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KAREN'S KORNER

Among all the things that happen during the month of May which include National Music Week, and our Honors Recital, there is one more event that is ever so important. Mother's Day. I will honor my Mother by sharing a wonderful memory.

I think of my own mother every day as I miss her so much every day. She was a classically trained pianist of expert caliber. You all would have loved her. I chose the colors blue and pink for this month's newsletter to honor her memory as they were her favorite colors. Music was an integral part of her life, whether it be directing our church choir, playing or teaching piano, or simply listening to music. She was my first piano teacher. At the young age of five, she gave me my very first lesson. I was a big girl that day when we sat at the piano. She didn't start with traditional teaching but with a song called *Chinese Sandman* by Mabel Besthoff. She taught me to read music from the actual sheet music. Mom was my very first musical inspiration.

Since I have been putting this newsletter together, I have signed out of Karen's Korner by writing "Let There Be Music!" as a quote. This quotation was one of her favorite things to say and I will carry this on as her beloved daughter; and as always "Let There Be Music!"

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



Presidential Ponderings

The merry month of May is approaching while Mother Nature tries to confuse us as to what season we are truly experiencing. Nevertheless, we are determined to march toward summer! But first, remember that Opus I has an Honors Recital and reception to host on Friday, May 12 at 7:00 PM in the Worship Center of LifePointe Alliance Church of Mars.

As in the past, teachers are requested to ask one or two of their performance-ready students to participate, and get the students' names, grades in school, ages, piece titles and composers, and the teacher's name to Ginny Netchi by Monday May 8. Her email is avnetchi@gmail.com.

Also, I am requesting all of our members (teachers or not) to come to the recital! It is free and open to the public, so invite your friends. An audience is so important as a show of support for these young aspiring musicians.

In previous months I have been toying with ideas for fund-raising for our scholarship program, and since our demand for the scholarship money has waned and our fund is doing well now, I think those fund-raising ideas will be on hold for the time being.

As the Opus I season pauses following the Honors Recital until September I want to thank everyone for their contributions to Opus I, in presenting programs and Inspirational Moments, serving hospitality and in office, and all the behind the scenes activity that keeps us humming! We wish everyone a restful, musical, beautiful summer, and if any ideas come to mind for programs, let us know! :-)

Best wishes!
Kathy Kemerer



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 student's name, grade in school, age, piece title and composer, and the teacher's name to Ginny Netchi by **Monday, May 8th**. Her email is vnetchi@gmail.com

Also

Applications for the College Scholarship, both sophomore and junior music majors or minors need to be submitted to Linda Maurhoff. Her email is lindmahoff@consolidated.net.

One More Thing!

Kathy Kemerer, Linda Maurhoff, Jessica Wood and Karen Douglass have agreed to bring cookies. **We need more!** If you will be donating cookies, let Kathy know.

Her email is KathyKemerer04@gmail.com.



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

POSTER CONTEST !

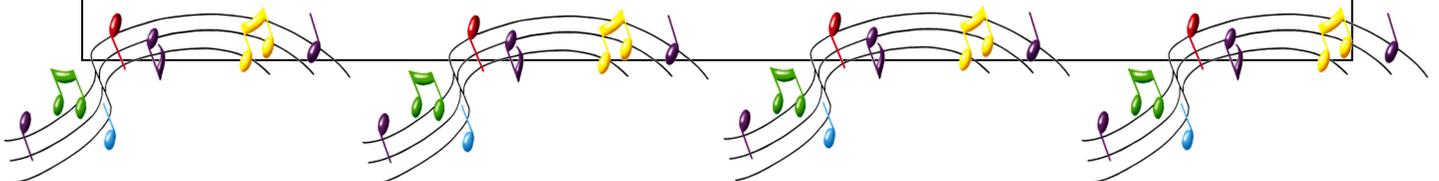


This contest is for students grades K - 6.

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.



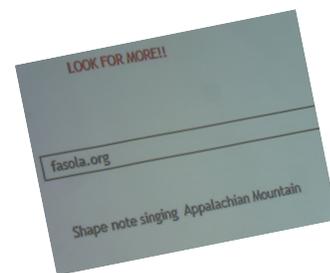
MEMORIES OF OUR APRIL MEETING !



The Puritan's attitude toward music was that it is fine in its place, but it is a small place! Confined to singing praise to God in church or at home, a Puritan could be an enthusiastic participant. Early settlers brought instruments, recorders, jew's harps, violins, or what would fit in the ship.



John Tuft in his "Introduction to the Singing of Psalm Tunes in Boston, 1721, presented an innovation where the art of reading orthodox notation had virtually disappeared. The syllables were represented by shapes. William Walker wrote out notes with shaped heads to help singers who couldn't read music. The 4 shape note system used in the Sacred Harp came into being as an endless tinkering with music notation that 18th and 19th century Americans indulged in. Later came the 'do re mi fa sol la ti do solmi'zation system. Shape note heads are an American invention.



WE HAVE A NEW FACEBOOK GROUP !



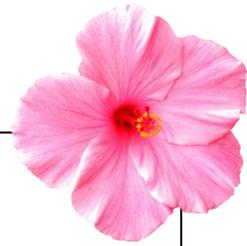
To help spread the word and stay connected with one another between Opus I meetings, we now have an updated Facebook group! If you use Facebook, please find us and join. Any member can make a musical post on the group page to encourage and inspire others.

You can use this URL to find us: www.facebook.com/groups/opusonemusic (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!

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OUTDOOR SYMPHONY CONCERT !



The Butler County Symphony Orchestra will present ***Music Under the Stars*** on Thursday, June 29th at 7:30pm in the Cranberry Park Amphitheater, 111 Ernie Mashuda Drive, Cranberry Township, PA. This marvelous ensemble will play patriotic favorites and show tunes, and you won't want to miss it! Admission is FREE; bring a lawn chair or blanket! Here's your chance to hear our local orchestra and you'll be amazed to see what you may have been missing all these years! They are GREAT! Their website is: <https://butlersymphony.org/>

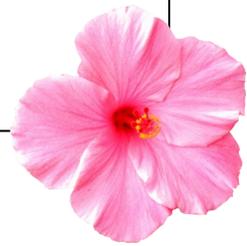
Remember:

What: *Music Under the Stars*

When: Thursday, June 29th at 7:30 PM

Where: Cranberry Park Amphitheater, 111 Ernie Mashuda Drive, Cranberry Twp., PA

Admission: FREE!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

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

****MASKS ARE OPTIONAL****

June 13 - 17

2023 NFMC Convention - Norfolk, VA

July 8 - 9

NFMC Northeastern Region Federation Days - Chautauqua Institution, NY



SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



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