President’s Message
Pat Grantier

When I was a little girl in Dickinson, ND, my dad spoke highly of the St. Cecelia Music Club which in 1931 had given him a scholarship to attend the Interlochen, Michigan Music Camp where he had the privilege of playing clarinet under the direction of famed bandmaster John Phillip Sousa. He also remembered playing at a St. Cecelia club meeting after he returned from camp, and even in his 90’s would point out the house where he had played. Music was always present in my family home; no event was complete without a singalong.

Former past state NDFMC presidents Della Heid and Margaret Randall were community musicians whom I knew. Sister Moireen, OSB, a longtime music club member, was my high school piano teacher. After high school I attended the University of Colorado, B.S. and the University of Denver, M.A. I had a long career teaching high school English and being a high school counselor in Douglas County, Colorado where my three children grew up. But always, I was a music minister in my church and attended every musical event I could fit in, both in Colorado and in England where I lived for a year.

When I returned to Dickinson in 1998 to live, one of the first clubs I sought out was the St. Cecelia group. Later, I became its president and enjoyed helping with the Seranades held each year to raise funds for IMC and DSUs scholarships. During that time I also completed a music minor at Dickinson State University while teaching Freshman English classes there.

I served on the state NDFMC convention committee when Dickinson and Bismarck hosted it in 2003 and got to know many of the Bismarck/Mandan Thursday Music Club members. When I moved to Bismarck in 2004, joining music club was one of my first missions. For the past four years, I’ve served as South Central Festival secretary. In the next two years as state president, my goal is to promote the health and growth of local federated music clubs’ membership, programming, and fund raising. This rededication to our goals will enable successive generations to support and foster community music and musicians. I am honored to take on this challenge and will count on help from each member to make the goal reality.

Past President’s Farewell
Lila Gienger

The 45th Biennial Convention held in Grand Forks April 30 to May 2 was a great success. Too bad more of you did not attend. Any member of NDFMC may attend the state conventions. The Grand Forks and Devils Lake clubs did an outstanding job of organizing a wonderful program.

Before the Convention, I spent many nights dreaming of all the things that could go wrong at the last minute, but nothing happened. That anyone knew about.

Pat Grantier, Vice-President from the Bismarck/Mandan Thursday Music Club was elected as the new President. Please show her all the help and support you showed me.

When I was elected as the NDFMC President two years ago, I was terrified as to what I had gotten myself into. There were days when I wondered if I would ever be able to finish all the work that needed to be done. But with all the help from all of you as members of the federation, the work got done. And now I know that the past two years were some of the more enjoyable years of my life. Just because I am no longer your president doesn’t mean that I will retire into obscurity. I will have more time to take on whatever tasks are asked of me.

Whenever I need to relax, I turn to music. Let’s all do that!
CAROLYN’S CORNER  CAROLYN NELSON, NFMC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

The 61st legislative assembly drew to a close at 12:21 a.m. Tuesday, May 5. I was back in my hotel room and in bed in less than a half hour. It was an exhausting 79 days. I was so unhappy to miss our own state convention; the reports back to me have been great. Congratulations Grand Forks for having a terrific event.

Some good legislative things happened for the arts in ND. The Peace Gardens got permission to make improvements and landscape our new Alme Center at the Music Camp. The funding for construction of a wonderful addition to the Heritage Center in Bismarck was approved; our NDFMC historical records are stored in the state archives of the Heritage Center. The Council on the Arts budget was enhanced with some stimulus money.

In March I attended Arts Advocacy Day in Washington sponsored by Americans for the Arts, a coalition of many arts organizations; NFMC is a member. Sarah Tweedt, National Arts Advocacy chairman, Jan Webb, ND Council on the Arts executive director and I had the opportunity to attend the Nancy Hanks lecture given by Wynton Marsalis. It was wonderful (even was reported in Newsweek). I wrote about that event on my website, www.dakotanotes.com.

I will be giving an Arts Advocacy workshop at the national convention in Orlando as well as chairing the policy resolutions committee and budget meetings. I also serve on the Headquarters, Office and Finance committees. If you are attending the national convention, be sure to get your credentials in on time; voting for board members at large is important. I need supportive board members to get re-elected national vice president.

2009 STATE CONVENTION NOTES

The 45th Biennial Convention of the North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs met in Grand Forks April 30-May 2 at the Ramada Inn hosted by the Thursday Music and Devils Lake Music Clubs. The theme was “Music: A Gift to Share.” Convention co-chairs were Doris Lambie and Donna Koppenhaver.

Mary Angela Strasser, Hibbing, Minnesota, NFMC Membership and Education Division Chair was the National Guest.

The Convention was dedicated to Donna Koppenhaver for her years of faithful service to Thursday Music Club, the North Dakota and National Federations of Music Clubs.

Lila Gienger, State President, presided over all sessions assisted by Pat Grantier, Vice President, Dawn Penrose, Secretary, and Kris Brugamyer, Treasurer. Other officers included Sally Nordlie, East Region Vice President, Lana Simons, West Region Vice President, and Gordon Maier, Past President.

