

TIMES SIGNATURE

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KAREN'S KORNER

Ah! Fall is here, the trees in my area are starting to turn to beautiful yellows, oranges, and reds and the leaves are starting to fall to the ground. Fall...truly my favorite time of the year! My husband and I go on a decorating frenzy both inside and out. On the inside, we put up numerous Fall flower arrangements and paper mache pumpkins along with seasonal table linens. We arrange pumpkins both in the front of our home and on the back deck.

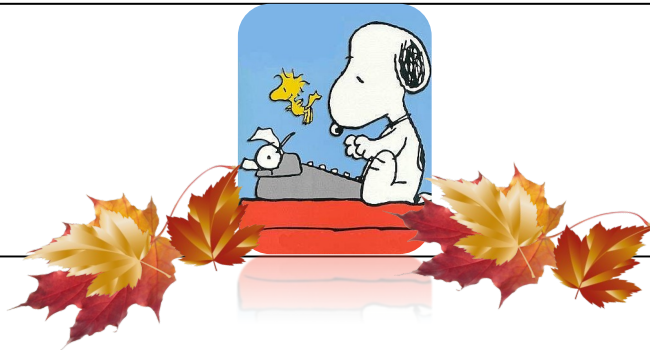
Here at Opus I our program is in full swing. This month, we are welcoming member Sue Cooper as she presents *The Great American Songbook: Music of the Gershwins*. I can't wait! This will happen on October 10, 2022. We hope to see you there!

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

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



Presidential Ponderings

Welcome to Fall! Opus I is back in the swing of things with our study of The Great American Songbook this year. The program on October 10 is "Music of the Gershwins" presented by Susan Cooper. This sounds like a very interesting program! Please come and invite a friend for this entertaining and educational program (and the food and fellowship)!

Also this month, on Wednesday the 19th we're participating in the Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* fundraiser at the Clearview Mall just north of Butler on Rt. 8. We'll be selling shopping passes there from 8 am to 2 pm. The shopping starts at 8 am and goes on until 11 pm! If you would like to help sell that day, or would like to have a pass for yourself and/or some passes to sell to friends, let me know. I am happy to mail them to you. For each \$5 pass we sell, Opus I gets \$5 toward our Scholarship Fund. The buyer gets 25% off purchases in most departments at Boscov's that day, plus an entry into the store's \$100 shopping spree giveaway. It's a win-win! Questions? Contact me, Kathy Kemerer.

Another chance to experience some fine music and a good lunch will be offered at the Northwest District Meeting in Mercer on Oct. 22. We hosted the meeting last October and it was great! Reservations need to be made, so if you would like to go please contact Linda Maurhoff ASAP.


Blessings!
Kathy Kemerer



OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION !

JOIN US AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING!

Great American Songbook: Music Of The Gershwins



Hospitality Provided
By
Kathy Csellar
And
Margie Rinaman

Presented by

Susan Cooper

October 10, 2022

LifePointe Alliance Church

Music Room

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM



Inspiration Provided
By
Mary Kitchen

One of our newer members volunteered to do a program this year, and will share lots of info. about George and Ira Gershwin at our October meeting. Susan Cooper is one capable presenter and says she will be telling us about the lives of these two men but also says we'll hear about the "cart and horse - which came first? Did the score match the lyrics or did the lyrics match the score?" We'll find out from Susan, so be sure to come and be enlightened about the Gershwins!

Kathy Csellar and Margie Rinaman volunteered to bring refreshments and Mary Kitchen offered to do our Inspirational Moment! See you at 9:30 on the 10th !



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



See you there!

MEMORIES OF OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING !

The 2022-23 Opus I Music Society club year kicked off with a great time on Monday, Sept. 19th and included installation of officers, and an 'introduction' to our Course of Study - "The Great American Songbook" by Linda Maurhoff. This year we'll enjoy programs on the Gershwins, Cole Porter, American love songs, American sacred music and lots more!

The salad brunch was a big success with everything from hot German potato salad to spinach salad to mandarin orange fluff and lots more. Of course, the cookies that the board members provided added that 'sweet touch' for dessert.

Thanks to all who set things up, decorated the tables, and did the clean up, too!



MEMBER DUES ARE DUE ! NOW !



Reminder: Dues are \$35 for the year
Check: Payable to Opus I Music Society
Send to: Linda Maurhoff
203 Downieville Rd
Valencia, PA 16059

Thank You!

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

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?



HELP SUPPORT

(Non-Profit Organization)



ONE DAY ONLY - OCTOBER 19, 2022
SHOP 8AM - 11PM

DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:

- 25% OFF DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS*
- REGISTER TO WIN A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD
At every Boscov's store

100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TO OUR ORGANIZATION

For Shopping Passes or information, contact:

For more details visit [boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends](https://www.boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends)
*Exclusions Apply

MUSIC PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS !



