

TIMES SIGNATURE

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KAREN'S KORNER

"We rarely succeed at anything unless we have fun doing it."

Rev. John Naus

There is a lot of truth in that quote! I truly enjoy writing this column and putting this newsletter together each month.

Most months I say something about a holiday celebrated within that month. This month we celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Folklore tells us that St. Patrick drove snakes out of Ireland. A noble thing to do if you ask me. However, one has to wonder just where did those snakes go. I've been wondering about that for a long time now. I'd really like to know!

And life does go on! This month at Opus I, Kathy Csellar will present *A Lesson In Early American History*, which promises to be quite interesting! So be there on March 13th to learn how music fits into early American history!

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

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



Presidential Ponderings

So March has come in like a lovely lamb. I personally hope that the lion doesn't show up here at the end of the month!

The Opus I board members have been working behind the scenes on several promotional items, like new business cards (including a new Opus I dedicated email address) and a new Facebook page, thanks to Jessica Wood :-). In response to my request about fundraising ideas, Jessica suggested that we plan a summer music camp for youth to raise money for our scholarship fund. The thought is to host a music camp one Saturday afternoon and offer a few different classes on subjects like rhythm, theory, composition, and perhaps improvisation (?or any other ideas?). Personally, I like this idea, but we would need your help and support to make it successful! Everyone can participate in one way or another, either by contacting students and parents and promoting this event, or teaching, or helping with registration and directing students the day of the event. Our funds would come from student registration fees. More information will be coming in future newsletters and emails. If you have suggestions for this event or other fundraising ideas, or would like to serve on the committee, please contact me or one of the board members. Also, do you have any program ideas for next year? If so, Ruth Ann McChesney would love to hear from you.

Kathy Csellar is presenting our program on Shape-note singing this month. Sounds like it's "shaping up" to be fun! Come join us March 13 to learn about this early 19th century music notation for singers taught in England and the USA. If you're of Irish ancestry or just Irish at heart, wear a bit o' green to the meeting.

See you soon!

Kathy Kemerer



MARCH MEETING INFORMATION !



JOIN US AT OUR MARCH MEETING !



The Great American Songbook: A Lesson In Early American History

Hospitality Provided
By
Kay Kress
And
Margie Rinaman

Presented by

Kathy Csellar

March 13, 2023

LifePointe Alliance Church

Music Room

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

Inspiration Provided
By
Sue Stevenson

A lesson in Early American History that tells why the notes are not round!
Who sang shape note hymns, and a trial at singing the shapes ourselves.
Hymns from Southern Harmony and Sacred Harp collections.



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

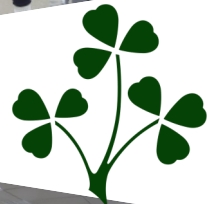
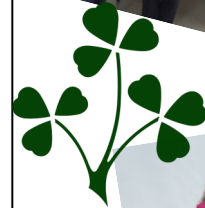
See you there!



MEMORIES OF OUR FEBRUARY MEETING !



Feb. 13th was a perfect day to celebrate "Love Songs" from Opus I's theme on the Great American Songbook. In spite of a broken right hand, Linda Maurhoff did her best to tell us the history of St. Valentine's Day and Margie Rinaman, back from a long absence due to her broken leg, accompanied the group at the piano, using her amazing talent to make us sound good! What fun to sing favorites like "Let me call you Sweetheart", " Our Love is here to stay" and "Unforgettable". President Kathy Kemerer led the business meeting, Jessica Wood and Kris Hattman provided luscious refreshments, and Karen Douglass read Elizabeth Barrett Browning's famous "How Do I Love Thee, Let Me Count the Ways" for an Inspirational Moment! Just watching the 16 members sharing with each other was more evidence of the 'love' we have for each other in our club. We just wish more members would make the effort to attend. Put March 13th on your calendars now!!



MEMBER NEWS !



So good to have Margie Rinaman back at the piano at our February meeting. It's been a long recovery after her November fall in her basement, but no one keeps Margie down for long!! By the way, her birthday is April 2nd!!

Joyce Gindlesperger was back to Opus I on Feb. 13th and it was great to have her!

Virginia Pintado called to say she was very sick with possible pneumonia and unable to attend that day but a recent call was good news that she is better and plans to join us March 13th.

Ruth Ann and Sue Stevenson are open for suggestions about a 'theme' for next year's programs. We've already had a volunteer to do an October program, (thanks Susan Cooper), but the theme is yet to be decided. What do you want to study? Let us know!

In response to the get well card we all signed at the February meeting for Joanna Murray, her mother wrote: "Joanna received several cards today, one of which was from your music club, Opus 1. If you could have seen the smile on her face as she read each comment of love and encouragement! Then when she read that even Mars is thinking about her... well, my heart melted! Thank you and your music club! Blessings, Barb (February 20th, she begins radiation. She is so positive about it.)"

Opus I member, Louise Eckman, was a featured flutist at a recent Tuesday Musical Club chamber music master class. Wish we could hear her!!

Opus I Music Society renewed our FREE \$1,000,000 liability insurance at Life-Pointe Alliance for the coming year. If you are a teacher or in charge of any musical event, remember that you can get this coverage for your home, church, facility or any location where you conduct Federation-related activities. See www.pfmc-music.org "Forms" link for the application to be sent to Barb Murray.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

March 13, 2023

*Opus I Club Meeting - A Lesson In Early American History
Presented by Kathy Csellar*

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church

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



****MASKS ARE OPTIONAL****

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

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

May 7 - 14, 2023 - NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK

Theme: "Music...is a Worldwide Adventure"



May 12, 2023

Opus I Student Honors Recital and Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church

When: TBA

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