has been a member of the Apollo Music Club in Bamberg, SC, for over forty-five years. A member of the South Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, she has served as recording secretary, SC Representative to the NFMC Board of Directors, and Vice-President of the Central/Eastern Regions. Her NFMC offices include Individual Membership Chairman and National Music Week Chairman of the Southeastern Region. She currently serves on the Ellis Duo Piano Competition Committee, as Coordinator of Divisional Activities (CODA), and is on the NFMC Executive Committee and the NFMC Board of Directors. Harriet is an NFMC Life Member and a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow.

She said, "It is such an honor and pleasure to be a part of the National Federation of Music Clubs! Being a part of the Federation has been one of the most gratifying and fulfilling experiences in my entire life. I am looking forward to the Alabama Federation of Music Clubs convention in Montgomery.





## TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### Friday

- 10 am Registration and refreshments  
 noon Formal opening of convention  
 12:45 pm First General Session  
 Reports from  
     AFMC members serving  
     NFMC  
     AFMC officers  
     AFMC club presidents  
 6 pm Banquet honoring AFMC  
     Club presidents



### Saturday

- 7:30 am Past Presidents' Breakfast  
     (Hilton Garden Inn Restaurant)  
 8 am Registration  
 9 am Memorial Service  
 9:45 am Second General Session  
 Reports  
     AFMC Division Chairmen  
 11 am AFMC Junior Audition Winners  
 noon Luncheon  
 2 pm Convention adjourned

Friday lunch and Saturday breakfast  
are on your own.



## A REMINDER

*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 President Bobbye Guyton or by a member of your Club.*

*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.*



## OPPORTUNITIES (attention Club presidents!)



This year we are again planning a Silent Auction to raise money for scholarships. We request that each Club bring something nice for this event. Of course, individuals are welcome to contribute items also. Please list a minimum bid on your donated item.

If you need to leave before Saturday, ask a friend to take care of your bidding. We will see that each person receives his/her auction item.



*Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Jenny Lee Cabler, Past President of the Alabama Federation (1991-1993), and her family in the passing of her mother Estelle Popejoy Perry on March 16. Estelle, who was 97, was a member of the Florence Music Study Club.*



AFMC 2014 JUNIOR AUDITION WINNERS  
(corrected)

category

winner

teacher

Piano

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Mabry Miller Award

Eamon Griffith  
Homewood, AL

Lucy DeSa  
Alabama School of  
Fine Arts

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

BMTA Award

Jack Yarbrough  
Maylene, AL

Lucy DeSa  
Alabama School of  
Fine Arts

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Gayle Baker Award

Amy Zhao  
Vestavia, AL

Delores Howard  
BTMA

4<sup>th</sup> Place

Betty Bridges Award

Lauren Williams  
Birmingham, AL

Kevin Chance  
U of A

Strings

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Huntsville Music Study  
Club Award

Haeun Kim, violin  
Tuscaloosa, AL

Jenny Gregoire  
Studio of Jenny  
Gregoire

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Gadsden Music Club Award

Amy Zhao  
Vestavia, AL

Ai-Yi Bao  
BMTA

Female Voice

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Marilyn Cash Award

Anna Willis  
Birmingham, AL

Laura Doss  
BMTA

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Jan Hill Award

(IMO Georgia Day Couch)

Carley Beth Good  
Huntsville, AL

Ginger Beasley  
Ars Nova School of  
the Arts



## CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATIONS

Mail this form with your check, made payable to The Montgomery Music Study Club, to

Evaughn Balkcom  
8630 Plantation Ridge Road  
Montgomery, AL 36106

Deadline: April 14, 2014

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

AFMC Position \_\_\_\_\_

Registration	Cost	#	Total Cost
Full – (2 days)	\$30		
One day	\$15		
Visitor	\$10		
Junior	\$5		
<b>Friday evening banquet Choose one:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Seasoned chicken OR <input type="checkbox"/> Baked lemon pepper tilapia Served with 2 vegetables, rice pilaf, roll, tea/water	\$25.50		
<b>Saturday lunch Choose one:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> chicken salad, pasta salad, cookie, fruit, tea/coffee <input type="checkbox"/> hoagie OR <input type="checkbox"/> club sandwich	\$16.60		
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>			

Registration fees and cost for meals are non-refundable.

\*List any special dietary needs on the back of this form.

## AFMC DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Page 22	Add	under Huntsville	Neely Arts Center	Deborah Beason
Page 26	Add	under Montgomery	Baldwin Strings Dominants Resolved Esther	Beth Hoener Skye Jenkins Yean Hyang Kim
Page 34	Change	Baker, "Tiger"	Baker, Tiger 6932 Robin Lane McCalla AL 35111 coolcoop2014@yahoo.com	205-317-4099
Page 35	Add	Beason, Deborah	306 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue E Oneonta AL 35121 deborah@neelyartscenter.com	205-353-3973
Page 37	Change	Bowen, Jenny	rmbowen@bellsouth.net	
Page 39	Change	Chambers, Virginia	3890 Galleria, Apt. 306 Birmingham, AL 35244	
Page 43	Delete	Fisher, Susan		
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