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September 2023

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KAREN'S KORNER

The Fall Season is coming and we start to turn our thoughts to getting back to work from vacations and cooler temperatures.

This coming year at Opus I we have a great program schedule put together for you and we kick it off on **Monday, September 18, 2023** at our Annual Brunch where Joyce Gindlesperger and Linda Maurhoff will be honoring National Piano Month with piano duet music. It sounds great already!

Please take note that the meeting is not on our regular second Monday of the month but one week later. We will see you then!

“To be thrown upon one’s resources is to be cast into the very lap of fortune, for our faculties then undergo a development and display an energy of which they were previously unsusceptible. —

Benjamin Franklin

And as always, *Let there be music!*

Karen



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



Presidential Ponderings

September has arrived with a steamy blast of summer's hazy, hot, and humid! Hopefully it will be more fall-like when Opus I opens with our first meeting on Monday, September 18 at 9:30 AM in the choir room of LifePointe Alliance Church, Rt. 228, Mars.

We'll celebrate the opening of this season with a pot-luck brunch and some entertaining piano duets in recognition of National Piano Month. Plan to bring your favorite salad or dessert to share.

Also, if you're interested in volunteering for hospitality and/or offering the Inspirational thought at any of the meetings this season, please contact Ruth Ann McChesney (pfmcrum@hotmail.com).

If you're interested in volunteering for the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event on Wednesday, October 18, contact me at kathykemerer04@gmail.com or cell 724.996.5859.

I look forward to seeing you again, and sharing good food, fellowship, and music!

Best wishes!
Kathy Kemerer



SEPTEMBER MEETING INFORMATION !

JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL WELCOME BACK BRUNCH !

In Celebration of National Piano Month

Presented by

***Joyce Gindlesperger**

And

Linda Maurhoff

*Hospitality Provided
By
All Of Us!*

*Inspiration Provided
By
TBA*

September 18, 2023

Please Note The Date Change

LifePointe Alliance Church

Music Room

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM



In celebration of National Piano Month, Joyce Gindlesperger and Linda Maurhoff will play piano duet music celebrating our National Federation of Music Clubs, our Country and our Gift of Music!

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



See you there!

MEMORIES OF OUR MAY HONORS RECITAL !



Linda Maurhoff
Opening



Our Students



All of the students played very well, and we enjoyed a yummy reception. Margie Rinaman's students entered posters in the poster contest and won. Our scholarship award of \$500 went to Lydia Hall, a vocal student of Kristin Ivers, so that she could attend Brevard summer music camp this year. Two high school seniors received the Outstanding High School Musician awards of \$100 each. They are: Grace Hazlett of Pine-Richland H.S. and Leta Hixan of Seneca Valley H.S. Congratulations!



Our
Posters



NFMC NEWS !



Linda being installed as the new NE Region VP during NFMC convention in Norfolk, VA



Linda Maurhoff during the invitation skit for the NFMC conference in Iowa, June 2024



The new NFMC North-eastern Region VP, Linda Maurhoff, is congratulated by the outgoing VP, Ruth Ann (Both members of Opus I)!

FEDERATION DAYS RECAP !



Ruth Ann conducts business before turning the meeting over to new NE Region VP, Linda Maurhoff.



Allen Kitchen presents "Foundations of Black Gospel Music" as morning workshop



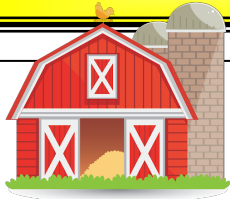
Mary Kitchen leads the Memorial Service



Ruth Ann McChesney and Susan Cooper



Opus I members in attendance at the Federation Days: Linda, Ruth Ann, Allen and Mary along with NFMC President, Deborah Freeman.



MEMBER NEWS !



Jessica Wood designed a very nice business card for Opus I members to use to hand to people when mentioning the club and its programs. Be sure to get a handful at our next meeting on Sept. 18 th ! And USE THEM!! It is a big help in carrying out our theme: “Making music an integral part of life”.

From Phyllis (and Bob) Smouse: 10744 Dunraven Lane, Dublin, OH 43017. “We are enjoying our new home and being within 10 minutes of our daughter and family. I sure don’t miss the stairs of our Wexford home, but I do miss our friends and church family and ministry.

Our community is 61 homes- built 2018-2020, mostly retired people but a few younger folks too. Well organized social events and very friendly.” They are visiting churches and hope to get involved with RAIN again – a ministry to refugees and immigrants.

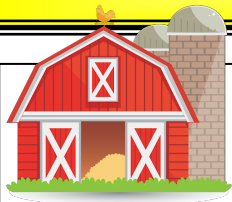
From Nancy Johnson: She “moved to Overbrook Pointe” #317, 1500 Graham Way, Mars, PA 16046. Hopefully she will be able to come to Opus I now that she is so close to the church!

Joyce and Bob Strobel have moved to Passavant Retirement Center and their new address is: 2600 Burgess Dr., Apt. 103, Zelienople, PA 16064-2516. Joyce did a wonderful program for Opus I last year and we do hope living just up Rt. 19 will have her joining us again this year!

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Opus I Music Society founding member, Phyllis Chvostal, on her recent passing. Phyllis served on the PFMC Board, and also as the NFMC Theory Chair for several years.

Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends event will be Wednesday, Oct. 18, 8:00am to 11:00 pm. Volunteers welcome! Contact Kathy Kemerer asap.

Check out the new and improved Federation website at: www.NFMC-music.org!!



AND MORE MEMBER NEWS !



SPECIAL NEED of an Opus I member:

Our only international member, Samuel Quinto of Brazil, has written to Ruth Ann with a need for prayer and financial aid due to health concerns, a car that has 3 broken doors, college expenses (since he just finished his Masters degree and is pursuing a Doctorate) and more. Samuel played for us via live-stream during the pandemic when we had Zoom meetings, and continues active in the music world, including as Worship Leader of his Baptist Church.

The Opus I executive board voted to send \$100 to Samuel and would like to invite Opus I members and friends to donate any amount to add to this gift. Please bring cash or checks (made out to Opus I) to the Sept. 18 th brunch and meeting. If you are unable to attend Opus I but wish to donate to Samuel, please send check to Linda Maurhoff (203 Downieville Rd., Valencia, PA 16059) made out to Opus I Music Society with "Samuel" on the Memo line and postmark by Sept. 18 th .

Samuel is MOST grateful for any help as he cares for his wife, two daughters and ailing parents. Contact Ruth Ann at 724-601-7072 with any questions/concerns. Listen to him play at www.SamuelQuinto.com



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT !

If anyone who has a program from a concert they performed in between September 2022 and August 2023 and would like to include it in the Achievement Book, please bring it to the September meeting or mail it to me ASAP.

The address is 2137 Prospect Rd. , Prospect PA 16052

Many thanks!
Kathy Kemerer

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IN MEMORIAM



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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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BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS !



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends information

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Time: 8:00am to 11:00 pm.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



September 18, 2023 PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

Opus I Annual Welcome Back Brunch

Honoring National Piano Month

Presented by Joyce Gindlesperger and Linda Maurhoff

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Music Room

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



October 9, 2023

Music Is...Tradition at Chautauqua Institution

Presented by Susan Cooper

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Music Room

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



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