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Lee Ann Cummings, President

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President's Message —



Lee Ann Cummings
President

It's an exciting time to be a member of Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs!

Our own Frances Nelson, currently serving as Mississippi Board Representative and NFMC First Vice President, will move up to become NFMC PRESIDENT at the NFMC

Convention in Jacksonville, Florida June 18-22, 2019! Mark your calendars now and be on the look out for your Spring/Summer edition of Music Clubs Magazine for registration information. It would be wonderful to have a large group attend to cheer Frances. We are so proud and excited for Frances and look forward to supporting her during her tenure. Congratulations!

Frances has served faithfully since 2011 as Mississippi Board Representative. NFMC Bylaws prohibit the National President from serving as a State Board Representative at the same time. For the 2019-2021 club years,

Cecil J. Fox, Jr. will serve as Mississippi Board Representative as voted upon at the MFMC Fall meeting in October. Cecil has served at the local, state, and national levels for many years. We look forward to him representing us at the National level. Ann Kay of Fortnightly Musicales of Tupelo currently serves as Board Member At Large. Ann also has been very involved in Federation at the local, state, and national levels.

On the State level, we awarded Junior Scholarships totaling \$4,000 to students to attend Mississippi College Music Camp. Bob Knupp, director of MC@MC writes: "I wanted to write an email to thank all of the MFMC teachers and clubs that supported students at our 2018 Mississippi College Music Camp. We've been doing this camp for 13 years and part of the main reason we do this is to hopefully in some small way keep students engaged in music during the summer so that they come back from camp even more eager to learn back at home! The students that have been sponsored by MFMC were talented and very respectful. And seeing young people that are so devoted to the musical arts should be encouragement to all of us who have invested so much of our own lives in music that the serious study of music is not only alive in our state, but one could even say thriving! Thank you very much for sending us students!"

Our Student/Collegiate Scholarship recipient is Angela Powell in piano. Angela is from Jackson and in her Senior year at Millsaps College. She is a student of Dr. Rachel Heard.

Our MFMC Endowment is strong with a balance of \$259,679.80 as of September 30, 2018. Consider becoming an MFMC Fellow to support its continued growth. Your contribution of \$1,000 will support student scholarships statewide and you will receive a medallion. Fellows are recognized at the annual meeting.

Of course, our local clubs continue to host outstanding musical programs and engage in community outreach. Two examples are Corinth Music Club and Canton Music Study Club highlighted in this issue. Annual Federation nationwide club observances include American Music Month in November, Founders' Day in January, and National Music Week in April.

Many thanks to all of you and the countless hours you spend to support and share the gift of music in your communities. If you are not already serving at the state level, consider getting involved. It's an exciting time to be a member of Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs!

Sing! Sing A Song! Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Lee Ann Cummings

National Board Member Report *Frances J. Nelson*



Frances Nelson

2018 Magnolia Bulletin National Board Member Report

It is always a privilege and an honor to serve as Mississippi's National Board Representative! It truly is a pleasure to serve in this rewarding job!

The Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs' 102nd Annual Convention was held in Belzoni on April 21, 2017, hosted by Belzoni Music Lovers Club-District V. This lovely meeting was a "one-day" Convention and was held in First Baptist Church. It was a great success and everyone enjoyed visiting with the National Guest, NFMC North Central Region Vice President Karen

Bourne. The meeting featured a welcome by Belzoni's mayor, music by local musicians, and a touching Memorial Service. Reports and Awards rounded out the day and Belzoni Music Lovers Club is to be congratulated for a memorable meeting.

The National Federation of Music Clubs' Conference was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 19-23, 2018. Highlights of the meeting included music by pianist Dr. Jeffrey Hollander, the Milwaukee Police Band, the Trinity Irish Dancers, the NFMC Festival Chorus, a spectacular recital by our Young Artist Winner in Men's Voice, Andre Chiang, and a performance on the Bayan and Hammered Dulcimer. Our boat tour of the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan shoreline was cold and rainy, but very informative and interesting. Following the tour, we traveled to the Bavarian Bierhaus for a German dinner with music by Alpine Blast. Of course, there were the regular

business meetings, informative workshops, and many wonderful meals that we always enjoy. It was a very successful and pleasurable meeting!

It was decided to hold the NFMC Southeast Region 2018 Meeting in Sewanee, Tennessee, July 13-14, 2018. Your Board Member was unable to attend due to being National Guest at another meeting at the same time! The meeting was hosted by Tennessee and offered a banquet, quick business session, and several concerts. The next SER Meeting will again be held in Brevard, North Carolina, at the Brevard Music Center, July 12-13, 2019.

