

## On a Musical Note

April 2016

### IN MEMORIAM

Agnes Downey

### The countdown continues to Tulsa '16!!

#### TWO MONTHS

The *MCM* and Junior Keynotes spring issue containing the "Official Call" for the 2016 NFMC Conference were mailed to the membership mid-March. The "Official Call" is also available on our website. The hotel deadline is May 30, 2016, and the deadline for registration and meal reservations is June 1, 2016. So, take the time now to register for a Conference that will have several "firsts." Who will be the recipient of the first NFMC Lifetime Achievement Award?

Speaking of *MCM* and the *Junior Keynotes*, a big "thank you" goes to Jean Moffatt and Mary Thomason. Jean and Mary did a fantastic job providing our membership with a wide variety of articles. These publications are an important lifeline to our membership. Dr. George Keck was grateful for the "Alumnus Notes: Chautauqua Music Camp 1975" submitted by Barbara Kemper Hois in the spring issue of *Junior Keynotes*. As stated by Dr. Keck, "If there is anything that proves the great value of preserving our NFMC history in the Archives, it is the article 'Alumnus Notes: Chautauqua Music Camp 1975' in the latest issue of *Junior Keynotes*. Had we not preserved and cataloged the picture in the Archives, there would not have been an opportunity to hear how the work of our Summer Music Centers impacts the life of a devoted musician. We would not have heard about the memories of the author and how her lifelong devotion to Chautauqua developed." Also, in the spring issue of *MCM* a big "thank you" to Sue Ann Reeves for sharing the history of Kentucky's Stephen Collins Foster Music Camp. There is so much history with our federated Summer Music Centers!

As of March 20, thirteen state presidents have registered for State President's Day. If you are an outgoing state president, make sure that the incoming president is registered for this very important training session. Southeastern Region Vice President Elaine Knight is happy to report that all but two of the active southeastern states will be represented at the State President's Day.

Vivian Acuff has been appointed the new Past Presidents Assembly Chairman. PPA reports can be mailed to Vivian at 6656 East Decatur Street, Mesa AZ 85205 or emailed to [vacuff@i29.net](mailto:vacuff@i29.net). Agnes Downey will be dearly missed for a lifetime of service to NFMC.

NFMC headquarters is accepting pre-orders for the 2017-2020 NFMC *Federation Festivals Bulletin*; the fee will be \$10.00 plus shipping. Please call 317-882-4003 or email [info@nfmc-music.org](mailto:info@nfmc-music.org) to place your order. The shipment of the *Bulletin* has been delayed until April 30. The new *Bulletin* will go into effect July 1. The office staff is keenly aware that members are eagerly awaiting the new *Bulletin* and will fill all orders in a very short period of time.

Finally, it is my goal to recognize all deceased members since the last NFMC meeting in Fargo. We have lost too many members this year. State presidents should send their deceased member list to Connie Randall by June 1.

### **Keeping the Music Alive for the Future!**

**Michael**