

TIMES SIGNATURE

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KAREN'S KORNER

This modern cliché Valentine's Day poem can be found in *Gammer Gurton's Garland* (1784), a collection of English nursery rhymes published in London by Joseph Johnson.

"The rose is red, the violet's blue,

The honey's sweet, and so are you.

Thou art my love and I am thine:

I drew thee to my Valentine:

The lot was cast and then I drew,

And Fortune said it should be you. "

Be sure to wear red to our meeting in honor of Valentine's Day!

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

Karen





FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



Presidential Ponderings

Greetings friends of music!

It's time to celebrate hearts and flowers and love songs this beautiful month of February. Linda Maurhoff is presenting our program featuring love songs from The Great American Songbook (our Course of Study this year) on Monday, February 13th. We begin with hospitality and social time from 9:30 until 10:00 am and following a brief meeting the program is presented.

Since Opus I programs are always open to the public, why not consider inviting a friend to this or any other program we have? Guests are always welcome! Personal invitation is the best source of publicity and the best way to spread the word and help our club grow. I sincerely hope that we will all consider this a "bring a friend" meeting.

Kathy Kemerer





FEBRUARY MEETING INFORMATION !

JOIN US AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING!

BE SURE TO WEAR SOMETHING RED TO HONOR VALENTINE'S DAY!



The Great American Songbook:

Love Songs

Presented by

Linda Maurhoff

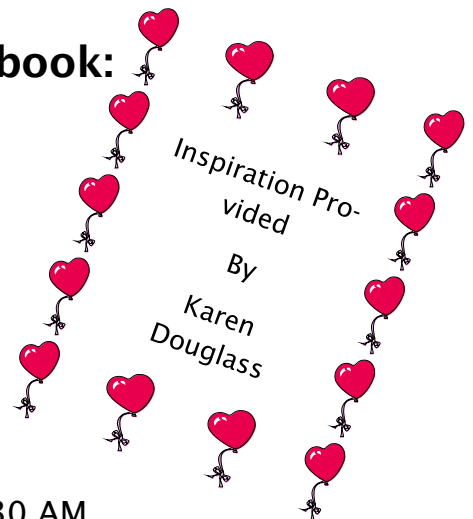
February 13, 2023

LifePointe Alliance Church

Music Room

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM



The program this month will be another look at the American Songbook and feature love songs in celebration of Valentine's Day.

February is also Black History Month and our program will also include contributions by Black American composers.



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



See you there!



MEMORIES OF OUR DECEMBER MEETING !

With illnesses and injuries, (and COVID still around), attendance at the December meeting of Opus I was less than 15 members, but a good time was had by all.

Joyce Strobel shared Jeanine Yeager's music and told us of her personal interest, Linda Maurhoff, at the piano, led the group in a sing-along with Mary and Allen Kitchen and Jessica Wood adding instrumental accompaniment, and Sue Stevenson had everyone hard at work making folded hymn pages into tree crafts to take to Concordia. Some people did a lot more than others, and Dennis and Allen didn't talk the whole time! Just kidding!

Ruth Ann and Linda provided the refreshments and Mary Kitchen provided the Inspirational Moment. Thanks to all who made the morning one to remember.

Some members have yet to meet their membership requirement of attendance at one meeting, so we DO hope others will join us in February for Linda's program on "Love Songs"!





MEMBER NEWS !



During the opening business of the December meeting, President Kathy Kemerer presented Ruth Ann McChesney an honorarium gift card and thank you card for the years she served as president (again). Both were a surprise and certainly appreciated according to Ruth Ann.

Besides making our craft at the December meeting, we enjoyed a sing-along of Christmas carols and songs with Linda Maurhoff at the piano, Allen Kitchen on recorder, and Jessica Wood and Mary Kitchen on violin! Sue and Ruth Ann delivered the crafts to the residents at Concordia on Dec. 13th where they did a sing-along and devotions and the folks were thrilled to receive them!

Our dear friend, Margie Rinaman, who broke her femur in November, was finally on the organ bench on 1/22 to play the funeral of her dear friend, 90 yr. old Don Thieleman. It was SO good to see her back where she belongs! We trust full healing will continue and she will be back with us at Opus I. Linda Maurhoff, Don's niece, was at the piano for that same funeral. Our sympathy to all the family, but we rejoice that Don was ready and anxious to get to Heaven!

Kathy and Daryl Kemerer's Sacred choral concerts in December were well done and well received, as they continue this marvelous tradition. Bless you both. Insert 3 photos.





AND MORE MEMBER NEWS !



Former Opus I member, Tatiana Mester, wrote to tell us: "You might be interested to read my book that is available on Amazon now. I documented events of my family, starting from the beginning of the 20th century (with pictures), as well as my life experiences for the 19 years being in the USSR. Everything is there - tears and joy. Title: Between Two Empires: Tree Without Roots.

The link is https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/B0BR23BSM2/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?ie=UTF8&qid=1673387896&sr=8-1 Tatiana

Our sympathy to Dennis Lisac and his wife, Joyce, in the recent passing of Joyce's sister.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

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Welcome
To The
Club!





MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



February 13, 2023

Opus I Club Meeting - The Great American Songbook: Love Songs

Presented by - Linda Maurhoff

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church,

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program

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****MASKS ARE OPTIONAL****

March 13, 2023

Opus I Club Meeting - TBA

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church,

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



April 10, 2023

Opus I Club Meeting - The Great American Songbook: American Sacred Music

Presented by - Joyce Moon Strobel

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church,

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



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