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KAREN'S KORNER

Among all the things that happen during the month of May which include National Music Week, there is one more event that is ever so important. Mother's Day.

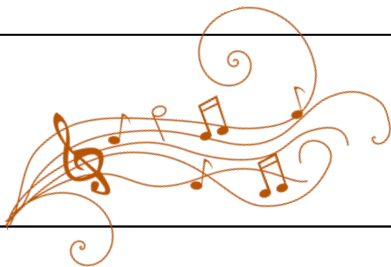
I think of my own mother every day as I miss her so much every day. She was a classically trained pianist of expert caliber. You all would have loved her. I chose the colors blue and pink for this months newsletter to honor her memory as they were her favorite colors. Music was an integral part of her life, whether it be directing our church choir, playing or teaching piano, or simply listening to music. She was my first piano teacher. At the young age of five, she gave me my very first lesson. I was a big girl that day when we sat at the piano. She didn't start with traditional teaching but with a song called *Chinese Sandman* by Mabel Besthoff. She taught me to read music from the actual sheet music. Mom was my very first musical inspiration.

Since I have been putting this newsletter together, I have signed out of Karen's Korner by writing "Let There Be Music!" as a quote. This quotation was one of her favorite things to say and I will carry this on as her beloved daughter; and as always "Let There Be Music!"

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



President's Ponderings

Dear Opus I Members and Friends,

There are a lot of Federation events coming up and that means I'm busy, busy, but looking forward to each one. First is the PFMC convention May 12-14th in Bethlehem, PA. How I wish more than two of us would be going (Linda M and me). Have you considered it?

Then comes the NFMC biennial conference in Indianapolis, IN June 14-18 and as Northeastern Region VP, I host a luncheon and give reports, attend a lot of meetings (and sing in the chorus)!

July 8-10th is the 78th Annual Federation Days (for Northeast Region) at Chautauqua and that's a great weekend of music and fun, with a little business in between! Sorry that my 6 lake house bedrooms are promised, but other folks will be staying at the Chautauqua Suites just 2 1/2 miles north of Chautauqua Institution. That weekend is the highlight with a Sat. morning meeting and entertainment by the "Fast Forward" quartet from Oil City, a recital Sat. afternoon by the music school students that receive Federation scholarships, and then a recital Sun. at 5pm by NFMC's 2021 Young Artist winner in piano! Lots more in between and I highly recommend that event.

I'm thankful that Opus I continued through-out 2021-2022 with some virtual meetings and then back to 'live' and in person programs. THANKS to all who made an effort to present or be present. Isn't our English language interesting? We're happy to have several new members and that's encouraging. Welcome.

Put September 12th on your calendar when we begin the 2022-23 club year! Meanwhile, have a healthy and enjoyable summer and keep the JOY of music with you wherever you go!

Blessings abundant,
Ruth Ann



OPUS I MUSIC SOCIETY CELEBRATES NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK !

May 1 - 8, 2022



Theme: "Music...Is Inspiration



OBJECTIVES

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



OPUS I MUSIC SOCIETY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP !

Opus I Music Society has awarded a \$300 scholarship to Andrew Briercheck, a student at Allegheny College with a major in Biochemistry and minors in Music Performance & Computer Science. He attended Mars schools and lives in Cranberry Twp.

Congratulations to Andrew!



MEMORIES OF OUR APRIL MEETING !



Impressions of the April Program on the Atlantic City Boardwalk Organ



Kathy Csellar's power point presentation on this massive organ was excellent! The organ was built starting in 1929, and is the largest in the world. It was designed by Emerson Richards and built by the Midmer-Losh Organ Company.



Most notable were the photos Kathy shared of the 64 foot pipes with the men standing near them for reference. They were hard to spot! There are 8 chambers that house the pipes and the console has 7 manual keyboards.



The organ suffered damage from flooding during a hurricane in 1944 and has been at least mostly restored at this point, with more up to date electronics.



Organ concerts at noon and tours following the concerts are free and open to the public daily during the week, May through October.



Kathy also played a CD of a Bach piece recorded on this organ, and shared photos from a large book about this King of Instruments.



MEMBER NEWS !



Best wishes to the teachers who arranged to have studio recitals at various places and thank you for continuing to encourage and train young musicians!



Jessica Wood accompanied Betty Stephenson, violinist, at a recital in New Castle on Sunday, April 24th.



Our international member, Samuel Quinto, has been going through a tough time and needs our encouragement. His father has been in ICU, his two girls had fevers and coughs, and they had to have their cat euthanized. All that and his car broke down. Let me know if you want to send an e-mail to him.



Linda Maurhoff (and Bill) recently went to Florida to spend Easter with their daughter, Jen and husband, Lance! Glad they had a safe and worthwhile trip.



Member, Caitlin Painter, will continue the legacy of Pat Rossi as she continues to head up Alle-Kiski Music Day Camp. See <https://www.akmdc.org/home> Bless you, Caitlin, for carrying on the tradition of 31 years!



Welcome to new member, Mary Kitchen, who saw our Opus I ad in the Butler Co. Symphony Orchestra program book and contacted Ruth Ann. She came April 11th and immediately became part of us! Yeah!



Mark your calendars for a special **FREE** concert by the Butler County Symphony Orchestra, brought to you by the Butler County Tourism Bureau.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

May 1st - 8th, 2022

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



May 1, 2022

Opus I Student Honors Recital and Scholarship Awards
Where: LifePointe Allentown Church
When: 2:00 PM by a cookie reception

CANCELLED

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

May 12th - 14th

PFMC Convention
Bethlehem, PA



June 13 - 19

2022 NFMC Conference
Indianapolis, IN

July 9 - 10

NFMC Northeastern Region Federation Days
Chautauqua Institution, NY



SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

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