

TIMES SIGNATURE

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KAREN'S KORNER

April is here and Spring is in full swing no matter what the weather brings us! We know that warmer weather is just around the corner. We have much going on with our families and Christians have much to celebrate on Easter. Our hearts and spirits are lighter as the whole earth awakens from the cold.

To continue the spirit of renewal, this month at Opus I, our own Kathy Csellar will present "The Magnificent Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall Organ". We will hear and learn all about this famous organ as it is the largest in the world!

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,

DID YOU KNOW? The National Federation of Music Clubs, conceived in 1893 during the World's Columbian Exposition, was organized in 1898. By 1915 it had become large enough to have state federations. It is now the world's largest philanthropic music organization, supporting American music and musicians.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs was organized in Philadelphia on November 8, 1916. Clubs from seven cities were represented. The PFMC divided into four districts in 1924 (and we're part of Northwest District). On May 5, 1933 the PFMC was incorporated as a nonprofit entity.

Just thought I'd pass along some history, especially for some of you that are new to the Federation! Like any other organization, there have been ups and downs, but with faithful volunteers in the membership of about 121,000, NFMC has continued to be a powerful voice for music in America. However, it all boils down to local clubs throughout America and we are one of them. Linda Maurhoff founded Opus I Music Society in 1991 so we are 31 years old in 2022!

I'm SO thankful for each and every member of our club. Would love to see more of you at our meetings and get to know you even better! Please join us on April 11th.

Ruth Ann



APRIL MEETING INFORMATION !

THE MAGNIFICENT ATLANTIC CITY BOARD WALK HALL ORGAN



Hospitality Provided
By
Ruth Ann McChesney
And
Virginia Pintado

Inspiration Provided
By
Margie Rinaman

Presented by

KATHY CSELLAR

April 11, 2022

LifePointe Alliance Church
Worship Center

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM



On Monday, April 11th, Opus I member and organist, Kathy Csellar, will present a program about the 449 rank pipe organ in the Main Auditorium of the Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey, built by the Midmer-Losh Organ Company, Construction of the organ took place between May 1929 and December 1932 and it is the largest organ in the world, as measured by the number of pipes. As Kathy says: "Come hear Bach on the Biggest!"

Pictures of the huge pipes, pipes in the ceiling, pipes in the walls! Football Field sized acoustics! Organ concerts daily at 12:00!" Come and find out just how many pipes there really are!!! Refreshments at 9:30 AM in the Music Room of LifePointe Church with program at 10 AM. It's sure to be educational but entertaining as well, and we need YOU to come! Bring a friend!



****Masks Are Optional!****

See you there!

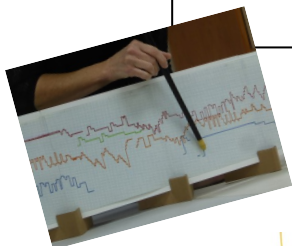
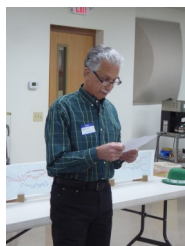


MEMORIES OF OUR MARCH MEETING !



"J. S. Bach: Stories from Behind the Scenes" was the program presented by Kathy Kemerer at the March meeting. Kathy was assisted in her presentation by her husband Daryl and a Bach finger puppet. Some of the most interesting stories of Bach's life include his spending a month in jail for asking to be released from his job as a court musician, his getting into a fist fight with a student after calling him a "nanny goat bassoonist," and his one month leave of absence that turned into three months when he walked to hear Buxtehude play the organ. Needless to say, the Town Council was not happy with him! All the while, in his four different posts during his life, he was composing, performing, teaching, married twice and had 20 children. To represent some of his music, one of Bach's chorales was played from a CD, and we also heard a recording of Kathy playing the "Fugue in G Minor," the latter being represented by a 12 foot "graph." The source for this program is the book

The Bach Reader: A Life of Johann Sebastian Bach in Letters and Documents by Hans T. David.



OPUS I MUSIC SOCIETY CELEBRATES NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK !

May 1 - 8, 2022

Theme: "Music...Is Inspiration"



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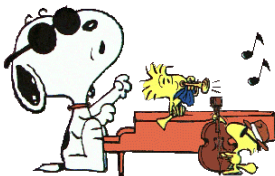
To create an understanding and appreciation of:

The value of Music in the Home

The value of Music in the Community

The value of Music in the Nation

The Value of Music in the World



We always enjoy hearing from students of our Opus I teachers as well as high school and college scholarship recipients when we celebrate National Music Week with a recital. This year it will be held on Friday evening, May 6th, 7pm, in the Worship Center of LifePointe Alliance Church.