In attendance were: 5 Senior Club representatives, 6 Senior Club delegates, 1 national guest, 4 national officers, 4 past presidents, 4 state officers, and 5 committee chairs.

Reports and Actions from the Convention include:

- Donations to NFMC funds include: $421 Founder’s Day Pennies, $66 Past President’s Assembly Dues; and $1,044 NFMC Young Artist Fund.
- Festival Fees will go up $1.00/each entry this fall. These additional fees are to be used to build a national NFMC Festival data base that will be accessible on the NFMC website.
- New Officers are: Pat Grantier, President; Vivian Acuff, Vice President; Heather Hertz, Secretary; Kris Brugamyer, Treasurer; Sally Nordlie, Eastern Vice President; Lana Simons, Western Vice President. They were installed by Mary Angela Strasser, National Guest.
- Bismarck-Mandan Thursday Music Club will host the 2011 State Convention with a date to be chosen later.
- The NFMC 2015 Convention will be held in Fargo during the month of June. A committee was named to explore the details. Named to the committee were the Executive Board members, past state presidents, Williston co-presidents and Carole Flatau.
**FROM YOUR STATE TREASURER**

On May 31st the financial books close on the 2008-2009 year. Income and expenses remained within our budget, but non-budgeted expenses were a little more than expected. This was due in part to the increased festival fees by the NFMC last year. Last year the NFMC raised their portion of our fees from 50¢ to $2.00, but our state only raised the fees by $1.00, hoping to absorb the difference. We weren't able to do so, so next year the fees will go up by one more dollar to keep us on track. The new rate will be $14.00 per entry.

Our membership counts were down a little again this year in both the Senior and Junior Divisions. All but one of our former Senior Individual members joined a Senior club which did have a negative effect on the state’s dues income, but that being said, it is nice to have most of our individual members now associated with a club.

I have included a breakdown of the dues and contributions paid to the National Federation of Music Clubs below,

### SUMMARY OF 2008-2009 DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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**CONVENTION DOINGS**

- Lila Giegner
- Mavis Ness
- Hal Gershman
- Pat Grantier
- Karen Dalager
- Donna Koppenhaver
- Delegates Working
- Em Laskey/Alpha Roeszler
- Melanie Popejoy
- Kris Brugamyer
- Terri Sorenson
- Silent Auction
NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

WESTERN REGION

Lana Simons, Vice President

This winter, she visited the 4 Western Region Clubs--Dickinson St. Cecelia, Bismarck-Mandan Thursday Music, Minot Piano Teachers and Williston Thursday Musical--and really enjoyed their meetings. Her emphasis/theme for the year was “Increase in Membership and Meeting Attendance”, and the clubs discussed those issues with possible options and solutions at each meeting.

EASTERN REGION

Sallie Nordlie, Vice President

Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club met monthly using the Hymn of the Month and a poem at each meeting. They featured their endowed scholarship winners at several meetings. A highlight was celebrating their 115th Birthday during the January Founder’s Day meeting.

Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks also met monthly using the Hymn of the Month, poetry and folk songs. They, too, featured their endowed scholarship winners at meetings. Their 85th annual Christmas Musicale was held at the United Lutheran Church with wonderful music, Christmas message, and an offering which was dedicated toward partial scholarships for the International Music Camp.
They also hosted the 45th NDFMC Biennial Convention April 30-May 2, which was a delight for all who attended.

Editor’s Note: We hope to hear from all our music clubs next fall.

2009 FEDERATION DAY
Lana Simons, Chair

Federation Day at the International Music Camp will be Friday, July 24th. The Devils Lake Music Club will be hosting the reception for the Agnes Jardine winners, faculty and friends. The Camp Director, Dr. Tim Wollenzein and his wife, Lori, will be there to meet and greet all attending. Remember, this is a state-wide event and is not limited to members from the club providing refreshments and the NFMC representative to the International Music Camp!

Come and enjoy an afternoon and evening in the beautiful International Peace Gardens located in the Turtle Mountains.

STILLMAN-KELLEY/ THELMA BYRUM COMPETITION  Vivian Acuff, Chair

North Dakota had two entries in the Stillman Kelley/Thelma Byrum Competition this year. Leo Thorp of Grand Forks, a student of Gloria Bethke, was the winner and received the $100 NDFMC Stillman Kelley Award.

Leo has participated in NDFMC Festivals for several years. He also plays the flute in the Red River High School band and Junior Symphony, and plays the piano in the Red River Jazz band.

The Stillman-Kelley/Thelma Byrum Competition will return to the North Central Region in 2011.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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FROM THE EDITOR   Odee Maier

This edition, Volume 4, Issue 3, closes out a four year experiment for the North Dakota Federation. Our goal has been to keep our far-flung members aware of the activities in and around NDFMC, because we believe that informed members are more likely to be interested members. We hope this has happened with each of you.

