

# TIMES SIGNATURE

## Opus I Music Society

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### KAREN'S KORNER

This poem was printed in The New York Times on March 21, 1948.

“Spring is sprung,  
The grass is riz,  
I wonder where the flowers is.  
The boid is on the wing --  
Absoid!  
Of course the wing is on the boid.”  
-- Anon.

A little humor for you all to ease into Spring!

This month Kathy Csellar will present *A Lesson In Early American History*, which promises to be quite interesting! So, be there on April 10th to learn how music fits into Early American history! See you there!

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 April 10, 2023 to learn about this early 19th century music notation for singers taught in England and the USA.



See you soon!

Kathy Kemerer



## APRIL MEETING INFORMATION !



**JOIN US AT OUR APRIL MEETING !**



### The Great American Songbook: A Lesson In Early American History

Presented by

Kathy Csellar

April 10, 2023

LifePointe Alliance Church

Music Room

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

Inspiration Provided  
By  
Daryl Kemerer

Hospitality Provided  
By  
Susan Cooper  
And  
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 MARCH MEETING !



At our March meeting, Joyce Moon Strobel presented “American Sacred Music”, a history and explanation of many unknown hymns with composers and lyricists.

We enjoyed singing many of them as Joyce accompanied us, and also played her own sacred compositions. It was quite an enjoyable and informative experience!



## PHYLLIS IS LEAVING US !



### A TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS SMOUSE

As most of you know, our dear Opus I member, Phyllis Smouse, will be moving to Dublin, OH in May and will not be able to be with us at our future meetings. At our April 10th meeting, we want to honor this faithful member who joined the second year Opus I was in existence, and attended all 32 years since!

She was president of Opus I from 1995-1997 and has been the only chair of the "Past Presidents' Assembly" that we've ever had! As program chair she arranged many interesting and entertaining programs, and has always been an encourager. Her Christian faith was evident in her caring and conversation and we will miss her a great deal. May she and Bob enjoy being near their daughter and family, and 3 young grandchildren!!

Karen Douglass commented: "I always loved her welcoming smile every time I entered the music room. Also, I always appreciated her words of encouragement all of the time". I'll never forget them"

Kathy Kemerer shared: "What I remember most about her is the many interesting programs that she planned for us as program chair. She was an inspiration to me when I served as program chair! ....she was constantly scanning newspapers and other sources for possible programs, putting in a lot of time and effort".

Help us honor Phyllis on Monday, April 10th.

Bring your thoughts and memories to share!



## **WE HAVE A NEW FACEBOOK GROUP !**



To help spread the word and stay connected with one another between Opus I meetings, we now have an updated Facebook group! If you use Facebook, please find us and join. Any member can make a musical post on the group page to encourage and inspire others.

You can use this URL to find us: [www.facebook.com/groups/opusonemusic](http://www.facebook.com/groups/opusonemusic) (copy and paste into your browser!)

Happy Networking and thanks for helping us advertise to others how wonderful the Opus I Music Society is! See you there!

# facebook

# OPUS I MUSIC SOCIETY CELEBRATES NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK AND IT'S ONE HUNDRED YEAR ANNIVERSARY !

## STUDENT HONORS RECITAL AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS !



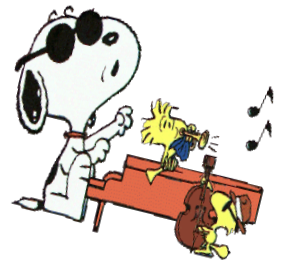
*Recital features:*

2022 Scholarship Award Recipients,  
High School Senior Outstanding Musician Award

Students of Opus I Teachers

Friday, May 12, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM,  
LifePointe Alliance Church, Worship Center

A reception to follow after the recital



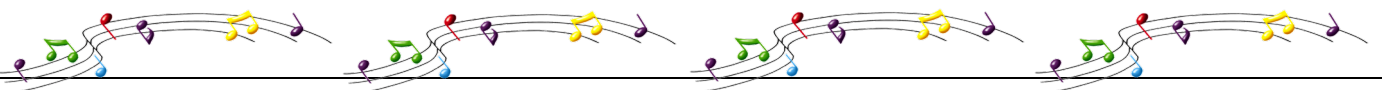
### ATTENTION !

Teachers need to ask two of their performance ready students to perform!

Teachers should have their students' name, grade in school, age, piece title and composer, and the teacher's name to Ginny Netchi by **Monday, May 8th.**

Also

Applications for the College Scholarship, both sophomore and junior music majors or minors need to be submitted to Linda Maurhoff by **April 15th.**



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## POSTER CONTEST !

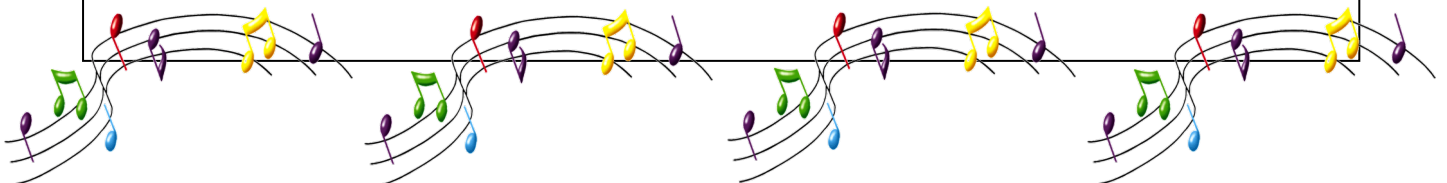


This contest is for students grades K - 6.

Posters should be the size of a standard piece of paper and be based on the theme for National Music Week. The theme is "Music...is a World-wide Adventure".

The theme should be printed on the front of the poster with the student's name, grade in school, and teacher's name on the back.

Posters should be turned in to the LifePointe Alliance Church by **Friday, April 28th**. Prizes will be awarded for the best posters, and all posters will be displayed at the Honors Recital on May 12th.





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



**April 10, 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\*\***

**May 7 - 14, 2023 - NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK**

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS IN EXISTENCE**

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



**May 12, 2023**

*Opus I Student Honors Recital and Scholarship Awards Ceremony*

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Worship Center

When: 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

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