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Opus I Music Society

October 2023

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KAREN'S KORNER

Fall is approaching full swing and I love it! It's my favorite time of the year. I enjoy the holiday's celebrated in the fall season, both Halloween and Thanksgiving. I love the gorgeousness of the foliage as it changes color. I just love everything about this season! Even those 12 foot skeletons that are popping up everywhere!

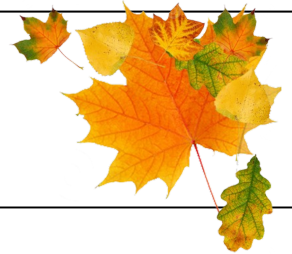
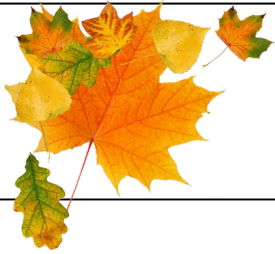
Our October meeting is on October 9th in the LifePointe Music Room and the program promises to be a good one! Susan Cooper will be presenting *Music Is...Tradition At The Chautauqua Institute*. Come and join us! I'll see you there!

And as always, *Let there be music!*

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



Presidential Ponderings

The month of October fast approaches, and for me, this month includes my 41st wedding anniversary and my husband's birthday. And for Opus I, we have a meeting on Monday morning October 9 in the choir room at LifePointe Alliance Church of Mars, plus the PFMC Northwest District Fall Conference on Saturday, October 28 hosted by Lakeview Music Club of the Sandy Lake Stoneboro area. The registration form is included on page 6 in this newsletter.

The fall conference consists of an informative meeting and sharing of ideas for programs and fundraising between local clubs. Registration includes lunch and a musical program. It's a lovely gathering of like-minded folks! Watch for your PFMC news sheet for more details on the conference.

Also on the calendar in October is the Friends Helping Friends fundraiser at Boscov's department store, Butler Clearview Mall, Wednesday, October 18. For a \$5.00 donation to Opus I, you'll receive a Boscov's 25% off shopping pass good in almost all departments that day. Tell your friends, and let me know asap if you would like one or more shopping passes, and/or if you're available and would like to help at the store that morning between 8:00 am and 12:00 noon. Remember, all proceeds go into the scholarship fund.

Our program at the October meeting will be presented by Susan Cooper on the tradition of music at Chautauqua, and as usual, we'll start at 9:30 with fellowship and food! We'd love to see you then, and bring a friend!

Best wishes!

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OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION !



Music Is...Tradition At The Chautauqua Institute

Presented by

Susan Cooper

October 9, 2023

LifePointe Alliance Church

Music Room

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

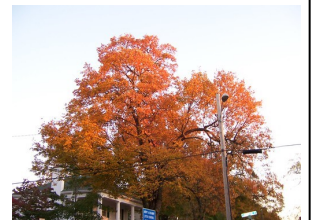
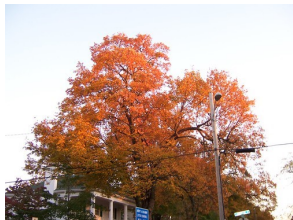
Inspiration Provided
By
Mary Kitchen

Hospitality Provided
By
Kathy Csellar
And
Kathy Kemerer

Our October 9th program brings us Susan Cooper presenting *Music Is...Tradition At The Chautauqua Institute*. There will be audience participation and a surprise present! You don't want to miss this!

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

See you there!



MEMORIES OF OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING !



