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KAREN'S KORNER

“Live in each season as it passes, breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influences each.”

- Henry David Thoreau

What a timely quote for the times we are living in now as we ride the wave of the pandemic. Don't worry as it will come to an end eventually!

We start a new season of Opus I this month and it will be wonderful! This month we will be meeting in person for our Annual Welcome Back Brunch. Remember that due to the high risk of Covid-19 in Butler County, social distancing will be observed and masks are highly encouraged.

Betty Stephenson, Jessica Wood and Students will be performing violin and piano music by various composers for us to enjoy. More information can be found on page 3 of the newsletter! I can't wait to hear this program and see all of you again!

And don't forget...as always *“Let There Be Music!”*

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



President's Ponders

Dear Members and Friends of Opus I,

More than ever, we need music and we need each other! Our virtual meetings last Spring turned out to be really successful and my thanks to all who attended and participated, but it's time to get back together and we'll do that starting on Sept. 13th! Do read about the planned program in this newsletter. Sounds like it will be a great gathering and worth your while to make the effort to be at Life-Pointe Church that Monday!

And that's my concern and my plea! Make the effort to attend and even find someone to bring along! Your board is determined to keep Opus I active and worthwhile, with good networking, fellowship, education and entertainment but we need you, as members and friends, to be part of it. Will you please put it on your calendar NOW and plan to attend? "We need you", (as Uncle Sam used to say on the posters)!

Do read important information about October events and future programs in this newsletter.

My thanks to each of you,
Ruth Ann McChesney, Pres.
Opus I Music Society



SEPTEMBER MEETING INFORMATION !

Join Us At Our Annual Welcome Back Brunch!



**Betty Stephenson, Jessica Wood, and Students
Perform Violin and Piano Music**

By

Sousa, Yiruma, Vivaldi, Brahms, and Beethoven



When: September 13, 2021

Location: Coffee Café, LifePointe Alliance Church

Time: 9:30 AM Registration, 10:00 AM Meeting Starts

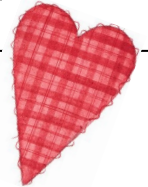
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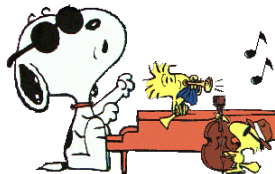
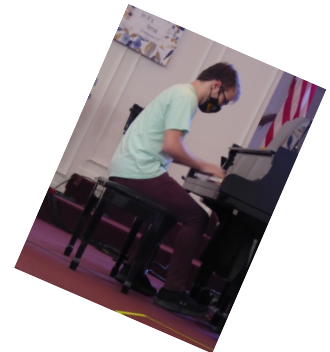
BETTY STEPHENSON is originally from the Reading area in Pennsylvania. Her early study of the violin was with the late Otto Wittich, concertmaster of the Reading Symphony. She is a graduate of West Chester State Teachers College, after which she taught public school music in Newburg, New York for two years. Moving on to Cincinnati, Ohio, she studied with the late Sigmund Efron, concertmaster of the Cincinnati Symphony and after one year won the audition to join the Cincinnati Symphony, playing there for 6 years. In 1968, along with her husband, Jim, Betty joined the Houston Symphony. While there she soloed with the orchestra, the Houston Ballet, and Galveston Civic Orchestra. After playing in Houston for 27 years, she retired from that orchestra and she and her husband settled in New Castle, Jim's home town. Although retired from orchestra work, Betty continues to play for various church venues and is an active board member of the Renova Music Festival held in New Castle the month of June. Betty plays a Ferdinando Gariboldi modern Italian violin made in Milan, Italy, in 1923.



MEMORIES OF OUR MAY RECITAL !



"I would teach children music, physics
And philosophy; but most importantly
Music, for the patterns in music and
All the arts are the keys to learning"
Plato



OPUS I TO HOST DISTRICT CONFERENCE !

On Saturday, October 23, 2021, Opus I will host the PFMC NW District Conference for this year.



Members will be coming from all the clubs in our District, our state president, Charlene Hubbard, will be attending, and Opus I jazz artist, Dr. Glenn Utsch, will do a program of piano music for us! It will be our October meeting, instead of the usual second Monday, October 11, 2021.

Yes, it's Saturday morning, the 23rd and will end following a soup/sandwich lunch at noon. Registration will be \$10 that covers coffee/juice/tea and donuts at 9am as well as the lunch. What a bargain!!! The "Call" will be forwarded to you when Linda Whren, our District Chair, sends it out. Got it??? OCT. 23rd!



DUES ANNOUNCEMENT !

THANK YOU !

Dues are due! Now!

You may personally give a \$35.00 check made out to Opus I Music Society to Linda Maurhoff at the September meeting or mail it to her at our new address:



Linda Maurhoff
Treasurer, Opus I Music Society
203 Downieville Rd.
Valencia, PA 16059





MEMBER NEWS !

As if Linda Maurhoff didn't have enough to keep herself busy, the last we heard she was painting the dining room at their house! She does remind everyone that "dues are due". See her info. Elsewhere.



Sue (and Craig) Stevenson just got back from a great shore vacation with son, Josh, and family (wife Megan, sons William and Benji). Nothing like being with the grandkids, right?!!

Ruth Ann has spent the summer at Chautauqua and attended the Sunday services in the amphitheater of the Institution but alas, no choir in which to sing again this year. She did put together a 'mini-choir' of 13 that sang 8/22 for the service in the Chapel of the Methodist House on the grounds and it went well.



Kathy Csellar continues her busy sewing life making lots of wedding dresses and more. If you need any tailoring or the work of a talented seamstress, contact Kathy at kcsellar@consolidated.net. She's good!

Kathy and Daryl Kemerer have been active with their antique cars, from parades and rides around the area to inserting rear axle seals on a Model T. These folks have all kinds of talents!! Someday we need to have an outing to see their 'museum'!

Ruth Ann spoke (virtually) to the Texas Federation of Music Clubs' convention on 8/5 and finished the banquet talk with her signature "injection" of Vit. E for Encouragement and Enthusiasm. That 6 inch syringe and 4 inch needle do get people's attention!



Opus I international member, Samuel Quinto of Brazil, sent word of an invitation he has received to the fifth World Music Conference (WMC), scheduled for 11th- 12th December 2021. We are so proud of this fine man that we can call our own! They wrote to Samuel: "On behalf of the Choir and advisors of the British Carnatic Choir and World Music Conference, I have great pleasure in inviting you to become one of our esteemed Global conference ambassadors. We believe given your expertise and experience, that you would be a valuable asset to the team in helping us realize our goal - that is, to bridge the gaps between our society's cultures through a universal language, music."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

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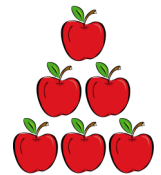
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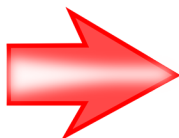
November 8, 2021



*"I've Got You Under My Skin: The Music of Cole Porter"
Presented by Our Own Jeannie Allen*



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