



PFMC President's JUNE NEWS



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MEMORIAL DAY

Here we go! The start of a new adventure is always exciting and sometimes frightening. However, being prepared for the journey can turn uncertainty into motivation for moving forward. I do look forward to the challenge of my new responsibilities as President of PFMC.

The PFMC Convention in April was a celebration of the past 100 years of our organization and the many individuals who helped shape our past. There were several displays of pictures to help us remember the numerous meetings, conventions and special events, not to mention the many individuals who “built” PFMC from the ground up. One display in particular caught my attention. In front of poster boards filled with pictures was a fence with a gate. The gate not only opened, it swung both directions. As Barbara Murray and I talked about the pictures and the gate, Barb made a comment that impressed on my mind a very important concept. The gate represented the connection between our past and what is to come. It marked the beginning of a new era, a new century for PFMC. As we begin a new centennial, most assuredly there will be changes but only after much discussion and agreement to make those changes.

Would you agree PFMC is a work in progress? The founders of PFMC could never have imagined what this organization would be in 2016 and we have no idea what PFMC will be in another 100 years.

There will be many new adventures and many new people to help “build” the next 100 years. But the gate will always open to the past as we remember those who shaped the first 100 years and we can recall their wisdom and experiences to help shape our future.

I recently read an article about a double-bass player from the Mexico City Philharmonic. He talked about how some of the finest instruments in the world are made from wood that has been allowed to age naturally for 80 years, to remove the moisture. The instrument then must be played for 80 years before it reaches the best quality sound. Imagine, starting the task of making a world-class instrument and never live to see or hear the results! Would you not agree that PFMC is a work in progress? The founders of PFMC could never have imagined what this organization would be in 2016 and we have no idea what PFMC will be in another 100 years. Regardless, it falls on us to move forward and start the new journey, to create new memories and become the individuals who help “build” our future. I ask you to be builders with a vision for the future that is realistically optimistic and look on the positive side of the challenges we face! Never be guilty of thinking your job does not matter – that your job is not important. Remember, the engineers and millionaires design and finance a beautiful building but it is the bricklayers and construction workers that get the job done!

I will end with a quote from a devotional book: *Words are the blossoms, action the fruit.*
Let's get started building our future!

My theme for the coming term will be: **Building Our Future by Remembering Our Past**

Linda Maurhoff
PFMC President

Announcements:

EKK forms are due on or before July 30, 2016. Send to Barbara Murray, Chairman:

P.O. Box 84 – Dushore, PA 18614. bemurray84@yahoo.com

If you attended the PFMC Convention last month, please complete the survey form and send to Sue Roy.
auntsue@epix.net

June 30, 2016 is the deadline for chairmen to submit a letter for the PFMC Senior Manual to Joanne Vago. I have attached the updated, corrected copy of PFMC stationary. Please follow guidelines for the letter to make the task of compiling the information easier. Questions should be sent to Joanne.
jmv20919@epix.net

Attached is a copy of PFMC letterhead (corrected) for your use. The copy you received on Saturday at the convention had the wrong phone number. Be sure to use the attached corrected copy for communications concerning PFMC. We want to be professional in our communications. Stationary and envelopes will be available at the Fall Board meeting in September.

I will be sending another email with an attachment. Please read through the current list of PFMC Board Members and check for errors. The attached list is just names and positions. Also remember to send any updates for contact information to Charlene Hubbard and myself. Charlene will be compiling the new Roster and Directory. Remember: Contact information will no longer be posted on the PFMC website.
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July 15, 2016 is the deadline to submit articles for the next PFMC News Sheet. Send information to Mary Ellen Ulmer. ulmerme@hotmail.com

PFMC Fall Board Meeting: Friday-Saturday September 16-17, 2016.

Meetings Coordinator, Dorothy Wester requests we make hotel reservations for the Comfort Inn before August 26, 2016. There is a Penn State home game that weekend and the hotel will be sold out. **BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY!**

Comfort Inn – Duncansville, PA Phone: 814-942-2600.

Mention PFMC for discount.