

Florida Elementary  
Music Educators Association

**FEMEA  
Membership:  
Investment Equivalent:**



*Less than the cost of a dinner out!*

**Time to Renew!**  
*FEMEA membership doesn't cost... it pays!*

| Benefit  | Value                            |
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| Free admission to district workshops   | \$30/workshop                    |
| Free access to the FEMEA Media Library   | \$10-\$100 /movie check out      |
| Free digital copies of all FEMEA session notes at January conference ( <i>not just the sessions you attend</i> ) | \$30                             |
| Janice Lancaster Professional Development Scholarship  | \$500                            |
| Dorothy Land Past President's Grant  | \$1000                           |
| Advocacy for our Profession  | <b>PRICELESS</b>                 |
| <b>FEMEA Membership = \$25 !!!</b>   | <b>FEMEA Value = over \$1700</b> |



It's time to consider your 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders for All State Chorus!

A highlight of the January 2011 FMEA conference was the performance of the Elementary All-State Chorus, directed by Dr. Ann Small. **Robert Todd** is to be commended for his admirable work as 2010 All State Coordinator. What a valuable experience this is for our children! The 2012 Elementary All-State Co-Directors will be [Ken and Susan Berg](#). FEMEA members may nominate up to five students who appear on your class roster for consideration in the 2012 chorus. The audition packet has some important changes; please take note as you prepare your students.

**All State Chorus News**

There are two important changes to the All State audition procedure:

1. You are allowed and encouraged to practice the tonal memory samples with the students prior to making your audition recordings.
2. As in the past, teachers may submit up to five (5) audition recordings. A change from past years: **A maximum of five (5) students from one school may be selected to be in the chorus.** The mission of FEMEA is to promote a high quality, comprehensive music education for all Florida students and seeks to broaden the participation of teachers and students statewide.

**Print your PACKET NOW at**  
<http://www.flmusiced.org/femea/>

The FEMEA Board recommends that you begin the audition process right away, as the audition materials must be postmarked to respective district chairs by September 24, 2011. Most important: **You must be a member of FEMEA no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> in order to have your audition tapes considered. [Make sure you select the FEMEA component in addition to FMEA Active Membership when you apply/renew your membership.]**

**Music Advocacy**

Make the [FMEA Legislative Alert page](#) part of your daily web-browsing. You may wish to look up the district # for your school address at [this link](#).

Check out the FEMEA website at <http://www.flmusiced.org/femea>  
Special thanks to our NEW WEBMASTER [Cynthia Tekel](#) for her dedication to improving and maintaining our website.

~ January 2012 FMEA Conference ~  
**Uniting Music Education: Building Relationships**

The 2012 FMEA Conference is about Building Relationships - Connections between components and between developmental stages. From the FMEA website: *"The overall idea: 'Together' we make the same music. Now more than ever, we need to concentrate on connecting with each other, our students and all stakeholders to build a strong, quality, and comprehensive music education for all. Conference sessions will emphasize successful practices for promoting collaboration, creative problem solving and learning across the disciplines."*

Elementary clinicians will include Brian Burnett, Leigh Ann Garner, BethAnn Hepburn, Sofia Lopez-Ibor, and more! We hope you will take advantage of this valuable opportunity for professional growth and networking with your colleagues.

Please be reminded of some logistical changes. Some of these changes may impact the way you plan your conference. We hope that these reminders will help everyone transition through these changes with ease.

1. **FEMEA no longer prints conference booklets with session notes.** All clinicians will print hard copies of their session notes. These notes will be available to all session attendees on a first-come, first-served basis. FEMEA will ALSO provide our members with a **digital copy** of all session notes upon check-in. If you want to have a hard copy during the session, you'll want to plan to arrive early.
2. We are firmly in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – **Please embrace the digital age.** Bring a laptop, iPad, iTouch, or some other portable electronic device with you to January conference. The session notes and FEMEA Idea Exchange will be available in digital formats. We will also utilize the FEMEA web site, e-mail, and Facebook to communicate with members during the conference. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to become a fan of the FEMEA Facebook page.
3. It is more important than ever that our members plan to make reservations as early as possible. However, **FEMEA urges our membership to observe the deadline for room cancellation and BE SURE to cancel any rooms that will go unused by December 1<sup>st</sup>.** Hotels will charge your credit card for the first night of each room starting on that date. FMEA is contractually bound to pay for any rooms that go unused during the conference. Please help us be **fiscally responsible** by cancelling any rooms in a timely manner that you will not use.

**FEMEA Dorothy Land  
 Past Presidents' Grant**

This grant in the amount of \$1000 is offered on a competitive basis to an elementary music teacher who is a member of FEMEA. The purpose is to encourage teachers to develop projects that promote research, creative teaching and innovation, and exemplary models of teaching in the elementary music classroom. Deadline for grant application is October 30, 2011

**FEMEA Janice Lancaster  
 Professional  
 Development  
 Scholarship**

Grants of \$500 will be given to applicants seeking professional development in music education. Deadline for grant application is February 15, 2012.

