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## Opus I Music Society

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Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



### KAREN'S KORNER

Happy Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day has quite a history, of which I won't get into in it's entirety in this column, but I will touch on the romantic aspect of that history!

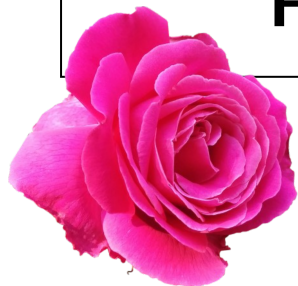
According to Wikipedia, the day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. In Italy, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart". How sweet!

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

Karen



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !**



### **President's Ponderings**

Dear Opus I Members and Friends,

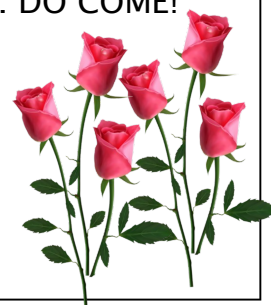
I have really missed seeing so many of you. The pandemic has taken its toll in lives as well as relationships, and (more than ever), we need each other. We do have live programs planned for the next 4 months and I deeply urge you to consider attending these Opus I events, starting with Monday, February 14th . (See program notes below). I wear an N95 mask, following the Golden Rule (as my husband reminds me) and will do so at these meetings. Bring your friends!!

Just for your information, I was involved in an NFMC Executive board meeting via Zoom last week and the decision has been made to have the national conference, delayed since 2020, LIVE in Indianapolis this June. A lot of discussion was held before the vote but the financial loss of canceling it was a big factor. It definitely was not unanimous, but majority ruled.

I'm SO looking forward to Jeannie Allen's program of love songs on the 14th and hope you will join us in the big Worship Center (in case you want to social distance) upstairs, not in the Music Room, at LifePointe, 10am. DO COME!

Ruth Ann

PS: Don't forget to "Be the Reason Somebody Smiles Today"!



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## **FEBRUARY MEETING INFORMATION !**



### ***ROMANCE IN SONG: HIT LOVE SONGS OF THE PAST***

**Presented by**

**JEANNIE ALLEN**



**February 14, 2022**

**LifePointe Alliance Church**

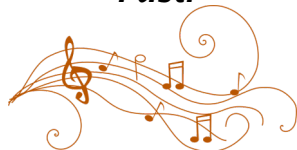
**Worship Center**

**Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM**

**Program: 10:00 AM**



**Come one and come all and hear Jeannie Allen play and sing for us on Monday, February 14, 2022, when she presents *Romance in Song: Hit Love Songs From the Past!***



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**See you there!**

## MEMORIES OF OUR DECEMBER MEETING !

In December we had our annual sing-a-long and craft-fest. Margie Rinaman was our accompanist and led the group in singing Christmas carols. Sue Stevenson led us in making ornaments made out of jar lids. Also, Sue was the creator of these jar lids! Over thirty jar lids were completed and delivered to the residents at Concordia Assisted Living on Rt. 228. Each year we make a delivery of something homemade and the residents love it!

Phyllis Smouse and Margie Rinaman were our hospitality hostesses and provided goodies and Margie brought her famous donut holes!

The door prize of a statue of a snowman was won by Virginia Putato.

A great time was had by all!





## MEMBER NEWS !



Linda Maurhoff had successful cataract surgery recently and we are thankful to hear that good report.



It's always fun to find out things about people you thought you knew! Now it's word from Ginny Netchi that she is a Yoga "practitioner"! Never knew that!!!



Our international member, Samuel Quinto of Brazil, answered a recent e-mail and it's amazing to read "In these two years of the pandemic, I managed to complete new degrees to open up more work possibilities mainly in the USA and Canada. I completed a degree in Pedagogy, an MBA, a postgraduate degree in Cognitive Neuroscience, a postgraduate degree in Mental Health and a masters degree in Public Health. Last year God gave me the privilege of speaking at 6 international events...." We are SO proud of Samuel and his accomplishments.



Welcome to new Opus I member: Drew Tepe of "Drew Tepe Music" in Cranberry Twp. Drew has been a performer for over 25 years and just recently began teaching as well. We're hoping he will do a program for our club during the 2022-23 season! Welcome Drew.



Remember that, as of Jan. 2022, New Member dues are now \$20 for the first year, instead of \$35. Small way to say "WELCOME". (See Linda Maurhoff for an application, if interested!!)



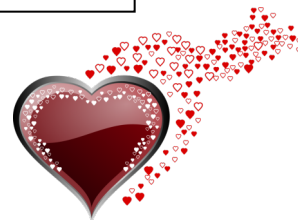
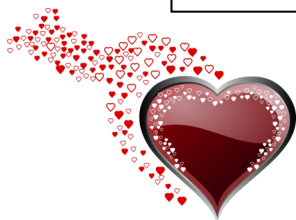
Karen Douglass is busy quilting in her sewing room! Her quilting goal for this year is to get a wall hanging, two table toppers, and two small quilts done. All of this before Thanksgiving!



If you see some folks you don't recognize at our meeting, they could be from the recently dissolved North Hills Music Club, so be sure to introduce yourself and make these folks feel welcome. We've invited them to join us, and maybe we'll even get our long-lost chorus back alive again!!!

## MEMBER NEWS CONTEST !

Grandparents and great-grandparents are always bragging. Who can guess the Opus I member that submitted this photo? First one to correctly identify the person who sent the photo, and e-mails Ruth Ann the name, gets a prize! "[pfmcRAM@hotmail.com](mailto:pfmcRAM@hotmail.com)" Must be present at the February 14th program to receive the prize.



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR !**

**February 14, 2022**

*Romance In Song: Hit Love Songs Of The Past  
Presented by Jeannie Allen*



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

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**March 14, 2022**

J. S. Bach: Stories From Behind The Scenes  
*Presented by Kathy Kemerer*

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

**April 14, 2022**

The Magnificent Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall Organ  
*Presented by Kathy Csellar*

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



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