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April 2024

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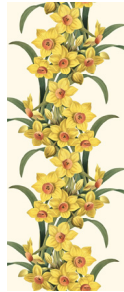
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KAREN'S KORNER

I do love Spring! Although it's not my favorite season, I still love it. It's a time when it seems everything is fresh and new. We start to move away from our winter mentalities and come alive again. Bare trees turn green along with brown, dead grass. Flowers start to bloom and birds return from their homes down south. Actually, it is an inspiring time of the year.

Speaking of inspiration, this month's program is dedicated to just that. Member Dennis Lisac will present "What Inspires Me" Dennis has written much poetry and hymns and I can't wait to learn what inspires him!

You can come and be inspired at our meeting on April 8, 2024. For more information see page three of this newsletter.

And as always, *Let there be music!*

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



Presidential Ponderings

When I was a young piano student, my teacher asked me to play a duet for the annual spring recital titled "April Smiles." Daryl and I have had fun playing that lovely, lilting waltz together over the years. It evokes the hope that spring conveys as an end of the winter season, and makes me ponder how many songs have been written about April and spring in general. According to my google search, 29 songs mention April, with July mentioned the most in songs at 39. So welcome, April!

Looking forward, our meeting program this month will be presented by Dennis Lisac. He has written many excellent poems and more information about his program follows in this newsletter. Come to the meeting to learn how he receives inspiration! The meeting will be held on Monday, April 8 beginning with refreshments at 9:30 in the choir room of Life-pointe Alliance Church. We sure would be happy to have a full house for this program. Remember, as a member of Opus I everyone is expected to attend at least one meeting per year!

Hope to see you soon!

Kathy Kemerer



APRIL MEETING INFORMATION !

JOIN US AT OUR APRIL MEETING !

What Inspires Me

Presented by
Dennis Lisac

April 8, 2024

LifePointe Alliance Church
Music Room

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

Inspiration Provided
By
Kris Hattman

Hospitality Provided
By
Kathy Kelso
And
Ruth Ann McChesney

Join us for a great program by Dennis Lisac and we will learn about what inspired him to write music and poetry. The program will focus on what inspired him to write three particular pieces. He will reference four particular writers throughout the program, also.

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

See you there!



MEMORIES OF OUR MARCH MEETING !

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling
Charles Wesley (1747)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art,
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.
Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

2. Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive,
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.
Finish, then, Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory, into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.
Amen

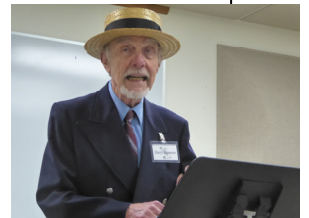
You Light Up My Life
Joe Brooks (1976)

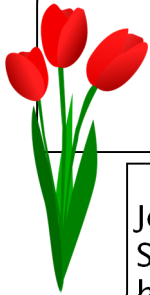
So many nights I'd sit by my window waiting for
someone to sing me his song.
So many dreams I kept deep inside me, alone in the dark,
but now you've come along.

And you light up my life. You give me hope,
to carry on,
You light up my days and fill my nights with song.

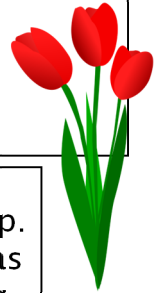
Rollin' at sea, adrift on the waters, could it be
fin'ly I'm turning for home.
Fin'ly a chance to say, "Hey!" I love you."
never again to be all alone

And you light up my life. You give me
hope, to carry on,
You light up my days and fill my nights
with song. (Repeat chorus)
It can't be wrong when it feels so right,
'cause you you light up my life.





MEMBER NEWS !



Jessica Wood is making a local move from Ellwood City to Chippewa Township. She is excited to move into a home with more yard space and a greenhouse as her hobby/passion (second to music) is gardening! She will continue teaching piano and violin lessons at the new location with the studio layout being even more accessible and ideal than in her previous home. Jessica's pet rabbit will also get an upgrade: he will have his own space adjacent to the studio where he will get lots of attention and be continuously serenaded!