Kathy Kemerer, pres. welcomed 17 members of Opus I on Monday, Sept. 18th and a delicious array of food was enjoyed by all. In celebration of NFMC's National Piano Month, Ruth Ann read a poem "Piano" by D. H. Lawrence which starts with "Softly, in the dusk, a woman is singing to me; Taking me back down the vista of years, till I see.... A child sitting under the piano, in the boom of the tingling strings." Linda Maurhoff and Joyce Gindlesperger then celebrated National Piano Month with 6 marvelous duets, starting appropriately with "I Love a Piano"!! Not only did we enjoy the musical selections but both Linda and Joyce gave background info. about the pieces and composers (like Mozart) as they played from a 75 year old book that belonged to Linda's grandmother! They went on to play "Fairest Lord Jesus" or also known as "Beautiful Savior" and "Crusader's Hymn", before sharing Fanny Crosby's famous "To God Be the Glory" that gained great popularity after the 1954 Billy Graham Crusade in Nashville! In contrast to the other pieces they finished with two patriotic pieces "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America", urging us to sing along on the last chorus. It was a wonderful program and we thank Linda and Joyce for all the research as well as the practice it took to entertain us so royally.



MEMBER NEWS !

Ginny (Virginia) Pintado wrote to tell us that she has had some serious health issues and must "limit a lot of activities due to lack of strength and endurance so I will not be coming to Opus I anymore, much as I wish I could". She sends best wishes to all and hopes Opus I continues and gets more members as we "continue supporting the young musicians". Her address is: 811 Village Drive, #103, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Thank you to the many Opus I members who donated to help our Brazilian member, Samuel Quinto, with his financial need. A total of \$265 was collected but if you would still like to donate, bring such to our October 9th meeting or send ASAP to Linda Maurhoff, Treasurer at 203 Downieville Rd., Valencia, PA 16059. We will wire the gift to him about October 15th.

Sue Stevenson has had a real battle with Covid and since she missed the September 18th meeting, we DO hope she is well enough to be with us in October. Get better, Sue!

Ruth Ann and Kay Kress enjoyed an overnight bus trip with LifePointe church folks to visit the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in Kentucky September 25-26th. If you haven't seen how HUGE Noah's ark was, it's worth a visit!

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Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs, Inc.

PFMC NORTHWEST DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE

October 28, 2023

Hosted by Lakeview Music Club

at

Emmanuel Christian Church

4495 Greenville-Sandy Lake Rd., Stoneboro PA 16153

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS: 9:00 TO 9:30 AM

Registration fee of \$1.00 paid to district

MORNING SESSION: 9:30

Business Meeting Individual Club Reports

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: 11:00

Lynn Hamilton, flute Debbie Wright, Accompanist

LUNCHEON: 11:30

PFMC President Charlene Hubbard Speaker

AFTERNOON SESSION: 12:30

Resume business meeting as needed

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: 1:00

Abiella Barbour, Piano

REMINDERS:

Regional per capita dues of \$2.00 per member payable to

PFMC Northwest District

Bring club yearbooks to distribute to state officers.

Each club should prepare to present a short report of club activities.

Each club may provide a \$10.00 raffle gift.

Name of Club: _____

Name of Attendees: _____

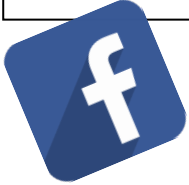
Luncheon reservations \$15.00 per person due by **October 20**

Checks made out to LAKEVIEW MUSIC CLUB

Mailed to Marlyn Hill, 26 Roberts Rd., Sandy Lake PA 16145

"Surrounding the National Seal is the Keystone, symbol of Pennsylvania, supporting and drawing on the National Federation of Music Clubs. The Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs is a 501(c)(3) organization"

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!

facebook

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS !



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends information

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023,

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

Place: Boscov's in Butler Mall



Volunteers welcome! Contact Kathy Kemerer ASAP if you can help!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

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



October 18, 2023

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event

When: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Where: Boscov's in Butler Mall

October 28, 2023

PFMC Northwest District Fall Conference

Hosted by the Lakeview Music Club of the Sandy Lake Stoneboro Area

More information can be found on page 6 of our newsletter and in our PFMC Newsheet



November 13, 2023

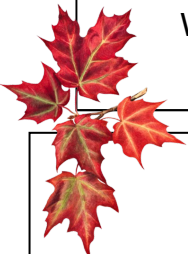
Music Is...All American

Presented by Ruth Ann McChesney

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Music Room

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



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