**"Music fills the infinite between two souls."  
 ~ Rabindranath Tagore**

**"Music is the universal language of mankind."  
 ~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

**DATES**

*Important Dates & Deadlines*

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| Sept. 3  | FMEA Conference hotel reservations open   |
| Sept. 6  | FMEA Award nominations due  |
| Sept. 15 | Deadline to renew FEMEA membership  |
| Sept. 24 | Postmark All State entries to your district chair   |
| Sept. 15 | Early Bird Online Registration begins for FMEA Tampa (DISCOUNT)                                   |
| Oct. 22  | All-State judging   |
| Oct. 30  | All-State results posted on the FEMEA website   |
| Nov. 14  | Deadline to send All-State materials fees and forms to <b>Robert Todd</b>                         |
| Dec. 1   | <b>Hotel Room Cancellation Deadline.</b> Hotels will charge your credit card for the first night. |

**Dorothy Land Grant**

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| Oct. 30 | Postmark deadline for grant proposal submission |
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**Idea Exchange**

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| Nov. 1 | <b>*EARLY BIRD</b> Idea Exchange Submission deadline to <b>Ann Leffard</b> |
| Dec. 1 | Idea Exchange Submission hard deadline                                     |

**FMEA Annual Clinic & Conference**

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| Jan. 11 - 14 | FMEA THEME "Uniting Music Education: Building Relationships" |
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**Janice Lancaster  
 Professional  
 Development  
 Scholarship**

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| Feb. 15 | Postmark deadline for application submission |
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# Idea Exchange

**Do you ever wish you could meet with a team of music teachers for networking and idea sharing?  
Do you like to play on the computer and create great visuals for your classes?  
Please participate in the 2012 Idea Exchange!**

The FEMEA Idea Exchange is an effective way for music teachers to share ideas from “tried and true” lesson plans, form letters, Power Point presentations, bulletin boards, games, classroom management tips, etc. These royalty-free ideas are submitted by FEMEA members from across Florida and are available for purchase during conferences. Please submit your ideas to the FEMEA Idea Exchange! The 2012 disc will also feature “Greatest Hits” from past discs.

**Please submit your GREAT ideas no later than December 1, 2011 to:  
District VI Chair, Ann Leffard [FEMEAdistrict6@gmail.com](mailto:FEMEAdistrict6@gmail.com)**

*All copyright free entries should be submitted in both original (doc, sib, fin, jpg, ppt, etc) and pdf formats by December 1, 2010.*

***Anyone submitting a total of just 5 pages will receive a FREE Idea Exchange!***



*These bumper magnets will also be on sale at  
the January FMEA Conference!  
Another great reason to attend...*

## NEW!

**EARLY BIRD**

*Idea Exchange submission reward ~*

**SUBMIT YOUR 5 pages of ideas  
BY NOVEMBER 1**

**and ALSO receive  
your choice of an FEMEA lanyard or  
“Got Music” magnet!**

### 2011 SUMMER CONFERENCE RECAP

Our August 13<sup>th</sup> Summer Conference in Kissimmee was not only a blast, but it was a valuable opportunity for learning and networking with colleagues. **Zadda Bazy and Nate Strawbridge** presented “Let’s Get Groovin!”, a hands-on drumming workshop. If you attended summer conference and need verification or a certificate, please email [karenbouton@bellsouth.net](mailto:karenbouton@bellsouth.net). Thank you to our presenters, to Karen Bouton for her superb planning and especially to Luralee Anderson for hosting the conference.



**“To teach well is to be a lifelong student.” ~ Johnetta Betsch Cole**

## News from Around the District and State

### Hello District IV Music Educators!

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year and another year of exciting adventures in the elementary music classroom.

Everything you want to know can be found on the FEMEA website: <http://flmusiced.org/femea/>

Our new creative webmaster is: Cynthia Tickle.

One of our own District IV Music Educators is now serving as our FMEA President. Three cheers for Sheila King!! Thank you, Sheila, for all that you are doing for Music Educators in the state of Florida.

Our music organizations were created to give voice to the importance of music education. **THANK YOU** for your energy, effort and passion, as you make an impact on student academic growth and love for music! With a struggling economy in our state and nation, we must stick **together** as music educators.

If you are reading this newsletter, you are making a difference by being a part of the music education team. Continue to be a member of our music organization, FEMEA, and encourage your music friends to join. FEMEA will help you stay informed of many music opportunities, the new NGSSS's and the Next Generation Sunshine State Music Standards **EOCT** (End of the Course Test) to be put in place by the year 2014-2015. Your school year will **ROCK** as you implement the **BIG IDEAS** and clearly stated NGSSS standards in your music curriculum.

As always, I appreciate your eagerness to volunteer your ideas and creativity with other teachers. Volunteers are needed in three areas for the upcoming January FMEA Conference:

#### FEMEA Idea Exchange FEMEA Curriculum Fair

(Display one of your cool curriculum ideas on a science-fair-type project board at the FMEA conference. Your curriculum information display will also be set up in the FEMEA resource room for everyone to view.)


#### FEMEA Session Facilitator

(Yea! District IV FEMEA members! We earned a trophy at the FEMEA general meeting for membership increase! See again you in January!)

Please e-mail me if you are willing to volunteer at the January FMEA Conference! [flschmidts@aol.com](mailto:flschmidts@aol.com)  
**Conference hotel registration opens Saturday, September 3-2011, 9:00 a.m.**

Wishing you a great year...Have fun! \* Merrybeth

## Your FEMEA Executive Board

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| <b>Webmaster</b><br><i>Cynthia Tickle</i><br><a href="mailto:tickelcl@gmail.com">tickelcl@gmail.com</a>   | <b>FEMEA Web Address:</b><br><a href="http://flmusiced.org/femea/">http://flmusiced.org/femea/</a>   |  <p><b>FLORIDA MUSIC DIRECTOR</b><br/> <small>The Leading State Music Journal For More Than 50 Years</small></p> | There are many hyperlinks in this newsletter. Place your cursor over the text, look for the dialogue box, then ctrl + click.                           |

## Florida Elementary Music Educators Association

*The mission of the Florida Elementary Music Educators Association is to unite and support music educators in order to provide a high quality, comprehensive music education for all children.*