

TIMES SIGNATURE

Opus I Music Society

March 2022

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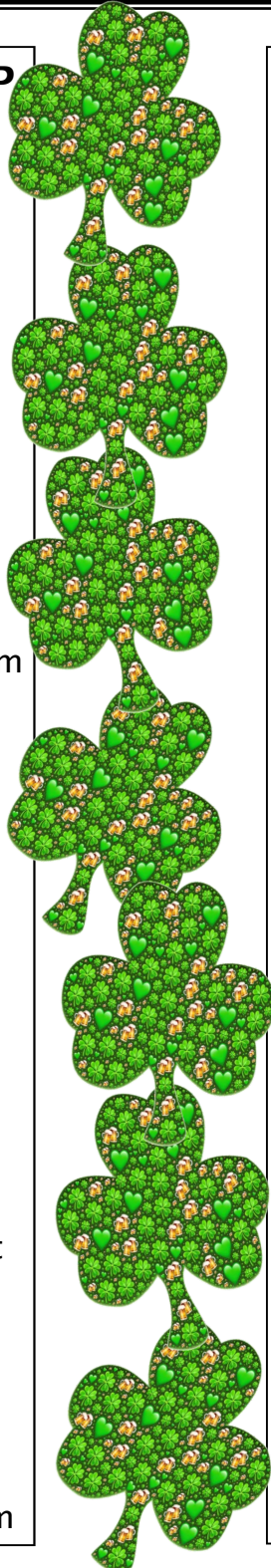
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KAREN'S KORNER

Good news! It looks like there is a downswing in the pandemic, and it's about time! New cases of the virus are going down and Butler County has moved from the high transmission risk to low transmission risk. We give thanks to God for this!

More good news! At Opus I the exemplary programming continues! This month Kathy Kemerer will present "*J. S. Bach: Stories From Behind the Scenes*". We all want to know the inside information! EVERYONE SHOULD WEAR GREEN!

On a humorous note, March brings us St. Patrick's day. Folklore tells us he drove the snakes out of Ireland and I still want to know just where those snakes went! Inquiring minds really want to know!

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,


If ever we need each other and sharing the gift of music, it's in these days of unrest in the world and even in our Federation. We have a bond that unites us and we all need to make an effort to encourage each other and enjoy the blessing of our meetings and the opportunities that abound in the Federation! How can I urge you any more strongly to join us on March 14, 2022 when we meet again and enjoy Kathy Kemerer's program on Bach? Some of you have not attended a meeting for a long time, and we need you!

As many of you know, Charlie and I are on the board of Music Mission Kiev and it's one more way God has used music to change lives and care for singers, widows, orphans and those with medical needs in Ukraine. Our staff is still in the city and we do hope and pray that the ministry will be able to continue.

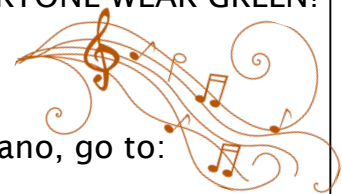
Music is, indeed, a universal language and we are so fortunate to have a club that provides not only entertainment, but education and opportunities. Please do help us keep the club alive and an asset to our community!

Just as many of us wore red for the meeting on Valentine's Day, let's wear green on the 14th since it's close to St. Patrick's Day. And may there be more than 10 Opus I members in attendance out of our 30 or so on the list!

See you on Monday, March 14, 2022 and remember: **EVERYONE WEAR GREEN!**

 Ruth Ann

PS: If you want to watch NFMFC's Young Artist winner in piano, go to:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_NvRRuXzf8



MARCH MEETING INFORMATION !



J. S. BACH: STORIES FROM BEHIND THE SCENES

Presented by

KATHY KEMERER

March 14, 2022

LifePointe Alliance Church
Worship Center

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

Hospitality Provided
By
Ruth Ann McChesney
And
Sue Stevenson



Come one and come all and hear all about the dark side of J. S. Bach! The program will feature interesting stories of Bach's life, (including his brawl with a student and time spent in jail), revealing his amazing talent and strong personality! We'll also have a look at Bach's Fugue in G Minor for organ as a colorful graph.

The public is invited to this free program as we gather at 9:30 for some social time. The program begins at 10:00 am.

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 FEBRUARY MEETING !



In February, on Valentine's Day, we really celebrated the holiday with wonderful love songs of the past as sung and performed beautifully by Jeannie Allen. In addition to performing love songs from hit musicals by Rogers and Hammerstein, Gershwin, and others, Jeannie talked a bit about the history of the composers lives.