Your Board Member has been busy attending meetings in other states! It is such a pleasure to see what others are doing and to enjoy many wonderful concerts. This year, visits were made to Texas, and the Chautauqua Institute for the Northeast

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Region meeting, plus several trips to Headquarters in Indianapolis to plan the NFMC Budget and the 2020 NFMC Conference that will be held there. It was also an honor to speak about Federation, locally, to the Madison-Ridgeland Rotary Club. The members were very interested and asked a number of questions about our work.

And remember—you are always needed in our Federation! Please consider taking part in our organization when you are asked! There is so much work to be done and we need your help to keep our organization alive! Please jump in and take an active role!

We have some wonderful dates coming up and we will need YOU to be there! We will need help for the next Ellis Duo Competition in Jackson, March 29-30, 2019. Because your NFMC First Vice President will move up to being the National President, our state is in line to host the National Meeting in 2023!!! Cecil Fox will be the Chairman of the NFMC Biennial Convention in 2023 and he will need lots of help.

As always, it is a pleasure and honor to serve as your National Board Representative. Thank you for your support and friendship.

Frances Nelson
Mississippi Board Representative
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Yearbook Reminder

Attention Club Presidents

Please remember to send your Yearbooks to:

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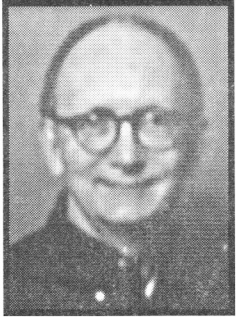
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Susan Walker – 88 Keys
Piano Club





Cecil Fox, Jr.

Cecil Fox, Jr. was elected 2019-2021 National Board Member for Mississippi at the MFMC Fall Meeting.

Cecil has been actively involved in Federation work since 1963 when he was a founding member of the Canton Junior Music Club. He joined the Canton Music Study Club in 1973 and has been actively involved ever since holding every office including Club President (1983-85)

and Club Treasurer since 1993.

In the Mississippi Federation he is involved in District Festivals, served as State Festival Cup Chairman, served as Historian during Beth McAuley's term as president, and has served as State Treasurer since 1999. He was awarded the MFMC Outstanding Service Award in 2001. He currently serves Mississippi as Founders' Day Chairman, \$52 Club Chairman, and MFMC Fellows Chairman.

On the National level he is currently Chairman of the Elizabeth Paris French Horn Award, and serves on the Ellis Piano Duo Committee, the Policy Resolution Committee, and the Investments Committee



In Memoriam

Ann Jeanette (Fowler) Fox

DECEMBER 3, 1922 -
JULY 23, 2018 (AGE 95)

Mrs. Ann Jeanette Fowler Fox, age 95, passed away Monday, July 23, 2018 at the Madison County Nursing Home in Canton, MS. An accomplished musician and passionate champion for music education, she was the only child of James Whitfield and Elizabeth (Bessie) Sherman Fincher Fowler of Holmes County Mississippi.

In April of 1948, she married James Hester Fox, Jr. and soon after moved to Canton, MS, where she remained for the rest of her life. While in Canton she taught music at Canton Elementary School and then later at Canton Academy. A life-long Methodist, she served as church organist for the First United Methodist Church, Canton for over 50 years. She also directed the church's hand bell choir and attended the Blanche Howell Circle.

She was an active member of the Canton Music Study Club and served as State President for the Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs from 1987 - 1989. Over the years she worked tirelessly in different capacities to support the Federation's music festivals and junior scholarship programs. She served as Junior Counselor for many years and most recently served as Extension Chairman. From 1980 to 1982, she served as President of the Canton Academy Band Auxiliary.

Ann Fox joined Canton Music Study Club after she married and moved to Canton in 1948. She served as club president 1949-50, 1951-52, and 1960-61. She was actively involved in the club until 2016.

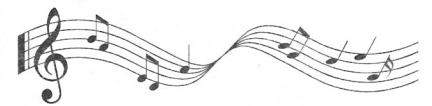


Project 88 Canton Music Study Club

The Canton Music Study Club has a rich history of providing programs and entertainment for local nursing home residents. In an effort to continue this tradition, the Music Club established Project 88, a campaign to provide a piano for the new facility.

