



Metairie Music Club Newsletter

Fall 2013

Margarita Harvey, President



Theme: "Embracing the Moments of Music"

September has arrived! Hopefully the temperatures will catch up soon and it will begin to feel like autumn. Thanks to our new Program Chairman, Mary Monsted, and committee members, Peggy Fransen, Mario Zavala, and Julie Swanson, our monthly meetings for 2013-2014 have been planned. Keeping in mind our theme, I look forward to embracing these moments of music to come.

September Membership Social

Please mark your calendar for Friday, September 20, 6:30-8:30pm. Invite a friend or two to find out about Metairie Music Club and all the various opportunities we offer for anyone who is interested in promoting music in our community. Bonnie Knowles, 101 Homestead, will graciously host. Members will bring finger foods. Please contact Bonnie to find out what is needed. Incidental music will be provided by some of our advanced piano students. Iris Villarrubia will send invitations, so if you have a student or a friend you would like invited, please get the info to Iris ASAP. Membership forms can be downloaded from the website, metairiemusicclub.org. Deadline for membership dues is October 1. Teachers, Junior Club dues deadline is also October 1.

Officers for 2013-2015 and Committee Chairs

Our officers are as follows: Margarita Harvey, President, Sylvia Palmer, 1st Vice President; LoAnn Menzel, 2nd Vice President; Iris Villarrubia, Corresponding Secretary; Melanie Perez, Recording Secretary; Doris Menezes, Parliamentarian. Chairmen are as follows: Program, Mary Monsted; National Music Week, Sylvia Palmer; MMC Piano Competition, Jill Adoue; Together We Sing, Kay Siebel; Community Service, Cheryl Cumiskey; Founder's Day, Joyce Donaldson; Music in Poetry, Jeri Landry; Junior Composer's Contest, Melanie Perez; Junior Convention, Irene Vile and Bonnie Knowles. MMC is so fortunate to have members who are generous with their time and efforts. Please do what you can to help in any way if asked. It will be much appreciated!

Melodears

Come join the Melodears! Iris Villarrubia is our beloved Director and Diana Cangemi is our super wonderful accompanist. On the second Wednesday of every month, we sing for the elderly at arranged venues, then go to lunch. So much fun with friends! This is our community service, but we receive so much more than we give!

Did You Know?!?!

Metairie Music Club has many activities for our Junior Members, including Festivals, a Junior Composers Contest, National Music Week Essay and Bookmark Contests, and our own Metairie Music Club Piano Competition. Be sure to check out our MMC Yearbook and website, www.MetairieMusicClub.org, for information about all of these great activities! In addition, the LFMC sponsors several events, such as State Junior Composers Contest with cash prizes and winners' compositions being sent to Regional and National Competition. Plus, the National Music Week Essay winner for Louisiana earns \$50 and the winning essay is published in Junior Keynotes in the Spring. Visit www.LFMC-music.org for information regarding all state activities.

LFMC State Junior Convention- April 5, 2014

The first annual LFMC Junior Convention will be held at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux on April 5, 2014. Activities will include workshops and the election of junior officers. The highlight of the convention will be competitions in several events, with generous cash awards at the upper levels. The day will end with an awards ceremony. A flyer was sent to all club members from LFMC and it contains more details. All members are encouraged to attend and participate---not just junior counselors. MMC has made a five-year commitment to fund two of the awards. The LFMC Executive Board believes this convention will increase participation and involvement of our juniors, and will promote musical excellence.

LFMC STATE CONVENTION - April 3-4, 2014

Members from around our state will meet also in Thibodaux on April 3-4, 2014. Our own Joy Harvey is State President. LFMC provides a variety of Awards listed on the website, lfmc-music.org.

Honored to serve you, my friends and colleagues....

**Sincerely,
Margarita Harvey, President**