PARADE OF AMERICAN MUSIC

November is Parade of American Music month. It is the month to schedule your program to honor our country and our country's composers. Every club is encouraged to plan a program to celebrate American music as the theme in November.

Our country's heritage includes many styles of music. Our American music includes hymns, spirituals, Broadway music, jazz, solo music, symphonies, band music, folk music and opera music.

There are various ways to plan this program. Some suggestions are as follows:

- Plan American women composers and their music on the program.
- Perform American compositions of piano or of chamber music.
- Perform music from various American Broadway shows.
- Attend recitals of American composers.
- Support local band concerts and/or orchestra concerts that have American music by American composers on their programs.

Ask your mayor and governor to give you a proclamation that November is the Parade of American Music month. Request your local church music directors to use America music in their church services. Give publicity to your local TV station and radio station. Give articles with pictures to your local newspapers announcing that November is the Parade of American Music month.

Ask someone from your club to save the programs, newspaper articles, pictures, and governor's and mayor's proclamations. Printed programs must have the NFMC logo and a statement, “The National Federation of Music Clubs observes American Music month annually in November through the Parade of American Music.” Fill in the #AM 1-1 form of the Parade of American Music. Send your Report postmarked by March 1 to Karl Morris, 200 Country Club Dr. SE, Warren OH 44484. Send Contest Entries to Karen Bourne, 397 Riviera Circle, Dakota Dunes SD 57049, 712-577-0277.

Enjoy your Parade of American Music in November.

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