Ginny Netchi is, once again, chairing the event and needs to hear from those with studios that will have one or two students participate. Send the name(s) of the student and chosen piece to Ginny at "avnetchi@gmail.com" by April 25th to be included in the printed program.

NOTE that this is a Friday evening, not our usual Sunday afternoon recital. What better way for your students to showcase their Festival piece!! DO make the effort to participate - only you can make it a worthwhile event. THANKS to Ginny and all those involved. A cookie reception will follow!!!

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STUDENT HONORS RECITAL AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS !



Recital features:

2022 Scholarship Award Recipients,

High School Senior Outstanding Musician Award

Students of Opus I Teachers



Friday, May 6, 2022, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, LifePointe Alliance Church

POSTER CONTEST WITH PRIZES !

Opus I Music Society sponsors an annual poster contest for students/children/grandchildren in grades K-6 in celebration of NFMC's National Music Week. This year's theme is "Music..is Inspiration".

Entries should be original, submitted on 8 1/2 X 11 paper or poster board and include the theme somewhere on the front. The student's name, age and teacher/parent are to be on the back. Deadline for entries is Friday, April 29, 2022 so time is short; talk it up with your students. Mail to:

Ruth Ann McChesney; 311 Scenic Ridge Ct.; Mars, PA 16046

Or take to LifePointe Alliance and give to church receptionist to place in a box marked "POSTERS". All posters will be on display at the Student Recital on Friday, May 6th where awards will be presented to two winners (K-3 and 4-6) and all other entrants will receive a small gift for participating.

Opus I Music Society is a member of the National and Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs. See www.pfmc-music.org.

MEMBER NEWS !



Samuel Quinto said “Send a warm Brazilian hug to each member of Opus I”. Thank you, Samuel, and congratulations on all your academic achievements and the many lives you are influencing with music and its benefits.

We have another new member, Kris Hattman, a real music lover. Welcome Kris!

Other recent new members include Joyce Moon-Strobel, Virginia Pintado, and Andrew Tepe. We are so thankful for every person who supports and enjoys Opus I Music Society!

Opus I of PFMC is part of NFMC’s Northeastern Region and its 78th annual Federation Days will be held LIVE at Chautauqua Institution July 8-10, 2022. It’s a great couple days of music, will include a recital by Federation scholarship recipients studying at Chautauqua Music School and a recital by the 2021 NFMC Young Artist winner in piano on Sunday at 5pm! Why not take it in! For more info contact Ruth Ann at fmcram@hotmail.com.

Many Opus I members volunteered at the Northwest Festival at Grove City College on March 12th. THANKS to all, and to the teachers who prepared students to take part. In spite of the snow, it was well attended and went great.



AND MORE MEMBER NEWS !



Ruth Ann (and Charlie) are on the board of Music Mission Kiev and know many folks in Ukraine. See www.musicmissionkiev.org for the latest blogs, and keep praying for a cease-fire and a stop to this terrible invasion and devastation.

Everyone knows Margie Rinaman and we all love her – but how many would have dreamed she celebrated her 93rd birthday on April 2nd?! She is an inspiration to SO many. We are grateful that she didn't break any bones when she fell last month. Just look at the photo taken at our March meeting!

Speaking of celebrations, congratulations to Linda and Bill Maurhoff on their 52nd wedding anniversary on April 4th! They both have such 'servant's hearts'.

Jeannie Allen tells us "My daughter Diana came from Sacramento CA to visit me for one week in March. I truly treasured our time together. We had a family celebration for my Birthday on March 11th.

Also, I have written 2 new songs which I've played at 2 churches here. You can see them on my Facebook Page. They are *Thank You* and *Perfect Peace*."

Linda Maurhoff is still waiting for Scholarship Applications. You can access the information and application in last month's newsletter or email Linda at

lindamarhoff@consolidated.net



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

April 11, 2022



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Presented by Kathy Csellar



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Location: LifePointe Alliance Church

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



May 6, 2022

Opus I Student Honors Recital and Scholarship Awards
See pages 5 and 6 in this newsletter for more information!

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