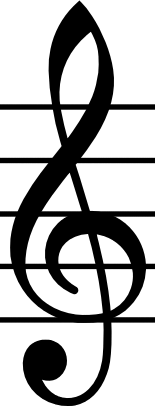
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**President’s Message**



**Beatrice Wassenberg**

**MFMC President**

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!

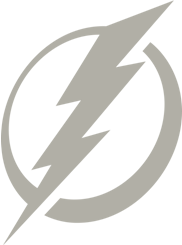
One very important part of the MFMC, which is very dear to my heart, is the presentation of awards for our young junior and collegiate musicians. Together, I hope to improve communication about our awards throughout the state, which provide these young people the important experiences of auditioning 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

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*News Flash*

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| 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  May 28-30 | National Music Week  *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 *Counter*Point requests Susan McDonald, *Counter*Point Editor  *elizamc428@comcast.net*  *316 Woodedge Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48304* |
| Aug. 15 | News Deadlines:  NFMC *Music Clubs Magazine* & MFMC *Counter*Point – Susan McDonald  *elizamc428@comcast.net* |

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🎜 Let MFMC know what your club is doing! Send program listings and club awards

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**Fall District Meetings**

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| 3HOJAS%20DE%20OTOÑO[1]  **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*  C:\Users\Owner\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\I92GZ8AO\Blue_compass_rose.svg[1].png | 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  ⮞ 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**C:\Users\Owner\Desktop\CCB.jpg    **Featured discussion:**  "How to Attract New Members” |
| **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](mailto:%20rocdnlk@aol.com)  Host Club: Jackson Tuesday Musicale | [Image result for Picture St John Lutheran Church Farmington Hills, Mi](https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=picture+st+john+lutheran+church+farmington+hills,+mi&id=3BF754F1F7B0FAD90C1E72560E78B2C14DE7D274&FORM=IQFRBA)  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 |

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**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.



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**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.