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## Come to Dallas for fall board meeting



*Texans attending the NFM Convention in Orlando, FL in June are, seated from left: Francis Christmann, Laurel Ince, Joe Ince, Mary Lou Connelly; and standing: Laverne Love, Jean Moffatt, and Sue Breuer.*

*(Photo by Al Hancock Photography)*

## Junior Composers may enter NFM contest

Do you know a budding composer? Then make sure he/she participates in the Junior Composition program. This is a terrific way for a

### Note to Treasurers

Dues notices are being sent to all clubs and are due back no later than December 1.

Senior clubs must send a list of all members, names and addresses with the dues. Also send Life Member names and addresses. This is for the mailout of the Music Clubs Magazine from National.

Please include the Founders Day contribution (\$1 per capita) and the Past President (PPA) dues of \$2 for each term served as president of club, district, or state, and any contribution for state or national. This goes to the Young Artist fund.

Clubs have been asked to send \$5 per year to the PNP Fund to endow the scholarship fund of President Lana Bailey at the conclusion of her term in 2011.

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child to receive ratings, positive critiques, and recognition for his efforts. Students may also work toward Festival cups!

This past year was very exciting. Seven teachers sent a total of 22 entries for 2009. Eight winning compositions and application forms were sent to the region contest. Five of the eight state winners placed at regional and advanced to national, and three of those received \$50 incentive awards. Those honored were Megan Garland, Junior II, a student of Bonnie Dove, Arlington; Jesse Lozano, Junior IV, Houston; and Dylan Love, Junior IV, also a student of Bonnie Dove.

For 2010 competition, all compositions, recordings (if applicable), application forms, critique sheets and fees must be sent to me postmarked on or before Jan. 15, 2010. Entrants must be members in good standing of NFM as either an active Junior Club member or an Individual Member, so sign them up this fall. More information, rules, and forms can be found online at <http://www.nfm-music.org/> or <http://texasfederation.com>. Be sure to secure the cor

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## Information, awards to be distributed

The 95th Texas Federation of Music Clubs board meeting will be Friday and Saturday, August 28-29, at the Embassy Suites Hotel Love Field, 3880 West Northwest Highway, Dallas.

The finance committee will meet at 9:30 a.m., followed by the executive committee at 10:45 a.m. The regular board meeting begins at 1:15 p.m. and goes until 5:10 p.m.

Dinner at 6:15 p.m. will be followed by a program showcasing sacred music. It is called "Through the Eyes of Faith," a spotlight on the music of Fanny J. Crosby.

Following a deluxe complimentary breakfast August 29, the board meeting will continue from 8:45 a.m. to noon, followed by a lunch at 12:15 p.m. The meeting will adjourn at 1:15 p.m.

The official call and registration form may be found on the back of this edition. Hotel reservations must be made by August 13 by calling the hotel at 214-357-4500. Meals must be reserved with TFMC Treasurer Dorene Allen by August 15.

All state officers and chairmen, and district presidents and vice-presidents will give a report. Please bring two copies for the secretary. All club presidents and TFMC members are encouraged to attend.

### SUMMER TRAVELS

TFMC members traveled to two Federation meetings during the summer. The NFM convention was June 1-7 in Orlando, FL. Four Texans were placed on the NFM Board, including past NFM president Mary Prudie Brown, Texas Representative Francis Christmann, At-Large member Laurel Ince, and *Junior Keynotes* editor Jean Moffatt.

Five Young Artists performed for the convention, including cellist Angela Park, soprano Kay Welch, baritone Daniel Seigel, pianist Dr. James Cockman III, and duo-pianists Drs. Stephen and Karen Savage. New officers were elected and installed.

Presidential Citations were presented to Dr. Richard Colwell and Dr. Simon Estes.

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# From Your TFMC President

by Carla (Mrs. Phil) Johnson

Greetings to our many musical friends. We all join together to become a Symphony of Friends with one purpose - to further the cause of music. Each one of you is a significant "orchestral" element in helping us to have a successful year.

What a joy and an honor it is for me to be the forty-ninth president of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs. The rich heritage of remarkable leadership is the foundation of our Federation. Our legacy is one of which we can be proud and grateful. Many thanks go to those who have served the past two years. Lora Lynn Christensen served our state with dignity and grace. Her many innovative ideas improved and helped our Federation to grow in many ways. Our music clubs would not function without the dedicated members we have at all levels. To all we give a big applause.

Although our official year begins July 1, our work begins months before. As you have been working on your programs, yearbooks, and making plans for your districts and clubs, I have been doing the same for our great state of Texas. Shirley Spoon has been relentless in helping to gather and put together our TFMC Directory.

