

TIMES SIGNATURE

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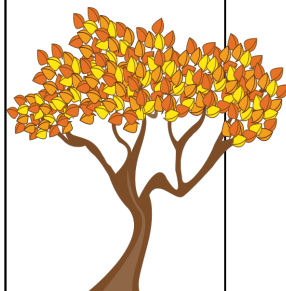
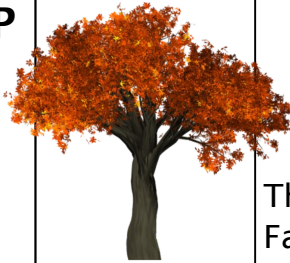
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KAREN'S KORNER

The leaves are quickly falling to the ground as Fall progresses through her season. We still have approximately one more month to go before Fall is done. There is still some color out there and I truly appreciate that! Of course, we have Thanksgiving to which we look forward.

Speaking of things to look forward, November's meeting and presentation promises to be a good one! New member Allen Kitchen will present from The Great American Songbook: "Some Roots of Black Gospel Music - Thomas A. Dorsey, Charles A. Tindley, and the 1930's. So, be there on November 14, 2022! I hope to see you all!

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

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



Presidential Ponderings

Greetings to all! Opus I has enjoyed a busy time in October, and we're looking forward to November...American Music Month! In this newsletter are reports of events in October, including the club meeting, the PFMC District Meeting in Mercer, and the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser.

The fundraiser was not as successful this year as in the past, since it snowed in the morning and our location in the store was not the best. So if you have any ideas for a fundraiser to benefit our scholarship fund, please contact me or one of the board members.

Thanks to Allen Kitchen for stepping in and presenting our program on November 14 "Some Roots of Black Gospel Music." Come out to the meeting and celebrate American Music!

Blessings!
Kathy Kemerer



NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION !

JOIN US AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING!

Great American Songbook: Some Roots of Black Gospel Music -

Thomas A Dorsey, Charles A. Tindley, and the 1930's

Hospitality Provided
By
Louise Eckman
And
Phyllis Smouse

Presented by

Allen Kitchen

Inspiration Provided
By
Louise Eckman

November 14, 2022
LifePointe Alliance Church
Music Room

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

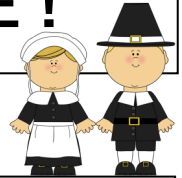
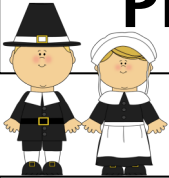
Opus I Music Society will meet Monday, November 14, 2022 at LifePointe Alliance Church with our new member, Allen Kitchen, presenting "Some Roots of Black Gospel Music" with a subtitle of "Thomas A Dorsey, Charles A Tindley, and the 1930s" using lecture as well as a sing-along. Allen says we will be surprised to hear the songs these men composed! He previously gave this presentation at a brown bag lunch at Chautauqua! What better way to celebrate the National Federation of Music Clubs' November American Music Month! Come at 9:30am for refreshments and networking, with the program at 10am. All members are urged to attend and why not bring a guest to this free event that is sure to be very educational and enjoyable.

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

See you there!



PFMC DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE !



Notes on the PFMC District Fall Conference, Saturday, October 22, 2022, Mercer, PA.

Three members of Opus I enjoyed a lovely day in Mercer at the Fall Conference. In addition to the meeting and salad luncheon we enjoyed Dr. Melinda Perttu's program on "The Tunes and Traditions of the Scottish Fiddle." Dr. Perttu is an associate professor of music at Westminster College, and directs the orchestra. She is a former US National Scottish Fiddling Champion. Following the luncheon our PFMC President, Charlene Hubbard, gave a heartening speech on all our clubs' need for each other throughout the state, and the support we can get from the PFMC. She emphasized the need to communicate and use the website.

Opus I was awarded \$30 for our Edith Kirk Knerr report, and certificates for our yearbook (2019-2020) and participation in National Music Week (2021).

Photos include Dr. Perttu in her tartan kilt, the 3 past presidents--Linda Maurhoff, Mary Ellen Ulmer, and Ruth Ann McChesney with the current PFMC president Charlene Hubbard. Also, one photo of Kathy giving the club report of our activities this year.



