for students were increased. Therefore, I am encouraging you who award IMC scholarships to consider increasing those amounts to help the students. I commend all of you who do give these scholarships, and have reported on the amounts given the past year.

Please mark your calendars for the biennial NDFMC convention to be held in Bismarck on April 25-27. We only meet every two years, so we really don’t have a lot of opportunity to interact with each other, and this is our chance to do that. I’m sure there will be information in this newsletter from the Bismarck-Mandan club relating to all of the wonderful things they have planned.

As part of the convention in April, we will be electing new officers. Our bylaws state that “No person shall be eligible for the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms, with the exception of the Treasurer.” The secretary and regional VPs have served one term, and thus are eligible to be reelected. Assuming that the VP will move up to president, and the eligible officers will be willing to serve another term, that leaves just the VP position to be filled.

We did elect a nominating committee at the board meeting: Eileen Geske (chair), Pat Grantier, and Lana Simons. You may be hearing from them before the convention, and please consider taking the nomination they offer you. Consider it a growing experience! I want to thank Pat Grantier and Effie Carr for being so willing to put out this edition of PRN. I think we all want to keep the lines of communication open, and it is a lot of work. I hope you all have an outstanding year. Call if I can be of help. Robyn Vinje, President

Robyn Vinje, NDFMC President
I imagine all of you have gotten your 2018-19 off to a good start. Your programs are planned, and arrangements for the Junior Festivals have begun. Declining membership continues to be a problem, and hopefully we can turn that around soon.

We had a successful fall board meeting September 29th at the University of Jamestown, with about 20 members in attendance. We heard many interesting reports by various board members, and received written reports from them, as well as from some who were not able to attend. I will be mailing the reports to board members who were not there to get your reports from “the box.”

Carolyn Nelson informed us that new Peace Garden directors have raised the rent for resident organizations like IMC. In turn, IMC fees...
Grand Cup to Ella Zhang

State Gold Cup Chairman, Bonnie Stomme, reports that one Grand cup was awarded to Ella Zhang, Grand Forks, student of Gloria Bethke. In all 470 cups were earned by NDFMC students.

Applause to students, parents, and teachers--work well done!

Karen Braaten, president of the GF club reminds that 20% of students study music, and 70% of adults wish they had.

News from St. Cecelia Music Club, Dickinson

by Kris Brugamyer, club president

It has been at least a decade since St. Cecelia Music Club held a regular “traditional” business meeting. The club held its first regular meeting of 2018-2019 on Thursday, November 1, at Jacobsen’s Music in Dickinson. It was encouraging to have about half the membership attend this meeting.

At the meeting, an election for officers was held. Kris Brugamyer was reelected as both the club’s president and treasurer. Pam Jangula was elected as the club’s vice president, and Jean Guenther was elected as secretary, replacing Roene Hulsing who had held the office for more than 10 years.

The club learned about a matching grant program from the IMC for 2019 camper scholarships, so a motion was made to donate $1,500 to this program with members making contributions in the month of November, and the club making up the difference to bring the total donated to $1,500. St. Cecelia depleted its own IMC scholarship fund in 2015, so no camper scholarships have been given by the club since then.

NDFMC National Music Week Report
National Music Week 2018

The 2018's NMW theme was Music...An Adventure for Life. How true. I received reports from three clubs on their NMW activities: Thursday Music Club of Bismarck-Mandan, Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club, and Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks. There were mayors’ proclamations, publicity, and many outstanding music events. I’m quite sure that some of the other clubs participated in NMW as well, but didn’t submit a report.

Each NDFMC club received a letter about National Music Week in March, encouraging as many activities as possible. The form for reporting these activities is on the NFMC website, and each club is encouraged to submit copies of news articles, pictures, and programs celebrating NMW. Brag a little!

As the newly appointed NCR NMW chair, I will be responsible for submitting the reports from our state clubs as well as the other states in the region next May.

Music Week, May 5-12, 2019
Theme: Music ...A Magic Key

Robyn Vinje, NDFMC NMW Chair
Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks is celebrating its 120th year. Our November meeting, outreach month, was held at Edgewood Parkwood Place. Our program featured 19-year-old Lane Lindseth, accordionist/pianist, and Dave Jeffrey, percussionist. The entertainment was enthusiastically received by our club and the Edgewood Parkwood residents.

**IMC News from Director Tim Baumann**

**SJCHF Provides Matching Grant for the International Music Camp**

The St. Joseph’s Community Health Foundation (SJCHF) is partnering with the International Music Camp to provide matching scholarship donations to be used for 2019 IMC Campers. Donations of any amount made to the SJCHF in the name of IMC between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31, 2019 will be matched up to a total of $5,000. Checks should be mailed to: SJCHF; 308 2nd Ave. SW; Minot, ND 58701. Online donations can also be made by visiting the [www.sjchfnd.org](http://www.sjchfnd.org) and clicking on the Twice Blessed link. Thank you for your help and support in making IMC an affordable and accessible arts experience for all young people.