My first official duty was to meet with District 1 at their summer board meeting. It was exciting to experience the enthusiasm of the sixteen members as they planned their year with President Marcia Evans. Much of their meeting was spent making plans to host the TFMC 95th Annual Convention March 4-6, 2010 in Lubbock.

Having just returned from attending Opera in the Ozarks, I cannot tell you the excitement that was at Rock Candy Mountain as we heard the incredible singers, orchestra, and productions of four operas. Twenty-seven of the fifty-four singers were either from Texas or were attending Texas universities. You will be hearing more about OIO as Texas will be the host state next summer for the 60th (diamond) anniversary. Be sure to start making your plans to attend July 14-17, 2010 at Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Goals are dreams with a plan, and my goals these two years are to communicate, educate, and orientate. This will be done by e-mail, the TFMC Directory, the Musical Messenger (MM), the TFMC state board meetings, and the TFMC Conventions. Already much communication has gone out via e-mail. Please make sure that at least one person in your club is an e-mail contact person for your club. E-mails from me will be from CarlaTFMC@aol.com and will be ONLY concerning Federation information.

There is no way that I can share everything through the Musical Messenger. Please plan to attend our TFMC state board meeting August 28-29, 2009 at the Embassy Suite Love Field in Dallas. The meeting will begin Friday at 1:15 and end Saturday at 1:15. The Official Call is on the back of this MM. The new TFMC Directory (including the new by-laws) will be handed out as well as numerous awards. State officers, chairmen, and district presidents will make their planning reports. There will be time for questions and answers. Club presidents and members are also encouraged to attend, as this is a great time to be educated and to communicate with other TFMC members. At the Friday night dinner, we are having a special program showcasing sacred music - "Through the Eyes of Faith," the music of Fanny Crosby.

This is YOUR Federation. It is not "them," but "us." I want your input, your help, and your participation. There are new ideas and events that are being implemented these next two years, and I want you to be a part.

Lest this become an epistle, I will close by saying a special thanks to Jean Moffatt for helping us to "communicate, educate, and orientate" our members by way of the Musical Messenger.

I look forward to seeing you in August at our TFMC State Board Meeting as we celebrate "Music...the Joy of the Heart."

Musically yours,

*Carla Johnson*



*Immediate past TFMC president Lora Lynn Christensen (l) hands the gavel to newly-installed president Carla Johnson at the close of the 94th annual convention in Abilene. Carla began her two-year term July 1.*

## Calendar of Events

TFMC Fall Board meeting August 28-29, 2009, Embassy Suites Love Field, Dallas

Opera in the Ozarks Board Meeting Oct. 30-31, 2009 & March 2010, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

TFMC Convention March 4-6, 2010, Radisson Hotel, Lubbock; Host, District 1

National Music Week May 2-9, 2010; Theme, "Music...A Key to the Future"

TFMC State Festival May 22, 2010, Texas State University, San Marcos

OIO Federation Days, July 14-17, 2010, Eureka Springs, AR  
NFMC Board Meeting August 3-8, 2010, Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, Coraopolis, PA

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## Yearbook Information for 2009-2010

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**Theme:** "Music...A Gift for All Seasons"

**Hymn:** "America, the Beautiful"

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# Rockdale club celebrates centennial year



*Members of the Matinee Musical Club of Rockdale dress in period costumes and pose on the caboose steps at the restored depot to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the club's founding January 9, 1909. See accompanying story for an account of the club's yearlong celebration.*

*by Gloria Thrasher, club reporter*

The Matinee Musical Club of Rockdale celebrated its 100th anniversary during the past club year of 2008-09. Highlights included our celebratory programs. In September we presented an Evening of Harp, Opera and Jazz for the community. We participated at the local VFW with a Veterans' Day Salute.

We remembered and honored our founders in January with a special multi-media presentation and tea at our historic Episcopal Church. It is located across the street from the home of our foundress, Mary Perry. The club held its organization meeting on her front porch on Saturday, January 9, 1909.

We presented a train program in March at the Arts Festival at our historic newly-restored depot. The depot history was told through story and folk songs. This program was again presented during Texas Public Schools Week for RJH 7th graders.

We closed the season with a concert in May during National Music Week, featuring past local scholarship winners and several youth musicians. We all have a better understanding of our roots and past community involvement, and look to the future for our continued success.

