



## PFMC President's July 2017 News



Happy Fourth of July! I trust your Holiday will be filled with lots of fun activities. As we celebrate our nation, take time to think about some of the great patriotic music that stirs our hearts. Today, July 3<sup>rd</sup> is the birthdate of American composer, George M. Cohen. Deborah Freeman, NFMC American Music Division Chair sent two short articles about American Music and I am attaching to this email. Please take time to read both.

Two weeks ago today was the start of the 2017 NFMC Convention in Dayton, OH. Attending were five PFMC members and four spouses to represent Pennsylvania. As always, the week was filled with wonderful music and very informative sessions. This is the year for NFMC Young Artist auditions. The winner in each category performed Thursday evening of the convention and the level of talent goes beyond words! I am currently working with the NFMC to bring a Young Artist for the 2018 PFMC Spring Convention.

Be sure to read the attached memo from NFMC President, Michael Edwards with important information you will need for 2017-18 club yearbooks. If your club has new officers for the coming year, be sure to send the information to Charlene Hubbard ([charlenehubbard@hotmail.com](mailto:charlenehubbard@hotmail.com)), Mary Ellen Ulmer ([ulmerme@hotmail.com](mailto:ulmerme@hotmail.com)), and me ([pfmcpres203@hotmail.com](mailto:pfmcpres203@hotmail.com)). You should also send the information to your PFMC District Chair.

PFMC Senior and Junior Club Manuals will not be printed this year but we do need to send out corrections or additions. Please send information to me and I will forward to the manual editor. Ruth Ann McChesney has updated our website, [www.pfmc-music.org](http://www.pfmc-music.org) so check it out! If you have corrections or additions send to Ruth Ann McChesney ([pfmcram@hotmail.com](mailto:pfmcram@hotmail.com)).

The 2018 PFMC Convention plans are progressing. Convention Chair, Kathy Kemerer, PFMC VP Charlene Hubbard and I plan to meet with NW District Senior Club Presidents in August to talk about the plans and agenda for the convention. The District hosting a PFMC Convention has certain responsibilities but we need all PFMC Clubs to actively participate. PFMC clubs and individuals can provide ads for the program book and send financial contributions as a sponsor/contributor for the event. Most important, we need PFMC members to attend the convention! Promote the convention to your club members! More info will be in the August PFMC News Sheet.

Looking ahead: Federation Days at Chautauqua Music Institution July 8-9, 2017  
PFMC Fall Board Meeting September 15-16, 2017 **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Enjoy the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday and Celebrate America!  
Blessings to All

*Linda Maurhoff*  
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