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KAREN'S KORNER

Fall is in her full splendor and it is just wonderful! The trees are beginning to shed their leaves but there is still a lot of color to behold! It is my favorite time of the year.

In the month of November here at Opus I, along with the NFMC, celebrates American Music Month. Member Ruth Ann McChesney will present to us *Music is...All American*. Famous American composers and their music will be explored. Joyce Moon Strobel will be the accompanist. There will be a special surprise, too! So, be there on November 13th!

And as always, *Let there be music!*

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



Presidential Ponderings

Greetings to all! Opus I has enjoyed a busy time in October, and we're looking forward to November...American Music Month! In this newsletter are reports of our events in October, including the club meeting, the PFMC District Meeting in Stoneboro, and the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser.

The fundraiser was successful this year, bringing in \$315 to the scholarship fund for our five hours work. Daryl and I worked the first two hours and even sold two shopping passes outside the store while waiting for the doors to open. Many thanks to Ruth Ann McChesney and Sue Stevenson for staying beyond their two hour shift!

Our program on November 13, "Music Is ...All American," will be presented by Ruth Ann McChesney. Come out to LifePointe Alliance Church at 9:30 am for some snacks and social time before the meeting and join us to celebrate American Music!

Best wishes!

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NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION !

JOIN US AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING !



Inspiration Provided
By
Sue Stevenson

Music Is...All American

Presented by
Ruth Ann McChesney

November 13, 2023

LifePointe Alliance Church
Music Room

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

Hospitality Provided
By
Kay Kress
And
Margie Rinaman



Do you know the history behind the song "Yankee Doodle"? What inspired Katherine Lee Bates to write her famous American song in 1893? What song did Irving Berlin write in 1918 and revise in 1938? Come to Opus I on Monday, November 13th to hear about famous "All American" songs (from 1755 to 1984) and sing them, (with accompaniment by Joyce Moon Strobel)! The history you'll learn is amazing and most interesting. Bring a friend and wear your red, white, and blue!!

It's a flag-waving and patriotic program and we will even have selections by our own American composer (and member of Opus I)! Refreshments at 9:30, courtesy of Kay Kress and Margie Rinaman, (the do-nut holes are worth the visit), and Inspirational Moment by Sue Stevenson. The public is invited to attend and members are strongly encouraged to support NFMC's American Music Month! See you on the 13th !



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

See you there!



MEMORIES OF OUR OCTOBER MEETING !



Opus I Music Society program on
"Music is.... Tradition at Chautauqua"
Oct. 9, 2023

Opus I member, Susan Cooper, presented a most unique and enjoyable program about the music of Chautauqua Institution and members not only learned some of the history but PLAYED the pieces Susan brought along with a complete set of hand chimes! It was a first for most of us, and such fun to play "Day is Dying in the West" and on until we shared the tradition from 1907 that ends every Sacred Song Service by the playing of "Largo"! It definitely is Tradition at Chautauqua and we were part of it. THANK YOU, Susan, for a great morning of music.

Mary Kitchen presented the Inspirational Moment and Kathy Csellar and Kathy Kemerer treated us to wonderful Fall refreshments.

It was a great meeting and enjoyed by about 15 club members. Wish more of you had been there!



PFMC Northwest District Conference, Stoneboro, PA Recap !



The Lakeview Music Club hosted the conference on Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Emmanuel Christian Church, and four members of Opus I attended.

The club reports (presented in the morning) were excellent sources of inspiration for fund-raising ideas and provided insight into each club's focus for the year. Lakeview members, for example, meet in each other's homes and stress attending local high school music events to show support in their community. Another club has found that sending out a letter to members to ask for donations (possibly as a memorial for someone, or in honor of someone) raised quite a bit of money for their treasury.

There were two musical interludes presented by members of Lakeview Music Club, one in the morning featuring a flautist, and one in the afternoon, featuring a 15 year-old pianist (Abiella Barbour).

Both were very good programs, but the young pianist's program offered "Something Old and Something New" in the way of six pairings of classical and popular, folk or sacred pieces. One example is her pairing of Debussy's "Clair de Lune" with "Fly Me to the Moon" by Bart Howard.

The refreshments and luncheon were plentiful and delicious! All of the table decorations and favors were so crafty! After lunch, we heard from our State President Charlene Hubbard, and we were awarded certificates for the club yearbook and achievement book, and also a check for \$25.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Schubert Music and Literary Club extended the invitation to the 2024 fall conference, to be held in Oil City. Hope to see you there!



BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS !



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Recap

"Friends Helping Friends"

Daryl and Kathy Kemerer as well as Sue Stevenson and Ruth Ann manned the Opus I table by the parking lot doors of Boscov's for five hours on Wed., Oct. 18th and "sold" coupons in that store's "Friends Helping Friends" fundraising event.

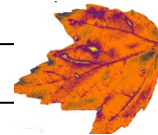
We are happy to report that our scholarship fund had \$315 added that day!!! Already someone has given us another \$5, so we are up to \$320 but would like to reach \$500 soon! If you would like to help and do so by donating any amount to this fund, please send check to Linda Maurhoff, Opus I Treas. or bring to the next meeting on Nov. 13th. It's a worthy cause when we can give a college music student this financial help each year. We also usually get to hear that student at our May recital!!



AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MEMBER JOYCE MOON STROBEL !



Tuesday Musical Club program, 14 November, 1:00pm, Rodef Shalom, Oakland. Compositions by TMC Composer's Division members, including "Suite on Easter Hymns for Trumpet and Piano"- Joyce Moon Strobel. Written for Christopher Cox, trumpeter of wondrous ability and all-round fine person. It would be extra nice to see Opus 1 members in the audience!



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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

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



November 14, 2023 - Tuesday Musical Club

Compositions by TMC Composer's Division

Including a composition by Opus I member Joyce Moon Strobel

Where: Rodef Shalom, Oakland

When: 1:00 PM



December 11, 2023

Music Is...Crafty

Presented by Sue Stevenson

Music Presented by Margie Rinaman

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Music Room

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



January 2023 - No meeting this month



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