## Yearbook information, cont. from p. 2

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### Junior Keynotes

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**State President's Theme:** "Music...The Joy of the Heart"  
**Song:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by Ludwig van Beethoven

**Goals:** "Communicate, Orientate, Educate"

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National Federation of Music Clubs  
Together We Sing – (2009-2010)  
Carole Flatau, Chairman  
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Arts  
#AR 9-1

September 2009	Chester	William Billings
October 2009	Hard Times Come Again No More	Stephen Foster
November 2009	Let There Be Peace on Earth	Sy Miller/Jill Jackson
December 2009	I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day	Longfellow/Calkin
January 2010	The Sidewalks of New York	Lawlor/Blake
February 2010	Battle Hymn of the Republic	Howe/Traditional
March 2010	Shenandoah	Traditional
April 2010	Take Me Out to the Ball Game	Norworth/Von Tilzer
May 2010	Shall We Gather at the River?	Robert Lowry
June 2010	Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean	Thomas a' Beckett
		Unknown
July 2010	Swing Low, Sweet Chariot	Traditional spiritual
August 2010	Home on the Range	Higley/Kelley

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June 2009 / .05 each

# NFMC Special Requirements for Club Yearbooks

	POSSIBLE POINTS	CHECK
<b>COVER:</b> name of club, NFMC Insignia, State Insignia, city, state, and year. (NFMC Insignia above State Insignia; if on the same level, to the left of State Insignia)	10	_____
<b>PAGE ONE:</b> name of club, dates of organization and affiliation with NFMC; themes of National and State Presidents	10	_____
<b>NATIONAL POSITIONS AND ADDRESSES:</b> NFMC Headquarters, President, First Vice-President, Vice-President in Charge of your Region, National Board Members representing your state, club members serving in national capacity	5	_____
<b>STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICERS:</b> with addresses, club members serving in state and district capacity (state and district placed after national)	5	_____
<b>CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:</b> (club must be placed after state and district)	5	_____
<b>NFMC COLLECT AND FEDERATION HYMN</b>	5	_____
<b>WORDS OF NFMC OFFICIAL INVOCATION:</b> with the following credit line "Printed by: permission of the Publisher, Theodore Presser Company, 1954 Mowbray Music"; <b>and/or</b>	5	_____
<b>THE NFMC BENEDICTION,</b> "The Gift of Song," (words and melody line may be reprinted)		
<b>NFMC TOGETHER WE SING:</b> month, title, composer	10	_____
<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS:</b> with dates, include National Music Week with theme, dates and places of national and state conventions, board meetings, festivals, Federation Day, local events, etc.	8	_____
<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMS:</b> Parade of American Music (November), NFMC Founder's Day, Sacred Music, Folk Music, Leadership/Orientation, International Music, National Music Week (May). Programs may be combined.	20	_____
<b>NAMES, ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS</b>	5	_____
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN</b>	2	_____
<b>CLUB CONSTITUTION, CHARTER, BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES</b>	10	_____
<b>CLUB YEARBOOK POSSIBLE SCORE</b>	100	_____

## SCORE AWARDS

95-100 Points	Points Award of Merit, Certificate with Quadruple Ribbons
90-95 Points	Award of Merit, Certificate with Triple Ribbons
85-90 Points	Award of Merit, Certificate with Double Ribbons
76-84 Points	Award of Merit, Certificate with Single Ribbon
1-75 Points	Award of Merit, Certificate with Seal

Mail to the following people by the approximate dates shown:

<b>TFMC Chairman</b>	<b>NFMC Chairman</b>	<b>TFMC President</b>	<b>NFMC President</b>
<b>Dec. 31, 2009</b>	<b>March 1, 2010</b>	<b>December 1, 2009</b>	<b>December 1, 2009</b>
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Also mail to your district president and your district education chairman by October 1, 2009 for judging at your district conference.