The 2009 Convention voted to continue our newsletter, but with several changes. Because of budget constraints there will be just two issues per year: Fall and Spring, and we will be using electronics to send it to you as well as surface mail. This too will be a cost-saver. We understand that all members have been contacted about this option. If you have not been contacted, please let us know your choice. If you have e-mail we can send it to you that way. Better yet and much faster, go to our web site www.ndfmc.org, click on News then on Newsletters and see this issue in color. Contact us at info@ndfmc.org.

Have a good summer and look for Volume 5, Issue 1 next September.

FROM MARY ANGELA STRASSER’S POETRY READING WORKSHOP

I Hear America Singing.........by Walt Whitman

I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear; Those of mechanics—each one singing his, as it should be, bith thee and strong; The carpenter singing his, as he measures his plank or beam, The mason singing his, as he makes ready for work, or leaves off work; The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat—the deck-hand singing on the steamboat deck; The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench—the hatter singing as he stands; The wood-cutter’s song—the ploughboys, on his way in the morning, or at noon intermission, or at sundown; The delicious singing of the mother—or the young wife at work—of the girl sewing or washing—each sings of what belongs to him or her, and to none else; The day what belongs to the day. At night, the party of young fellows, robust, friendly, Singing, with open mouths, their strong melodious songs.

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JUNIOR DIVISION NEWS

JUNIOR COMPOSERS CONTEST - 2009  Sharon Wesbrook, Chair

North Dakota had 15 entrants at all levels sponsored by 7 teachers.
First and Second Place winners whose compositions were sent to the Regional competition include:

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*Entries were sent from Regional to final NFMC judging.

Gold Cups Awarded
Faith Osborne (1st cup), Nikki Edmiston and Brooke Jenson (2nd cup), and Emily Custer (3rd cup).

Late News:  Emily Custer won a Class IV Incentive Award for 2009. CONGRATULATIONS!!

FESTIVALS  Carma Kulish, Chair

There were 2,577 paid entrants in 135 Junior Clubs who earned 2,041 Superior ratings in 20 events.

GOLD CUPS  Lynda Pearson & Jann Belanus, Chairs

There were 527 Gold Cups awarded in 2009, including 10-60 point cups and 2-90 point cups (see pictures and bios on Page 7)

MUSIC WEEK ESSAY  Carma Kulish, Chair

Using the NFMC Music Week Theme: “Music…Poetry of the Heart”, Jasmine Percell of Minot wrote the North Dakota winning essay for which she received a $50 award from NFMC. See her essay in Junior Keynotes.

JUNIOR COMPOSERS INSTITUTE  Karen Bourne, Director

We congratulate Emily Custer, Evan Conway and Jared Hoeft for receiving national recognition in the Composition Competition. All three are JCI Alumnae who are returning for more challenge and instruction at JCI. If you are still considering attending, it is not too late; a few spots are still open for this year’s JCI. This year JCI will feature VocalEssence working with our students along with Phillip Brunelle. We are excited to welcome Linda Titus-Haugen to our faculty, along with returning Seth Custer and Randall Davidson.

Check the new website www.juniorcomposers.org for full details and a downloadable registration form. Contact Karen Bourne Director@juniorcomposers.org with any other questions. Thank you to all who have supported JCI through the years. We could not exist without your support and encouragement.
PRESIDENT’S CUP WINNERS 2009

Asta Lee

Asta Lee, daughter of Alice and Dr. Kon-Hweii Lee of Minot, was awarded the President’s Cup for piano in 2009. She has been studying piano since the age of four with Sarah Dimond. In addition to the piano, she also plays the violin and the clarinet.

A participant in the Junior Music Festival Program for twelve years, she began the Piano Concerto event in middle school. In December of 2008, she performed as a soloist with the Minot Symphony Orchestra as the winner of that year’s concerto competition.

Asta, who is currently a senior at Magic City High School in Minot, has been accepted into and plans to attend Columbia University in New York. She has received numerous awards for academic activities and achievements, including state champion of the Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, Reader’s Digest National Word Power Challenge, and the AAA Travel High School Challenge. She has also received awards at the state level for Mathcounts and Math Track.

Emily Custer

Emily Custer, daughter of Mike and Grace Custer of East Grand Forks (or Greater Grand Forks) was awarded the President’s Cup for piano in 2009. She has been a participant in NDFMC Festivals since the age of 5. Her most recent teachers included Dolores Loberg, Grand Forks; and she is currently a student of Dr. Robert Groves, Fargo.

Emily recently graduated from high school; she has been home schooled by her mother. Emily plans to attend North Dakota State University this fall where she will major in music.

She has earned many awards including a 45 point Cup in the North Dakota Junior Composers category this year, an Achievement Award in the NFMC Junior Composers Contest, the Evelyn Sampson Award and first place in the NFMC Lynn Freeman Olsen Composition Contest.

Some of Emily’s other interests include: performances with her piano, violin and voice; accompanying choirs, small groups and soloists.

Pictured with Emily is Sharon Westbrook, presenter.
WITH MUSIC IN YOUR HEART, YOU’LL NEVER WALK ALONE