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KAREN'S KORNER

I looked at the calendar for March and saw that we have an eventful month! Not only do we have St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, the first day of Spring comes on the 19th. Last but certainly not least, Christians celebrate Holy Week starting the 24th with Palm Sunday and then the Easter Celebration 31st.

On March 11th, here at Opus I, we continue the festivities with a great program presented by our own Daryl Kemerer entitled *When I Stepped Out of the Tent*. You will find more information on page 3 of this newsletter. The fun starts at 9:30 AM with registration and refreshment and the program will start at 10:00 AM. I hope to see you all there!

And as always, *Let there be music!*

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



Presidential Ponderings

Wow! It's a blustery day now at the end of February as I write this, so the old adage of "in like a lion, out like a lamb" for March comes to mind. March will host a number of holidays this year, including St. Patrick's Day, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. March is truly going out with the Pascal Lamb.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 11, 2024 in the choir room of LifePointe Alliance Church, beginning with refreshments at 9:30 am. My husband, Daryl Kemerer, will be presenting a program focusing on the arts (music, poetry, art, architecture) and how these capture our affections. His description found later in this newsletter is most interesting; and yes, stepping out of the tent will tie into the theme :-)

As always, we welcome guests and leprechauns (and the wearing of green is optional)!

Blessings!

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MARCH MEETING INFORMATION !

JOIN US AT OUR MARCH MEETING !

When I Stepped Out of the Tent



Inspiration Provided
By
Joyce Strobel

Presented by
Dr. Daryl Kemerer

March 11, 2024

Hospitality Provided
By
Susan Cooper
And
Sue Stevenson

LifePointe Alliance Church
Music Room

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM



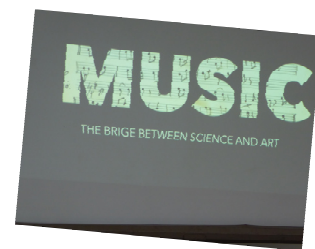
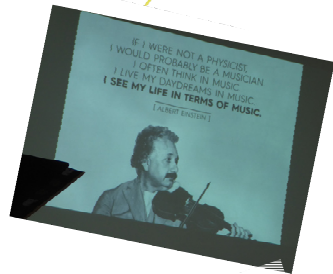
Join us for a short stroll through our world to explore unsung and tacit secrets as we examine how the arts and the natural world captures our affections and open magnificent new horizons.



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

See you there!

MEMORIES OF OUR FEBRUARY MEETING !



High School Senior, Nadine Lauffer, presented "Music: The Bridge Between Science and Art" with amazing information about oscillations or sound waves (like we feel waves at the beach) and the elements of composition (or "painting with sound"), and Nadine's sister, Tessa, demonstrated on the violin that the 'more tension' the 'higher frequency' of sound, etc. It was a highly technical presentation but included enough illustrations and explanations that we understood it, (or most of it!!) Our sincere thanks to Nadine for the work involved in this program and the challenge it presented for us to dig deeper into understanding music, science and art!



MEMBER NEWS !



Our rather new member, Kathy Kelso, sang with the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale at their classical concerts, March 2nd and 3rd. Along with Faure's Requiem they performed Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. Fantastic concert! Ask her how many years she has been with the group!!

Members, Sue Stevenson and Ruth Ann, chaired a Volunteer Appreciation event for the Upward Basketball program at LifePointe Alliance on Feb. 9th-10th . Over 80 coaches, score-keepers, referees, and everyone else involved received personal thanks along with lots of goodies and a \$10 Chick Filet card!

What a joy it was to have members of Nadine Lauffer's family with us for her February presentation. Not only were her parents and her sister there, but also her grandfather! Great support and love shown.

Our own Linda Maurhoff, the current NFMC Northeastern Region VP, is working diligently to get the Region's new Treasurer up to speed, including a Zoom mtg. on March 4th . Way to go, Linda!

Our Opus I member in Brazil, Samuel Quinto, is going through another difficult time with his father in ICU and many financial burdens involved. Do keep him in your prayers.

Ginny Netchi continues her involvement with the Butler County Symphony Orchestra and we hear they couldn't function without her organization skills! That's easy to believe. She's great at what she does. Along with that, DO PLAN to attend the BCSO concert on Sat., April 13th, when they present the music of John Williams including Star Wars, Superman, Raiders of the Lost Ark, and connect with the heartwarming themes of E.T., and Schindler's List, etc. See <https://butlersymphony.org>.



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SCHOLARSHIP INFO !



Opus I Music Society of Mars-Cranberry Twp. is now accepting applications for the 2024 Scholarship Award. Applicants must be a resident of Knoch, Mars, Pine-Richland or Seneca Valley School District and currently a Sophomore or Junior in college with a Major or Minor in Music. For more information and to request an application contact Linda Maurhoff: lindamaurhoff@consolidated.net.

PFMC BIENNIEL SPRING CONVENTION !

As you are aware, we are quickly approaching our 2024 Biennial Spring Convention and Board Meetings. This will be a wonderful time of encouraging one another, sharing great things from our clubs over the past year, and simply enjoying our "tribe"! Head to

<https://pfmc-music.org/>

Just past the above link into your browser for convention and itinerary info.

The theme for this year is: *"PFMC- Together We Rise"*.

PFMC 89th BIENNIAL CONVENTION and BOARD MEETINGS

Dates - April 25 - 27, 2024

Location - Holiday Inn Express & Suites & Holiday Inn, Williamsport

90 & 100 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

<https://www.holidayinnexpress.com/williamsportpa>

Just past the above link into your browser.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION !

Opus I Music Society
2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Applicant must be a resident of one of the following school districts:

Mars Area – Pine-Richland – Seneca Valley – Knoch (South Butler)

A Past or Present Student of an Opus I Member also qualifies

Applicant must be a Sophomore or Junior in college

Applicant must have a Major or Minor in music

Return this application by April 15, 2024 to:

Opus I Music Society – 203 Downieville Rd – Valencia, PA 16059

or Via attachment to: lindamaurhoff@consolidated.net

Auditions may be required depending on the number of applications received.

NAME _____

HOME PHONE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY _____

YOUR EMAIL & PHONE _____

LEVEL FOR 2023-2024 (Sophomore or Junior) _____

MAJOR _____ MINOR _____

INSTRUMENT _____

PLANS FOLLOWING GRADUATION: _____

COLLEGE ADVISOR _____

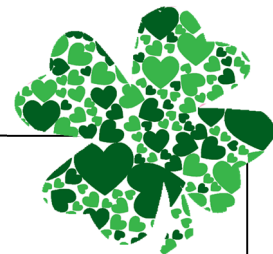
EMAIL TO REACH YOUR ADVISOR _____

LIST ANY MUSICAL AWARDS OR HONORS AT COLLEGE LEVEL:

If selected to receive this award, you will be expected to perform for the May 2024 Opus I Recital.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

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 !

March 11, 2024

When I Stepped Out of the Tent

Presented by Dr. Daryl Kemerer

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Music Room

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



April 8, 2024

Music Is...Inspirational

Presented by Dennis Lisac

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Music Room

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



May 5, 2024— May 12, 2024 National Music Week

Theme: "Music...Yours, Mine, and Ours"

May 5, 2024

Annual Student Honors Recital and Scholarship Ceremony

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Worship Center

When: 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

Refreshment Following in the Lobby

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