# TEXAS FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

## Achievement Records, Senior Division

### Score Sheet for District and State Evaluation

		POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS EARNED
<b>I.</b>	<b>COVER</b>		
	a. NFMC Cover (order from NFMC)	5	_____
<b>II.</b>	<b>TITLE PAGE AND CATEGORY</b>	<b>12</b>	_____
	a. State Insignia	2	_____
	b. Texas Federation of Music Clubs	2	_____
	c. Name of Club	2	_____
	d. Dates Covered (State Convention to State Conv.)	2	_____
	e. Category of Book, Indicated on Title Page	2	_____
	1. Large - 51 members and over		
	2. Medium - 26 to 50 members		
	3. Small - up to 25 members		
	f. Name and address of State, District, Club chairmen	2	_____
<b>III.</b>	<b>TABLE OF CONTENTS</b>	<b>15</b>	
	a. Place in back of book - ALPHABETICALLY	15	_____
<b>IV.</b>	<b>MATERIAL</b>	<b>30</b>	
	a. Officers' (NFMC, TFMC) names and addresses	5	_____
	b. Officers' (District & Local) names & addresses	5	_____
	c. NFMC Chairmen and Board members from Texas (names and addresses)	5	_____
	d. Pictures (National, State, District, Local, etc.) awards	5	_____
	e. Newspaper clippings and printed articles must include name and date of paper with NFMC and TFMC underlined in RED	5	_____
	f. Publicity or coverage of NFMC and TFMC Board meetings, conventions and district meetings	5	_____
<b>V.</b>	<b>ARRANGEMENT</b>	<b>38</b>	
	a. Continuity - show activities in order by the month; any item dated later relating to an earlier dated event must be so noted	12	_____
	b. Spacing, margins, legibility, neatness and proper fastening of exhibits	18	_____
	c. Pages numbered -- not to exceed 164	8	_____
		<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE 100 points</b>	_____
<b>EVALUATION SCORE</b>			
<b>97 - 100</b>	<b>Blue Ribbon</b>		
<b>92 - 96</b>	<b>Red Ribbon</b>		
<b>Below 92</b>	<b>White Ribbon</b>		

**NOTE: Only BLUE RIBBON BOOKS at District Evaluation are eligible for state. BRING AND PICK UP for state convention.**  
**No Mailing.**

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**National Federation of Music Clubs**  
**NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK ESSAY CONTEST**

**Arts**  
**# AR 13-1**

**Available Online**

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**Awards:** . An award of \$50.00 will be presented in each state in which a winner is declared.

. An Award of Merit Certificate will be presented to each winner and teacher.

**Essay Rules:** 2010 Theme: *Music...A Key to the Future*

• Contest open to 7-12th grade students. Essay must be typed and no longer than 500 words. Essay is judged

on content, neatness and legibility. Membership in NFMC is NOT required to enter.

• Entry form with deadline **postmark date must be by February 1, and mailed to the regional chairman for your state. (Address above).**

• Include a wallet size photo with your application form.

• The essays become the property of the NFMC and may be published. Winners, teachers and state presidents will be notified in the winning states.

**Entry Form for National Music Week Essay Contest**

Entry form and essay must be sent to the Regional NMW Chairman of the entrant's home state by postmark deadline February 1. All entries become the property of NFMC and will not be returned. The undersigned hereby applies to enter the National Music Week Essay Contest. State winners are ineligible to re-enter.

Name of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School: \_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_ 12 Include Wallet Photo

Are you a member of an active junior club \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If a member, give the name of your group \_\_\_\_\_

• I hereby certify that I am eligible to enter this contest according to the rules and will comply with all of the conditions outlined.

• If I am one of the national winners, I request that my award be sent to the address listed above, and that the Award of Merit be presented to the following in my name:

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Texas Juniors in grades 7-12 may download the form and mail by December 15, 2009 to: Annette Griesbach  
905 Cady Road  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
or in an attached document to her email address: [annetteg9@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annetteg9@sbcglobal.net)

Texas had a NMW winner in 2009: Katie Johonneson of Rowlett, an 8th grader and student of Chrysteen Kempainen. See her essay in spring editions of *Music Clubs Magazine* and *Junior Keynotes*. Katie won \$50 as the Texas winner. Read about the NMW contest on page 7.



## TFMC Festival attracts 1,428 entries

The 34th anniversary of the TFMC Festival was May 16, 2009 at Texas State University, San Marcos. Attracting 1,428 entries, the day ended with 212 all-state winners and 14 monetary awards totaling \$3,800. To see the individual winners and their teachers, go to [www.texasfederation.com](http://www.texasfederation.com).

Next year's state Festival will be May 22, 2010 at Texas State University, San Marcos. Festival participation is open to any Junior member who has earned a Superior Rating in a district or local Festival during the current year and currently resides in Texas. Teachers entering students must be current members of TFMC/NFMC.

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### Jr. Composers, cont. from p. 1

rect forms before submitting your entries.

The Junior Composers program is one of the best-kept secrets in Texas, and we need to get the word out about such a great opportunity for a young Bach or Gershwin. Share the news with your colleagues and friends. Let's have a "Texas-sized" contest this year!

Sherry Frush, NCTM

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*Some of the Texas delegation to Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Eureka Springs, AR, July 15-18. Texas will host the 60th anniversary Federation Days observance July 14-17, 2010.*

## Summer Federation trips, cont. from p. 1

A second Federation trip came July 14-17 at Opera in the Ozarks, Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Texas was well represented at the meeting and in the OIO company, staff, and orchestra.