Seasons is an assisted Living facility recently opened on the campus of Madison County Nursing Home in Canton. Area friends and music lovers graciously supported the project by contributing as key supporters or octave supporters and by participating in a raffle. The funds for the piano were

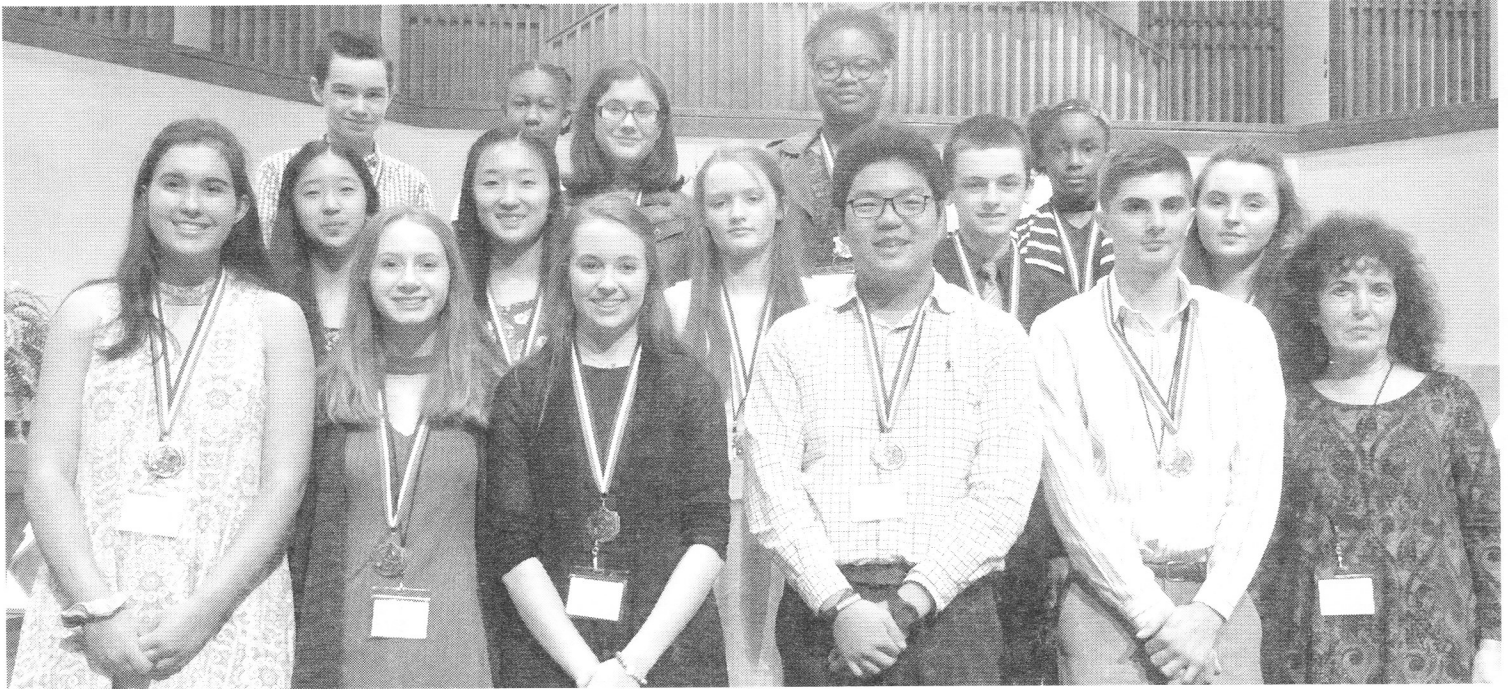
raised in less than four months. The new piano was delivered in February. A celebration was held during National Music Week featuring pianist Ric Grant performing the dedication recital. Canton Music Study Club members regularly perform and lead music activities at Seasons. The piano is also being used by the residents, their families, and local school and church groups to entertain and enrich the lives of those living at Seasons.