Ruth Ann (and Charlie) flew back to Pittsburgh from Orlando 3/19 and while waiting near the gate, she met 6 musicians from Victory Church, Rt. 19 in Cranberry, and had a grand time sharing the love of music. One lady, Lauren, is a piano teacher (and vocalist) and I gave her our Opus I card and she's interested in the club!

March 11th was Jeannie Allen's birthday and we hoped she would be at Opus I so we could sing to her, but not so. We do wish Jeannie a blessed year ahead and sorry we didn't get to sing!

Kathy Csellar has joined "The Pine Creek Community Band" and is playing French Horn with two others! She says it's "mostly older folks but a few young ones, as well" and reports that there will be a program on Memorial Day at the ball park in Etna, near the old Blarney Stone. Look for more details in the May Opus I newsletter! Way to go, Kathy!

Opus I's desire to have our May student recital at Sherwood Oaks' nice auditorium cannot be held on a Sunday due to their Chapel services, so we are back to LifePointe, as in the past. Save 5/5/24!

IMPORTANT!! This year's National Music Week theme is "Music is....yours, mine and ours"! Opus I sponsors a **POSTER CONTEST** with that as the theme, for students through grade 6. Posters are to be on 8 1/2 X 11 paper with the theme included. Student's name, age, grade and teacher are to be legibly written on the back of the sheet. Bring entries to the April 8th Opus I meeting or to LifePointe Alliance's office **BEFORE** May 1st. Prizes will be awarded to 3 age groups and all posters will be displayed at the 5/5 recital! Questions? Contact Ruth Ann at pfmccram@hotmail.com.

MORE MEMBER NEWS !



Under member news, list that Kathy Kemerer will be performing an organ recital on Sat. June 29 at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 218 E. Jefferson St., Butler, in celebration of the church's 200th anniversary. Time to be announced in the next newsletter. Works by composers Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Haydn, Sowerby, Franck and Vierne will be performed. It is free and open to the public.

DON'T FORGET THE SOLAR ECLIPSE !



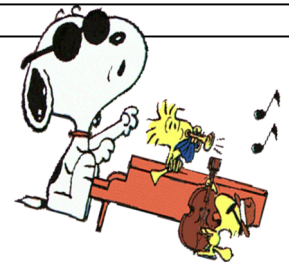
Don't forget the Solar Eclipse! On Monday, April 8, 2224, a total solar eclipse will cross North America passing over Mexico, United States, and Canada. The eclipse transit starts at 10:45 and lasts about an hour. Bring your eclipse glasses and be safe!

**OPUS I MUSIC SOCIETY
CELEBRATES NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK !
THE THEME THIS YEAR IS
“MUSIC ... YOURS, MINE, AND OURS”**

**STUDENT HONORS RECITAL AND
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS !**



Recital features:
2023 Scholarship Award Recipients,
High School Senior Outstanding Musician Award
Students of Opus I Teachers
Sunday, May 8, 2024, 2:00 PM—4:00 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, April 29, 2024. Her email is avnetchi@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!

We are looking for volunteers to bring cookies and punch for the reception! If you are donating cookies/punch, let Kathy Kemerer know. Her email is kathykemerer04@gmail.com



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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.

Bring entries to the April 8th meeting or to LifePointe Alliance’s office **BEFORE Wednesday, May 1st** Prizes will be awarded to 3 age groups and all posters will be displayed at the 5/5 recital! Questions? Contact Ruth Ann at pfmcrum@hotmail.com.





SCHOLARSHIP INFO !

Opus I Music Society of Mars-Cranberry Twp. is now accepting applications (application is on the next page) 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 !

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

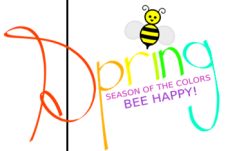


April 15, 2024 DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Email to Maurhoff at lindamaurhoff@consolidated.net

April 25—27, 2024 PFMC BIENNIAL SPRING CONVENTION AND BOARD MEETING

Where: Holiday Inn Express & Suites & Holiday Inn, Williamsport
90 & 100 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701



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: 2:00 PM—4:00 PM

Refreshment Following in the Lobby

OUR MAILING ADDRESS

Linda Maurhoff; Treasurer, Opus I Music Society; 203 Downieville Rd.; Valencia, PA 16059