Opus I Music Society

September 2022

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KAREN'S KORNER



I like new beginnings because they refresh one's spirit and soul. New beginnings allow us to start something new or just simply start over.



Here at Opus I we will start our 2022 - 2023 Program Year this month. We will kick off the year with our Annual Welcome Back Brunch with a salad theme and Linda Maurhoff will present "The Great American Songbook".



Don't forget!

When:

Monday September 19th

Time:

9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment 10:00 AM Program Starts

Where:

LifePointe Alliance Church Music Room



And as always, "Let There Be Music!"

Karen





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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK!







Presidential Ponderings

Greetings fellow music enthusiasts! I am looking forward to being installed as the President of Opus I, and Jessica Wood will become our Vice President, at the Sept. 19th meeting. By way of introduction, you may know that I've been in Opus I for some time now, and lately as Vice President, Federation Secretary, and Program Chair. Jessica has graciously accepted the office of Vice President, along with serving on the PFMC board. Many thanks to Ruth Ann McChesney for her four years of serving as President and is now taking on Federation Secretary and Co-chair of Programs with Sue Stevenson. I am also grateful to Linda Maurhoff for remaining as Treasurer, and Kathy Csellar as Secretary. We also must not forget our newsletter editor Karen Douglass and the super job she does!

Please take note of the first meeting, Monday, Sept. 19th (a week later than usual) and join us for a salad bar, a program, and review of events for the year. As always, you're welcome to bring a guest!

Our Scholarship Fund fundraiser at the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event will be Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022. I'll have the discount coupons to hand out at the Sept. meeting. More information will follow in this newsletter.

Happy Fall Y'All!

Kathy Kemerer



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SEPTEMBER MEETING INFORMATION!

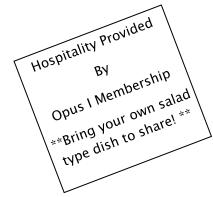
JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL WELCOME BACK BRUNCH!



Introduction to the "Great American Songbook"

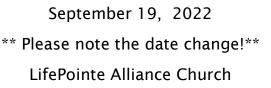


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Linda Maurhoff



Music Room



Program: 10:00 AM





Don't forget to bring a salad type dish to share!



Masks Are Optional!

See you there!



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MEMORIES OF NE REGION 78TH ANNUAL FEDERATION DAYS AT THE CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTE!







The Group



Ruth Ann McChesney and Young Artist winner in piano, Rachel Breen

MEMBER DUES ARE DUE! NOW!

Reminder: Dues are \$35 for the year

Thank You!

Check: Payable to Opus I Music Society

Send to: Linda Maurhoff

203 Downieville Rd Valencia, PA 16059



If you would like the Opus I Yearbook mailed to you, please add \$1.50 to your dues check.

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BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS!

Boscov's Department store at the Clearview Mall on Rt. 8 just north of Butler is holding a Friends Helping Friends event on Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. We have participated in this fundraiser before, and this is how it works:

We sell discount shopping passes (25% off most everything) for \$5, and we get the \$5 for our scholarship fund. We have found in the past that it is best for us to sign up and sell the passes the day of the event at the store. It is important to have at least 2 people at our table because it is so busy! If you can volunteer some time to help (any time of the day), please contact Kathy Kemerer asap. Generally, we've sold passes from 8 am to noon, with 2 people there for 2 hours each, and we make over \$300. If we have more volunteers, we can sign up for more hours and raise more funds. Are you willing to help?











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MEMBER NEWS!



Susan Cooper and Ruth Ann enjoyed singing all summer in the 'big' choir at Chautauqua Institution for the Sunday morning and evening services in the amphitheater. About 60 voices shared wonderful sacred music accompanied by the world's largest outdoor pipe organ!

Our Opus I member in Brazil, Samuel Quinto, had a motorcycle accident and has 2 fractured ribs and a punctured lung. He is recovering at home but needs much prayer and encouragement!

Joyce Moon Strobel was the musician (and her husband the chaplain) at the Lutheran House on Chautauqua's grounds for a week in August. We know they were a real blessing to the folks.

Sue Stevenson takes every chance she can to go to Wheaton, IL to see that precious grandbaby, Claire, (and Grandpa Craig goes along!)

Jeannie Allen was to present the October program on Cole Porter but because she is recovering from Covid, she has asked to do the program in November instead. We trust her recovery will be complete and soon!



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



September 19, 2022 Please note the change of date!

Opus I Annual Brunch

This year we will be having a salad themed brunch see page 3 for more information

Linda Maurhoff will be presenting "The Great American Songbook"

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church, Music Room When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



October 10, 2022

Opus I Club Meeting - Program to be announced

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church,

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



October 22, 2022

PFMC NW District Conference Hosted by Mercer Music Club

Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, PA

When: 9:00 AM Registration and Refreshments followed by Morning Session

12:15 PM Luncheon followed by Afternoon Session

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