

TIMES SIGNATURE

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KAREN'S KORNER

November brings us the peak of Fall's splendor and eventual baring of trees. November is also a month of gratitude displayed in the Thanksgiving holiday. Personally, I think we should live our lives each day with an attitude of gratitude but that might be reserved for another Karen's Korner!

There is an endless list of things for which I am grateful. Every day brings a different level of gratitude in my life. There is one thing that is near the top of my list. Music.

Wikipedia tells us that music is the art of arranging sounds in time through the elements of melody, harmony, rhythm, and timbre. It is one of the universal cultural aspects of all human societies.

Music is everywhere in our lives and I am grateful for that fact. I'm am grateful for each and every one of you, also.

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 Music Society,

For some reason, every time I see a Cracker Barrel billboard and it says "Our secret ingredient - CARE", I think of our music club and the caring we share, not only with music but with each other. I'm so thankful for the bond we have as we meet, work and fellowship together. It was so good to be back together in September for Jessica's program, but then again on October 23rd when we hosted the NW District Conference.

I could list all the folks that made food, helped set up, serve and clean up that day (besides performing!!), but I'm sure I'd miss someone. You know who you are! To have 12 members involved was encouraging and I thank you for every effort put forth. We have a great team and it made me proud of our small club and the CARE we have for each other and our guests.

As I look to the future, I hope more of you will get to take part in our meetings and be blessed with the gatherings and the programs. Oh, that the pandemic would lessen and not be as much of a concern as it continues to be. Please take good care of yourselves and I hope to see many of you on November 8th in the Music Room as we celebrate NFMC's Parade of American Music!

Stay safe, healthy and happy!
Ruth Ann



NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION !

In Celebration of American Music Month



AMERICAN MUSIC - A LOOK BACK

Presented by

LINDA MAURHOFF

And

Paitlyn and Camden Armstrong Soloists

November 8, 2021

LifePointe Alliance Church

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM



The History of NFMC American Music Month

In February 1955, founder Ada Holding Miler, the 17th NFMC President, established the NFMC American Music Department along with the Parade of American Music. Its purpose was to create a time for special emphasis on American Music.

In August 1998, the NFMC Board of Directors changed American Music Month to November of each year. The NFMC celebration coordinates with the Society of American Music which also promotes American Music during November. State Federations are encouraged to plan November programs to include the history and performance of American Music.

Due To The High Risk Level Of Covid-19 In Butler County, Social Distancing Will Be Observed And Masks Are Highly Encouraged!



See you there!

MEMORIES OF OUR OCTOBER MEETING !



On October 23rd , Opus I Music Society hosted the PFMC's NW District Conference at LifePointe Alliance Church. 9 members attended the morning business meeting (out of a total of 15), and actually two ladies from the North Hills Music Club were there, and are pending Opus I members, so we totaled 11!! Yes, there were only 4 from the other clubs in the NW District. The "Jazz from Three Continents" program by our Opus I Glenn Utsch and his trio was fantastic and there were about 43 people in the room to enjoy and applaud (and give a standing ovation). Then we fed 38 people with food that Opus I members prepared (and croissant sandwiches from Costco's).



We received so many compliments on the whole day and the District Chair wrote:

"Thank you, Ruth Ann! It was a lovely day! I really enjoyed everything! I appreciate all the work done by Opus 1 members and you! Have a safe and healthy winter." Linda Wrhen





BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS EVENT UPDATE!



The Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* event was held on Wednesday morning, Oct. 20, 2021 and it turned out to be an OUTSTANDING success!

Each 25% off coupon sold earned a \$5 donation to our Opus I Scholarship Fund. We made OVER \$500.00!

Thank you all so much for your support in this Opus I scholarship fund raising venture!



OPUS I WELCOMES NORTH HILLS MUSIC CLUB !



We will be having guests this month from the North Hills Music Club this month. Let's give them a warm welcome at our meeting!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME !



Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 7th so don't forget to turn all of your clocks BACK one hour! We all can use that extra hour of sleep!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



November 8, 2021

"American Music - A Look Back"
Presented by Linda Maurhoff and Students



Time: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment, 10:00 AM Meeting Starts
Location: LifePointe Alliance Church

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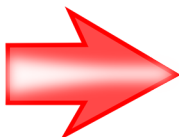
December 13, 2021

Sue Stevenson leads us in a holiday craft with holiday songs!

Time: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment, 10:00 AM The Fun Begins!
Location: LifePointe Alliance Church

JANUARY 2022 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No meeting as Opus I takes its Winter Break! We will be back in February 2022!



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