CALENDAR OF CLUB REPORT DUE DATES

January 10	AR-13-1	NMW Essay Contest	Regional Chairman
March 1	ME 5-2	Yearbooks	National Chairman
March 1	AM 1-1	Parade of American Music	Regional Chairman
March 15	FI 3-2	Founders Day Report	State Chairman
April 1	AR 14-1	Opera Report	State Chairman
April 1	AR 10-1	Music Outreach Club Report	State Chairman
April 1	JR 17-4	Dance Report	State Chairman
April 1	AR 7-1	Music in Schools and Colleges	State Chairman
April 1	AR 2-1	Chamber Music Report	State Chairman
April 1	AR 5-1	International Music Report	State Chairman
April 1	AR 11-1	Sacred Music Report	State Chairman
April 1	AR 3-1	Crusade for Strings Report	State Chairman
April 1	AR 8-2	Choral Music Report	State Chairman
April 1	AR 9-3	Together We Sing Report	State Chairman
April 15	AR 6-1	Music in Poetry Report	Regional Chairman
April 30	AD 2-1	Arts Advocacy Report	State Chairman
May 1	AM 7-2	Folk Music Report	State Chairman
May 1	PR 3-1	Radio/Television Report	National Chairman
May 1	PR 4-1	Internet Report	National Chairman
May 1	FI 9-3	Chapter PPA Report	State Chairman
May 15	AM 5	American Music Jr. Club Report	National Chairman
May 15	ME 7-1	Senior Club Rating Report	State Chairman
May 15	AM 2-1	American Music NFMC Club Award	Regional Chairman
May 15	AM 6-1	American Women Composers Report	National Chairman
June 1	JR 1-1	Junior Club Rating Report	National Chairman
June 1	AR 12-1	National Music Week Reports	State Chairman

The above dates pertain only to club deadlines. Some of the reports may have cash awards. Be sure to include written reports of outstanding activities including programs, news clippings, and pictures. Be sure to indicate the city where your club is located on the form. State chairs need to check the NFMC Manual for reporting dates to Regional or National chairs.



Ruth Keyes
MFMC Junior
Counselor



Dorothy Glover,
MFMC Junior
Co-Counselor

Junior News

On May 5, 2018, the 102nd session of MFMC Jr. Convention was held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Jackson. On this day, there were seventy-five different performances listed on the program. Some of these were in competitive recitals, some in the Honors Recital, and others were on an American Music Recital. In addition to all these performances by our outstanding juniors, the Honor Society met, new state officers were elected, and many awards

were given! There are opportunities for everyone!

Please make plans now to attend the 2019 MFMC Jr. Convention! It will hopefully be in late April or early May. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for our juniors, and be sure to watch your email for information about the 2019 MFMC Jr. Convention!

Ruth Keyes, MFMC Jr. Co-Counselor
Dorothy Glover, MFMC Jr. Co-Counselor



MFMC 2018 Festivals

Carolina Whitfield-Smith, Festival Chair, reports 53 Junior Clubs and 3 adults participated in the 2018 MFMC Music Festivals. There were 905 entries, with 457 of those Piano Solo and 283 Musicianship Theory. Other events included Piano Solo LFO, Piano Duet, Piano Hymn, Vocal Solo Art Song, Vocal Solo Musical Theater, Patriotic/Folk, Violin Solo, Violin Concerto, Cello Solo, and Fiddling Solo.

A total of 805 Superiors were received during the 2018 Festivals:

1 year - 297	8 Years - 12
2 Years - 158	9 Years - 9
3 Years - 110	10 Years - 5
4 Years - 79	11 Years - 2
5 Years - 66	12 Years -
6 Years - 38	13 Years - 1
7 Years - 28	

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FESTIVALS!!!

After 15 years of service, Carolina Whitfield-Smith is stepping down as Festival Chair and District IV-B Festival Chair. With such a large number of entries and clubs participating, a strong volunteer base is imperative to the success of the Festivals.

MFMC Festival Cups Report 2018

Carolina Whitfield Smith, Festival Cup Chair, reports the following Cups were

received in 2018:
15 Point Cups --- 98
30 Points Cups --- 34
45 Points Cups --- 12
60 Points Cups --- 1

MFMC FELLOWS

Charles Treas (deceased)

Beth McCauley (deceased)

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Sarah Flanagan

Mary Grace Johnson (deceased)

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**We thank you for your
support of MFMC!**





The 2018 National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMFC) Conference was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the Crowne Plaza hotel from June 19-23.

Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs members in attendance included Cecil Fox, Jr., Canton Music Study Club; Debbie Barnes, Neil Barnes, Lee Cummings, and Frances Nelson, MacDowell Music Club of Jackson; Ann Kay, Harold Kay of Tupelo Fortnightly Musicale. Shown are scenes from the Conference.



