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KAREN'S KORNER

There is a lot of things happening during the month of May. National Music Week, our Honors Recital, Scholarship Awards Ceremony and our Poster Contest. There is another important day during the month of May and that is Mother's Day. A day where all we all honor our mother. Even though my Mother is no longer with us. I still miss her terribly. I will honor her memory in this column by telling you about my first piano lesson with her. It truly was a wonderful day!

Mom was a classically trained pianist of expert caliber. You all would have loved her. I choose the colors blue and pink for this months newsletter to honor her memory as they were her favorite colors. Music was an integral part of her life, whether it be directing our church choir, playing or teaching piano, or simply listening to music. She was my first piano teacher. At the young age of five, she gave me my very first lesson. I really was a big girl that day when we sat at the piano together. She didn't start with traditional teaching but with a song called *Chinese Sandman* by Mabel Besthoff. She taught me to read music from the actual sheet music. Mom was my very first musical inspiration.

Since I have been putting this newsletter together, I have signed out of Karen's Korner by writing "Let There Be Music!" as a signoff quote. This quotation was one of her favorite things to say and I will carry this on as her beloved daughter; and as always, *Let there be music!*

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



Presidential Ponderings

Wow! 'Tis soon the merry month of May and the trees are budding in quite an array of colors! We've just enjoyed a lovely sunny ride to and from Zelienople. The countryside is Mother Nature's second best canvas right now. Not to offend her, but I am very fond of her Autumn work.

Back to May. **Our annual Honors Recital will be held Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 2 pm in the Worship Center of LifePointe Alliance Church.** This marks the beginning of National Music Week, May 5th - 12th! The recital, graciously organized by Ginny Netchi, is a wonderful showcase of our very talented, local young musicians, and of course there is a reception following. ;-)

Please note that there is no regular club meeting until next September. It would be wonderful to have lots of folks in the audience for the Honors Recital, so make plans to come, and bring a friend!

Hope to see you soon!

Kathy Kemerer

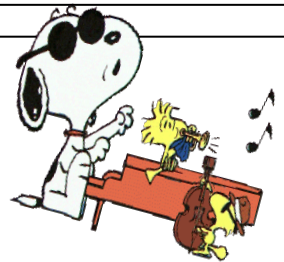


**OPUS I MUSIC SOCIETY
CELEBRATES NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK !
THE THEME THIS YEAR IS
“MUSIC ... YOURS, MINE, AND OURS”**

**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 5, 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...Yours, Mine, and Ours”.

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 LifePointe Alliance’s office **BEFORE Wednesday, May 1st** Prizes will be awarded to 3 age groups and all posters will be displayed at the May 5th 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>

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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:

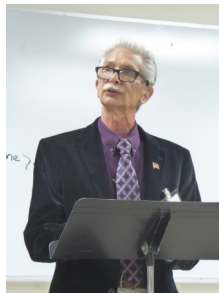
If selected to receive this award, you will be expected to perform for the May 2024 Opus I Recital.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

MEMORIES OF OUR MARCH MEETING !



On the day of the Eclipse, April 8th , Opus I had a most interesting meeting. Kris Hattman gave the Inspirational Moment, highlighting quotes from an Egyptian Pharaoh to Marilyn Monroe to Oscar Wilde and many Biblical references to the sun and moon. We ended that 'moment' by singing two verses of "For the Beauty of the Earth" with Margie at the piano. Well done, Kris.



And then our own poet and hymn-writer, Dennis Lisac gave the "Inspiring" challenge to do something! He highlighted Lee Greenwood's writing of "God Bless the USA" in 10 minutes and then told us of "The Preacher's Song" that Dennis wrote and Jeannie Allen set to music! "The people sing and the preacher prays....", just one of the 4 hymns Dennis wrote that Jeannie has set to music.



The next person he said was 'inspired' to write was Alan Jackson who wrote "Where were you when the world stopped turning?" after the 9/11 tragedy. Dennis went on to read a portion of "Oh, Lord, You are my new song", one of the 27 songs/poems he has written. He ended with thoughts about "Messiah" which Jennings wrote and gave to Handel who composed the music in three and a half weeks!



Then Dennis shared his own 'inspiration' after reading through the Bible and the history of Israel, and wrote the poem "I am Israel" which had an emotional impact on all those in attendance. It is a program we will never forget and are deeply grateful to Dennis for the research and inspiration, as well as the challenge he presented. THANK YOU, Dennis.



MEMBER NEWS !



Kathy Kemerer will be performing an organ recital at

Saint Peter's Anglican Church

218 E. Jefferson St. Butler,

Saturday, June 29, 2024

7:30 PM

The hour-long recital will feature works by Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Haydn, Franck, Sowerby, and Vierne. It begins at 7:30 pm and is free and open to the public.

AND MORE MEMBER NEWS !

Linda Maurhoff and Ruth Ann attended the PFMC 89th convention 4/25-27 in Williamsport, PA. They had a great time with fun, fellowship, and enlightenment.

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 !



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NOW!

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



June 11—15, 2024

NFMC Conference— Bettendorf, Iowa



July 13—14, 2024

NFMC NE Region Federation Days—Chautauqua, NY

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