

## Wednesday Morning Music Club

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### **Holiday Coffee - December 17, 2014, 9:30 AM Minutes Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Building 2312 San Gabriel, Austin, Texas 78705**

**The Holiday Coffee** commenced with a reception. A beautiful table with various refreshments, punch and coffee was set by the hospitality committee. Carol Kooock provided a medley of Christmas tunes at the piano, and many of the attendees were informally singing along.

Photographer Ashley Eledge took pictures throughout the reception and at the end of the concert program.

President Carolyn McColloch welcomed 61 members and 16 guests.

Gena Tabery was the program leader and Nan Hampton led the collect.

#### **The Concert Program:**

The concert followed the program published in the year book. Serious music alternated with lighter presentations. First, Hector Moreno, guest cellist, and Angelica Lopez on piano presented the beautiful *Sonata in A minor, Op.81* by Nikolai Miaskovsky, who's most interesting life was narrated by the program leader Gena Tabery.

This was followed by the *Cherry Tree Story*, presented by Russell Gregory whose delightful performances are always enjoyed.

*The Ballade of Befana* and the *12 days of Christmas* were presented by mezzo soprano Peggy Brunner and pianist Maxine Gomes. Peggy Brunner presented these naughty stories in a declamatory fashion as her voice was a bit under the weather

A serious number followed with the *Piano Trio No.1 in D minor, Op. 49* by Felix Mendelssohn which was beautifully performed by violinist Rachel May, cellist Terri Freeland, and pianist Robert Centeno.

Charles Palmer, baritone, and Kathryn Govier, collaborator on the piano, presented two of the more popular and sentimental Christmas songs, *Gesu Bambino* by Pietro Yon and *White Christmas* by Irving Berlin. It was interesting to hear that Berlin composed his song White Christmas on a sunny day under the palm trees in California, where he dreamed of earlier Christmases of his younger years in New York.

The revitalized WMMC Chorus sang under the leadership of Madeline McCauley. Three pieces were presented: A *Carol from an Irish Cabin*, by Dale Wood, *African Noel*, a Nigerian Folksong, and the *Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah* by G. F. Handel. All attendees were encouraged to sing the Hallelujah Chorus together with the singers.

Before the final sing-along, president McColloch asked Distinguished Members to come to the front. Each received a poinsettia in appreciation of their past and present service to the Wednesday Morning Music Club.

In conclusion Maxine Gomes and Carol Kooock at the piano led the attendees in singing popular Christmas songs. Carolyn McColloch jingled the bells with great enthusiasm, and that's how another beautiful and memorable Holiday Coffee ended. We wished each other a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Business and Officer Reports were suspended, and announcements will be posted in the next newsletter.

Marianne Weiss Kim,  
Recording Secretary