MEMORIES OF OUR OCTOBER MEETING !



The Great American Songbook: Music of the Gershwins

presented by
Susan Cooper

Susan shared photos and life stories of the Gershwin brothers Ira and George, and posed the question: what came first - the music or the lyrics? It became clear as the presentation progressed that Ira wrote the words to the songs after hearing the music George wrote.

As the grand finale of her presentation, Susan handed out slips of two different phrases of music and we paired up to write lyrics to these. She had also included with the music a suggestion as to the theme of the lyrics. Lots of fun was had in our becoming lyricists!

Kudos to Susan for an enjoyable and enlightening program!



BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS !



Our volunteers, Ruth Ann McChesney, Linda Maurhoff, Daryl Kemerer, and Kathy Kemerer raised \$255.00 for Opus I scholarships!

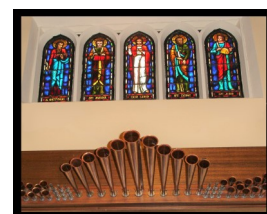


SACRED MUSIC CONCERT !

The Sacred Music Choir 2022 will present two concerts of sacred Christmas choral, organ and instrumental music featuring works by Dello Joio, Powell, Sowerby, and Bach in addition to traditional carol arrangements. The 12 voice non-denominational choir is directed by Daryl Kemerer and accompanied by Kathy Kemerer.

The first concert is on Friday evening, December 9 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary of Saint Peter's Anglican Church, 218 E. Jefferson St., Butler, and the second concert is on Saturday afternoon, December 10 at 3:00 pm in the historic Brush Creek-Salem U. C. C., 113 Altar Lane, Irwin, PA.

The concerts are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call Kathy Kemerer (724) 996-5859.





MEMBER NEWS !



Dennis Lisac, who has read his poems and hymns at our Opus I meetings since 2012, is now getting some of his works copyrighted! Congratulations Dennis!

Samuel Quinto continues to battle the results of his motorcycle accident in Brazil and is in pain to the point he is not able to teach or lead his worship team. We need to keep him in our thoughts and prayers. He was made an Honorary Member of Opus I in September!

Jeannie Allen was not able to do our November meeting on Cole Porter due to numerous health issues, a sick friend who was supposed to sing with her, and her care for others besides her teaching and playing at two churches. She is another member in need of encouragement and prayers.

New member, Louise Eckman, is a flutist and would like to get a flute ensemble together for performances at Opus I as well as in Assisted Living facilities nearby. Who else besides Ruth Ann and Sue Stevenson play the flute? Let Louise know!





AND MORE MEMBER NEWS!



Don't forget to spread the word about Kathy and Daryl's sacred chorus (for all ages). They would be glad to have more members. Do get in touch with them if interested. The December concerts will be real blessings (as in the past)!

Mary and Allen Kitchen were encouraged with the attendance at their first meetings of the New Horizons get-togethers. 19 folks showed up and the interest in learning new instruments and playing in this sacred and folk band is amazing! Just ask them about it!

The "IN Mars area" magazine has been contacted about publicizing our 2023 spring meetings and the deadline is 12/20/22 so send info. on the program you are presenting in Feb., March or April to Ruth Ann by 12/15/22!!

If you haven't heard the Butler County Symphony Orchestra lately, you should plan to attend an upcoming concert. They will be doing "Holiday Traditions" on Sat., Dec. 3rd 7:30pm at Butler Intermediate HS. Other concerts will be "Symphonic Dances" on Feb. 4th, "The Inextinguishable" on March 4th, and "The Golden Age of Hollywood" on April 8th. If in doubt, ask Mary and Allen Kitchen (or Ruth Ann) about the quality of the performances and you'll hear rave reviews!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



November 14, 2022

Opus I Club Meeting - The Great American Songbook: Some Roots of Black Gospel Music - Thomas A Dorsey, Charles A Tindley, and the 1930s

Presented by Allen Kitchen

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church,

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



****MASKS ARE OPTIONAL****



December 12, 2022

Opus I Club Meeting - Christmas Crafts and Music

Presented by Sue Stevenson

Come and lend a hand as we make Christmas Decorations for a local Assisted Living Facility

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church,

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



January, 2022

Opus I takes the month off and there will be no club meeting



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