**2019 NDFMC Scholarship**

The North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs has scholarships available for campers from North Dakota to attend the International Music Camp. The camper must study with a private instructor who is a due-paying member of the North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs. The application deadline is 5pm CST on May 3, 2019. The link to the description and scholarship form is: [http://internationalmusiccamp.com/registration/scholarships](http://internationalmusiccamp.com/registration/scholarships)
Ct to go to a laceas live music, lots of drinhttp://www.juniorcomposers.org/ks, oh and did I mention, live music?!? great place to go if you're not looking for that 'club' scene. It has pool/ ping-pong tables

The 2018 winner of the Evelyn Sampson Award, Liza Miller, 16, Bismarck, ND, student of JoLynn Keller, has taken private piano lessons for 10 years. She has been composing music for all that time. She has entered compositions in the ND Festival Junior Composer division the past two years, and has received 2nd place both years in her age group. She has also entered solos in the Hymn playing and piano solo categories and has earned gold cups in both categories. Liza loves a challenge.

Congratulations to Liza Miller, Winner of the Evelyn Sampson Award, an NFMC scholarship to Junior Composer Institute at the U of MN. To apply for the 2019 award, contact Pat Grantier patg@bis.midco.net 
To attend JCI see the website: http://www.juniorcomposers.org/NDFMC teachers' students have first chance at this award. Apply!

Bismarck Mandan Thursday Music Club
2018 highlights

NDFMC CONVENTION
APRIL 25-27, 2019 at the BISMARCK RAMADA INN and the BISMARCK VETERANS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Celebrating 100 years of NDFMC's federation.

Some Highlights: Young Artist, Kevin Ahfat's recital and workshop, Debussy Program Special memorial Brunch with the GC stars Business, of course, GOOD COMPANY AND music, music, music

You Won't Want to Miss It!

Teri Fay leads the Rhapsody chorus of Bismarck Mandan Thursday Music Club as they perform at the Former Governor's Mansion during the May fundraiser lunch

Strikepoint Handbells at "Go Light Your World" Barb Roberts leads

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You Won't Want to Miss It!
Visit a Club Event Near You
GF Thursday Music Club's Fundraiser Christmas Musicale is always very special. Dec. 2, 4 p.m.
- Calvary Lutheran Church
  1405 S. 9th Street
  Grand Forks, ND

FMAMC Programs: FREE
- Dec 3, 7P.M. Christmas Carol Ring
- Jan 21, 1P.M. Jazz in January
- Feb 18, 1P.M. NDSU Musicians
- March 4, 1 P.M. Opera
- All Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club programs are at
- First Presbyterian Church
- 650 2nd Ave N, Fargo

Notes from Pat Grantier, your representative to NFMC
Do you realize that as members of the National Federation of Music Clubs, you have great opportunities for both yourself and your students? Don't miss out! Go to the website
https://www.nfmc-music.org/
and explore the hundreds of competitions and awards for adults, juniors and senior students. Download applications and follow instructions. For example: The NFMC Ruth Morse Wilson Handbell Award (no age limit) Award amount $500

Ouida Keck Award $1750 for Professional Development for the Independent Piano Teacher

NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK ESSAY CONTEST due January 10. One $75 award is available in each state. There are also Dance, Jazz, American Music, Vocal, Collaborator (accompanist), Veteran, Instrumental awards too numerous to mention. Browse and see the many opportunities that you are missing.

I CHALLENGE you and your students to "go for it."

2019 Junior Festivals--offer to help, or just go to listen/support
- Bismarck, Feb. 8&9, McCabe Methodist Church, March 15–16, Library
- Devils Lake, Feb. 8/9, LRSC Dance and piano, both!
- Dickinson, March 9, DSU
- Fargo, March 16, NDSU
- Grand Forks, Feb. 16 Hughes, UND
- Minot, March 2, Minot State College
- Thompson, February 23, School
- Valley City, February 23, Foss Hall at VCU
- Williston, Mar. 21, Faith United Methodist Church
NFMC Young Artist, Kevin Ahfat, pianist, will appear in recital at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library on April 26, 2019.

During the 2017-18 season, Ahfat appeared throughout North America and abroad as soloist and chamber musician, most notably at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, the Zhuhai Grand Theatre in China, the Dame Myra Hess Recital Series in Chicago, and throughout the United States under the auspices of the National Federation of Music Clubs for which he received a Young Artist Award for the 2017-2019 seasons. This past season he was thrilled to give the North American Premiere of Camille Saint-Saëns’ Third Sonata for Cello and Piano (1919), recently published by Bärenreiter-Verlag, with a longtime artistic collaborator, cellist Juliette Herlin. In anticipation of this premiere, Ahfat filmed & produced a mini-documentary titled Soirée pour Camille, a short film documenting the historical context of the work, the artistic partnership of Ahfat & Herlin, and their joint exploration of French music.