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"Music God's Gift to Us – Our Gift to the Next Generation"

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Fall Greetings!

Whew! This year has really flown by fast. I hope that everything is going well for you and your clubs.

American Music Month was celebrated throughout the state this month. S.E. Region American Music Chairman, Ann Kay, has been keeping us well informed with the American Music Moments that she sends out. I hope that you have enjoyed reading them during your meetings.

I enjoyed visiting the Canton Music Study Club in October and the MacDowell Music Club of Jackson in November. Both clubs are off to a great start this year!

The Magnolia Bulletin was sent to the printer in early November. You should be receiving it soon.

In each Mockingbird Memo, I would like to encourage you in the area of club membership. My information comes from the *NFMC Guide to Membership*. In this issue, recruiting new members is my topic.

If you enjoy being a member of your local music club, then it is very likely that someone you know might enjoy belonging, also. A quick phone call, letter or e-mail inviting them to a club meeting might be all that it takes to gain a new member. Start with people you know who already have a love for music - performers, teachers, orchestra or choral members and supporters of the arts. If they say "no", you haven't lost anything, but if they say "yes", think of the possibilities!!!

As your year progresses, please continue to extend invitations to friends and colleagues to join you for a club meeting. You both may be glad that you did!!!!

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Debbie Barnes