

TIMES SIGNATURE

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KAREN'S KORNER

The Christmas season is here! December is a month of celebrations of both the secular and Christian kind. Parties, family get-togethers, gift giving, cookie baking and all sorts of other cooking and baking. The Christian church celebrates Advent and the birth of Jesus.

And let's not forget giving to and doing for others. Here at Opus I we will be doing just that. This month we will be doing a craft for the residents at the Concordia Assisted Living Facility on Rt. 228. We expect to have a lot of fun with this as we will be singing carols with accompaniment by Margie Rina-man. More information can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

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

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



President's Ponders

Dear Opus I Members, Friends, Guests, and Families!

Our November program on American music that Linda Maurhoff and her two students presented was most Enjoyable, Entertaining and Educational! (Another good dose of Vit. E!) Thank you, Linda.

Now we look forward to December and our club meeting on the 13th when Sue Stevenson will help us get 'crafty' (see photos elsewhere in the newsletter) and we'll enjoy Christmas music in our annual sing-along with Margie. I'm suggesting we all wear RED and some folks might want to bring along your musical instrument to play, too! (I may dust off my flute case and join in!) I can bring the recorders we were gifted and people can try those, and Kemerers' have 2 that would be fun to hear! It's always a great, fun time so PLEASE plan to come and be a part of our gathering. Bring your friends, too!

Meanwhile, enjoy the gift of music in the coming weeks as we celebrate the true Reason for the Season!

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year,

Ruth Ann



DECEMBER MEETING INFORMATION !



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND MUSIC



Presented by

SUE STEVENSON And KATHY KEMERER

December 13, 2021

LifePointe Alliance Church

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM



Opus I members and friends will gather on Monday, Dec. 13th, to make a Christmas craft, and with an old-fashioned sing-along led by Margie Rinaman! Let's wear RED in our holiday outfits and share the JOY of being together. PLEASE mark your calendars and plan to attend! If we make enough crafts, we will deliver 20 or so to the residents at Concordia Assisted Living center on Rt. 228, (another way to 'share the JOY'). Phyllis Smouse and Margie are our hostesses for the day; can't you taste those donut holes already?!! DO plan to attend and you may be the winner of a surprise door prize! Come and lend a hand as we make Christmas decorations for a local assisted living facility and sing carols with accompaniment by Margie Rinaman!

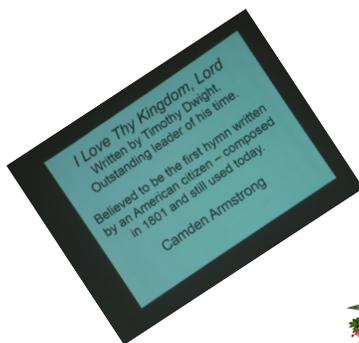
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See you there!



MEMORIES OF OUR OCTOBER MEETING !





SACRED MUSIC CHOIR PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CONCERT !

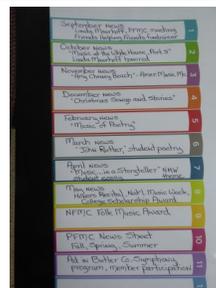
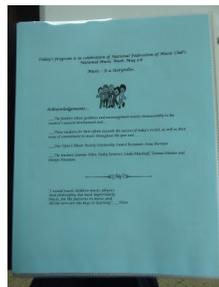
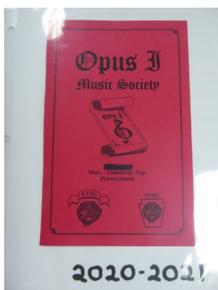


The Sacred Music Choir 2021, directed by Daryl and accompanied by Kathy Kemerer will present two Christmas concerts of sacred choral and organ music on December 10 and 11. The first is at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 218 E. Jefferson St., Butler on Friday the 10th at 7:30 pm, and the second concert will be at Brush Creek Salem U.C.C. 113 Altar Lane, Irwin on Saturday the 11th at 3:00 pm. Everyone is invited. No receptions, though. These concerts will also be live broadcast on Facebook.

2021 OPUS I ACHIEVEMENT BOOK !



Opus I Music Society is grateful to Kathy Kemerer for, once again, putting together a club Achievement Book for our records and for PFMC recognition. THANK YOU Kathy. Below are the photos submitted to the Federation so that we receive an award for this effort. Note all the items listed in the Index!!





MEMBER NEWS !



Congratulations to Sue (and Craig) Stevenson on the birth of a new granddaughter on Dec. 1st . Their daughter Krista, and Carl, have prayed and tried to have a child for years and finally pregnancy was confirmed and everyone rejoiced. The happy grandparents traveled to Chicago to be there for the birth and texted about their joy upon seeing this “perfect” little girl! We are so happy for all the family. They named their bundle of joy Claire Noelle!

Samuel Quinto of Brazil wrote that he is working a lot! “I am also finishing my Masters in Public Health. I am now writing the dissertation on music therapy and Parkinson's disease.” This international member of the Federation is one busy fellow but maintains his music academy and church worship leader responsibilities as well! Bless you, Samuel.

Nancy Johnson struggles with heart problems and it really limits her activities. She could use some encouragement at: 303 Browns Mill Rd., Evans City, PA 16033.

While Ginny Netchi is no longer playing flute with the Butler Co. Symphony Orchestra, she is so valuable to the organization as a board member that the Music Director, Matthew Kramer, said they couldn't manage without her. Yeah, Ginny!

We need hostesses for the March and April meetings. If you are willing, please make it known at the December meeting or e-mail Ruth Ann.

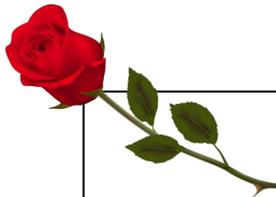
How nice it was to have three members of the former North Hills Music Club join us at the November meeting. We look forward to some (or all) of them becoming members of Opus I and perhaps getting our choral group back singing! Welcome!

Don't forget that there will be a drawing for a door prize at the December meeting!

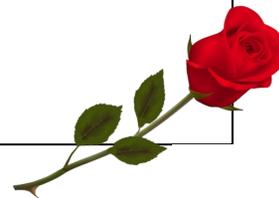
By vote of the Opus I board, the first year dues for any new members will be \$20 instead of the regular member dues of \$35. See Linda Maurhoff for application.

If anyone can use some jigsaw puzzles for the cold winter months indoors, see Ruth Ann - she has an abundance. LifePointe Church library has a stack, too!

IN MEMORIAM



We were saddened to hear of the passing of long-time Opus I member, Marcella Bittle, on Nov. 29, 2021. Marcella joined Opus I in 1998 and was part of the former Little Music Society and the newly organized Little Music Ensemble of Opus I. Her obituary states that "music was Marcella's passion. She continued to sing at Bakerstown Presbyterian until a year before her death - she sang in church choirs for 86 years! She was very proud to be accepted to sing with the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale. A highlight for her was to tour Wales with them in 1999". Marcella was an Honorary Member of Opus I and for several years, her dear husband, Harry, brought her to Opus I meetings. She will be dearly missed.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



December 13, 2021

Christmas Crafts and Music

Presented by Sue Stevenson leading 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

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January 2022 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

February 14, 2021

I've Got You Under My Skin - Music of Cole Porter

Presented by Jeannie Allen

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

Location: LifePointe Alliance Church



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