When: Thursdays at 2:00 PM. Starting September 29, 2022
Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church
107 Staley Avenue in Butler (just off Duffy Road)




Many senior citizens love music and have never had a chance to learn an instrument. New Horizons International Music Association is a worldwide organization that helps seniors ages 50 to 85 plus to get started with an instrument, or renew an instrument they started in school. A new chapter will be starting this fall at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Butler. This group will be called *Butler Folk and Gospel Band* and will offer an introduction to guitar, ukulele, mandolin, violin, viola, cello, and bass. We hope to have lots of fun together!


Instruments and volunteers needed! If you have one of the above instruments you no longer need, we would be happy to give it a home with a senior who wants to learn. If you can volunteer time to teach one of the above instruments, your help would be greatly appreciated. We may offer other instruments in the future if we have volunteers to teach them.

The program will be coordinated by Mary and Allen Kitchen. Mary is a retired pastor in Beaver Butler Presbytery and also a student in Music Therapy at Slippery Rock University. Allen is a church organist and a lifetime musician.

Our first volunteer and planning meeting will be **Thursday, September 22, 2022, 2:00PM** at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Anyone wanting to volunteer, donate an instrument, or know more about the program is welcome. The building is fully accessible and there is adequate parking. On the following **Thursday, September 29, 2022, 2:00PM**, we will invite seniors to join us and learn more about the program. We will also have instruments available that seniors can try out. The program will continue each Thursday thereafter at 2:00PM. Unless we receive multiple instrument donations, participants will need to rent or buy their own instruments.



For more information contact:
Mary at 412-266-0930 or marys@zoominternet.net
Allen at 412-295-7763 or allenmckinleykitchen@gmail.com



You can also learn more about *New Horizons International Music Association* on their website at www.newhorizonsmusic.org

MEMBER NEWS !



Opus I sends a big "THANK YOU" to Linda Maurhoff for, once again, editing and publishing our club yearbook. What a job, and much appreciated.

Officers for the 2022-24 terms are: Pres.- Kathy Kemerer, Vice Pres. - Jessica Wood; Secretary – Kathy Csellar; Treasurer – Linda Maurhoff; Federation Sec. - Ruth Ann McChesney. All were installed at the Sept. meeting and their willingness to serve is valuable and greatly appreciated.

Our international member, Samuel Quinto of Brazil, is recuperating at home after another hospitalization from a severe allergic reaction, apparently to medications he is taking following his motorcycle accident. We send our prayers and thoughts for healing and encouragement.

We miss seeing long-time members of Opus I and hope you will come back and enjoy the programs and fellowship of our club. Remember, attendance at one meeting, at a minimum, is required for continued membership. Do come back!

Welcome to new members, Kay Kress and Allen Kitchen, who joined at our September meeting!

Louise Eckman travels 45 minutes from O'Hara Twp. to attend our meetings and others like Jessica and Kathy and Daryl K travel quite a distance, so we give a round of applause to those and all who make the effort to get to LifePointe once a month! Obviously, they feel it's worth the effort – how about YOU?

So good to have Karen Douglass back with us and enjoyed her Inspirational Moment poem by Emily Dickinson.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE NEWS!

PFMC NORTHWEST DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE

October 22, 2022

Hosted by Mercer Music Club



Trinity Presbyterian Church, 110 East Market St., Mercer, PA 16137

Paula Kudelko, NW District Chairman 581 Greenfield Rd., New Wilmington 16142
pakudelko@me.com 724-946-3364

REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS: 9:00 – 9:30
Registration fee of \$2.00 per person paid to NW District

MORNING SESSION: 9:00 – 11:30
Business meeting, club reports, national and state officer’s reports

LUNCHEON: 12:15
Guest speaker, Charlene Hubbard, PFMC President

AFTERNOON SESSION:
Resume business meeting, door prizes, invitation to 2023 NW District meeting
Singing of “Pennsylvania”, adjournment

REMINDERS:

District per capita dues of \$2.00 per member (Minimum \$20.00 per club)
payable to PFMC Northwest District

Please bring club yearbooks to distribute to state officers and prepare a brief club report.

Each club may provide a \$10.00 raffle prize.

Name of Club: _____

Name of Attendees: _____

Amount of payment enclosed: _____

Luncheon reservations \$10.00 per person due by October 15.

Checks made out to Mercer Music Club and mailed to:
Carol K. Mixer, 832 Clarksville Rd., Mercer PA 16137

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



October 10, 2022

*Opus I Club Meeting - The Great American Songbook: Music of the Gershwins
Presented by Susan Cooper*

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church,

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program

****MASKS ARE OPTIONAL****



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

November 14, 2022

*Opus I Club Meeting - The Great American Songbook: Music of Cole Porter
Presented by Jeannette Allen, Pianist, and Judy Kurtzrock, Vocalist*

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church,

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



OUR MAILING ADDRESS

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