**Southeast
Region
Attendees**



**L to R: Frances Nelson, Cecil Fox, Jr., Neil Barnes,
Debbie Barnes, Harold Kay, and Ann Kay**



Lee Ann Cummings
Arts Advocacy Chair



Ann Kay, American
Women Composers Chair

Corinth Music Club Hosts Concerts

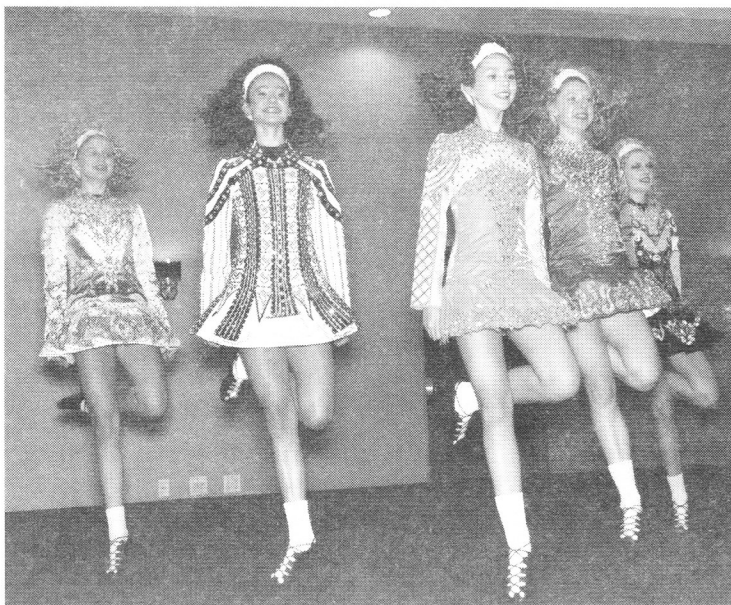
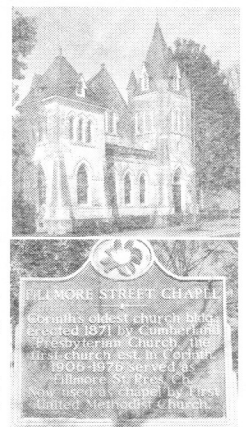
The Corinth Music Club presented the last of its Mid-Morning Concerts on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at the charming and historic Little Chapel of the First United Methodist Church. President William McMullin welcomed Lee Ann Cummings, state president of the Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs, to the event titled: Music, Maestro, Please!

The program celebrated National Music Week with a recital by young pianists who had either won the club's piano scholarship or the District VI scholarship to piano camp. Additionally, there were performers who had participated in the Corinth Area Arts Council's Show Off earlier in the year.

The 2018 recipients of the National Federation of Music Clubs Piano Scholarships include Faith Hagan, Pierce Peterson, and Maggie Hardin. Students must score a superior rating on piano auditions as well as a written theory test at the NFMFC Piano Festival to be eligible to audition for the scholarship. Donations received from the morning concert series funded the two local scholarships provided by the Corinth Music Club.

Corinth Music Club President William McMullin reported that the club decided in 2012 to open their programs to the public. The concerts are a monthly celebration of music in the Corinth area. The free concerts usually attract between 60 and 100 music lovers.

The club was gratified with final concert in the series having had throughout the year a spectacular showing by The Men's Quartet from First Baptist Church, an organ recital featuring Bevin Gregory Wilder, a soprano solo by Tanichi Temple, Dr. Terry McRoberts performing his classical piano recital, February Flutes by Bobbi Campbell, a club member, and Sentimental Songs from the 20's and 30's by club pianists, and the moving Spring Choral Concert by the Northeast Mississippi Community College Choir.



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Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs Calendar of Events 2019

District I Festival	February 16	FBC-Columbus
District II-A Festival	February 16	FBC-Philadelphia
District III Festival	February 23	William Carey University-Hattiesburg
District IV A&B Festival	March 2	FBC/FUMC-Canton
District V Festival	March 2	TBA
District VI A&B Festival	February 16	Harrisburg Baptist Church-Tupelo
District VI C Festival	February 2	First UMC-Corinth
Junior State Convention		TBA
MFMC State Convention	April 5-6	TBA-Jackson
Ellis Duo - Piano Competition	March 30	Belhaven College -Jackson
National Music Week	May 5-12	Theme "Music...A Magic Key"
NFMC Convention	June 18-22	Jacksonville, FL
NFMC Southeastern Regional Meeting	July 12-13	Brevard Music Center-Brevard, NC