The songs included were: "My Funny Valentine", Our Love is here to stay, Misty, Can't Help Lovin' that man of mine, Ain't Misbehavin', Unforgettable, All I Ask of You, I'm in the mood for love, and we sang along with the hymn "Love Lifted Me" and "You are my sunshine"! A highlight was Jeannie singing her own composition from "Esther, the Musical", for which she wrote the music and lyrics, "One Night with the King".



The meeting was held in the Worship Center with many guests present. We enjoyed hearing Dennis Lisac's Valentine poems, and following the program were offered goody bags of Valentine candy!



OPUS I MUSIC SOCIETY 2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD !

Open to residents of the Mars, Pine-Richland, Seneca Valley and Knoch School Districts. Students of Opus I teachers in other school districts are eligible to apply. Entrants must be a Sophomore or Junior in college with a major or minor in Music.

Application must be made to the Opus I Music Society by April 1 of the award year. Awards will be announced the third week in April of the same year. Amount of the award may vary each year depending on the number applicants.

Auditions are required only if numbers of applications exceed the award year funds available.

Recipients of the Opus I Scholarship Award are expected to perform for the May Opus I Honors Recital the same year application is made. The award is presented during the May Honors Recital program.

The Honors Recital will be held May1, 2022 at LifePointe Alliance Church. Check Opus I Times Signature for updates and starting time for the recital.

Applications are available by request: lindamaurhoff@consolidated.net

Opus I Music Society

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2022 APPLICATION FOR OPUS I SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Opus I Music Society
203 Downieville Rd - Valencia, PA 16059

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Applicant must be a resident of one of the following school districts:

Mars Area - Pine-Richland - Seneca Valley - Knoch

A Past or Present Student of an Opus I Member also qualifies

Applicant must be a **Sophomore or Junior** in college

Applicant must have a major or minor in music

Return this application to the above address by April 1, 2022 or

Via attachment to: lindamaurhoff@consolidated.net

Auditions may be required depending on the number of applications received.

NAME _____

HOME PHONE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY _____

YOUR EMAIL/PHONE _____

LEVEL FOR 2021-2022 YEAR (Sophomore or Junior) _____

MAJOR _____ MINOR _____

INSTRUMENT _____

PLANS FOLLOWING GRADUATION: _____

COLLEGE ADVISOR _____

EMAIL TO REACH YOUR ADVISOR _____

LIST ANY MUSICAL AWARDS OR HONORS AT COLLEGE LEVEL:

If selected to receive this award, you will be expected to perform for the May 2022 Opus I Recital.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

MEMBER NEWS !



Welcome to our new member (from the North Hills Music Club), Joyce Moon -Strobel. Joyce has a long history of involvement in the Federation as well as an organist, composer and ardent music appreciator! WELCOME, JOYCE!

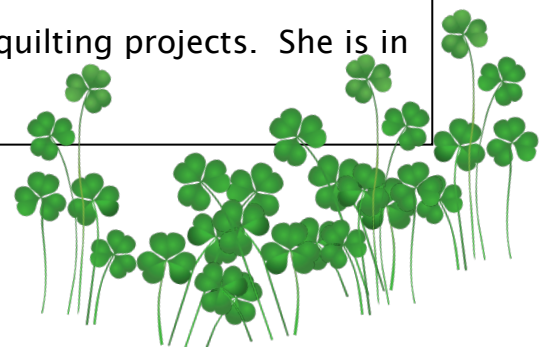
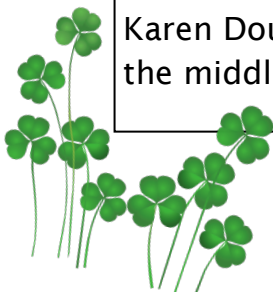
Thank you to Jeannie Allen for her wonderful program of love songs on Valentine's Day. We had the largest attendance in a long time with over 30 in attendance and everyone was blessed by the outstanding piano and voice presentation.

Several folks who attended the 2/14 Opus I program came after seeing the article in the Cranberry Eagle newspaper. Let's make our meetings known any way we can. Especially invite your friends and family and other music lovers!

Thanks to Sue Stevenson for the Valentine treats she made for those at the 2/14 program, as well as the sign thanking folks for coming. Umm... good!

And thank you to Dennis Lisac for sharing his poetry as our Inspirational Moment at the last meeting.

Karen Douglass is coming along nicely with her quilting projects. She is in the middle of piecing the wall-hanging.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

March 14, 2022 EVERYONE WEAR GREEN!

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Presented by Kathy Kemerer



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April 11, 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

May 1st - 8th, 2022

National Music Week
Theme: *"Music ... Is Inspiration"*



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