Texas' official representatives to the Governing Board are Carla Johnson as state president and Jean Moffatt, who serves as recording secretary. Texas trustee is Lee Meyer. At-large members are Sue Breuer, vice-president; Tim Danielson, Gloria Thrasher, Richard Drapeau,

and Dr. John Schmidt. Members emeriti are Mary Prudie Brown and David Hobart, who also serves as historian.

Three Texans underwrote productions this summer: David Hobart, Maria DeWaal Putter in memory of Sylvia Kerr, and Jean Moffatt honoring the Hobart legacy. Texans who underwrote nights of opera were Francis Christmann, Etude Music Club of San Antonio, Maria DeWaal Putter, and Wednesday Morning Music Club of Austin.

TFMC underwrote three nights of opera honoring Francis Christmann, Mary Prudie Brown, and Lora Lynn Christensen. Betty Hall underwrote a night of opera in 2008 which was left out of last year's MM edition.

Texans who gave scholarship funds were Richard Drapeau, the estate of Martha McCurdy, Mary Guemple, Harmony Club of Ft. Worth, David & Jeanice Hobart, Jean Moffatt, Music Club Friends of Austin, Maria DeWaal Putter, and TFMC. TFMC not only gave to the NFMC scholarship winner, but also sponsored Jennifer Boyer and John Green.

Benjamin (Gage) Hermann of Midland, a tenor who participated in all four opera productions this summer, received the Mary Prudie Brown Award for Further Education Study. Hermann, formerly pursuing a bachelor's degree at Texas Tech, has opted to study this year with vocal teacher David Corman at Odessa College.

We extend our deepest sympathy to past TFMC president Sue Breuer on the deaths of her son Carl, 49, of Spring on July 25 and her older sister, Virginia, in Arkansas July 16.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Lora Lynn Christensen on the death of her father, Darcil Sanders, of Salem, NM on June 1.

## NMW Essay Contest open to Juniors in grades 7-12

The stage might be the venue for the performer of music and the arts. The theater or concert hall might be the place for the listening audience. Just so, the blank page might be the arena for the "literary talented," where through their words, they can express what music means and does for their spirit.

The National Music Week essay contest will be here before we know it! Please encourage young people, grades 7-12, to enter the contest. Theme for 2010 is "Music...A Key to the Future." The essay should capture this theme in 500 words or less. The winner will receive a \$50 cash award and an Award of Merit.

So that entries can be read and sent on to the Regional Chairman, the deadline for Texas state entries must have a postmark date of no later than December 15, 2009. Send to TFMC Chairman for NMW Essay Contest, Annette Griesbach, 905 Cady Rd., Rockdale, TX 76567. The entry may also be sent as an attached document to her e-mail address: [annetteg9@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annetteg9@sbcglobal.net). The official rules and entry form are in this edition and can also be found on the nfmc website.

# OFFICIAL CALL

## Texas Federation of Music Clubs 95th Annual State Board Meeting August 28-29, 2009 :- Embassy Suites Hotel Dallas Love Field 3880 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas 75220

### SCHEDULE

#### Friday, August 28

Finance Committee ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Executive Committee ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Regular Board Meeting ..... 1:15-5:10 p.m.  
Dinner ..... 6:15 p.m.  
Program -- Showcasing Sacred Music,

#### *"Through the Eyes of Faith"*

#### Saturday, August 29

Board Meeting Continued ..... 8:45-12 p.m.  
Lunch ..... 12:15 p.m.

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office/Chairmanship(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Event	Price	No.	Total
Registration (required)	\$10.00	___	___
Friday Dinner	\$29.50	___	___
Saturday Lunch	\$22.00	___	___

#### TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to TFMC. Cut and mail by **August 15** to Dorene Allen, 4606 Fountain Lane, Odessa, TX 79761; ldoreneallen@yahoo.com; 432-367-2827

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Hotel rooms** are \$105 for up to 4 people and are subject to city and state tax. Each room includes a deluxe breakfast. Cutoff date is **August 13, 2009**. Call the hotel and ask for the **TFMC rate**: 214-357-4500. Use the same number to get a complimentary shuttle to and from Love Field.

All state officers and chairmen, district presidents and vice-presidents will give a report. Please bring two copies for the secretary. If you are unable to attend, please mail/e-mail a copy of your report with your regrets.

Please consider mailing in a registration fee even if you are unable to attend. This helps defray the cost of the meeting.

All club presidents and TFMC members are encouraged to attend. You will receive much information to help you get off to a good start for your club year. Since NFMC had a convention in June, there have been several changes that you need to know about. This gives you an opportunity to see other music lovers around the state and get to know each other better. It's a fast, but very informative, meeting with lots of fun that you won't want to miss!

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