# **Opus I Music Society**

October 2024

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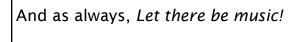




### KAREN'S KORNER

Fall has arrived and in a few weeks we will see her full splendor! I can't wait to see all of the gorgeous color! My decorations have been up since Labor Day and in case you are wondering "What is wrong with her?", I'm just excited as this is my very favorite season!

And speaking of exciting things, this month at Opus I we will meet on Monday, October 14, 2024 for fellowship and a great presentation of "Political Campaign Songs" given by our member Susan Cooper. Personally, I've always wondered where these songs come from and am looking forward to learning more about their origins! Be there for a great learning experience and great fellowship!







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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK!





### **Presidential Ponderings**

October is filled with vibrant colors and everything cozy. I currently have Tchaikovsky's "October - Autumn Song" playing in the background. A lovely and contemplative piano solo that begins with what sounds like a farewell to the beauty of summer - but quickly morphs into embracing the new season ahead. If you are unfamiliar with the piece, look it up on YouTube and be inspired by its beauty!

We will be starting off the Opus I academic year by focusing on American music. This month Susan Cooper will be teaching us about Presidential Campaign songs. And in November we will continue our study in American history on Veteran's Day as we delve into learning about each of the armed forces and their military songs.

Looking forward to seeing you all on October 14th! Show up early (9:30am) for a time of fellowship and be sure to be there by 10:00am for our program.

Jessica Wood President, Opus I



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### OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION!

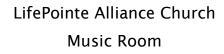
# JOIN US AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING!



Political Campaign Songs

Presented by Susan Cooper

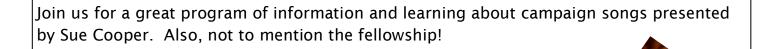
October 14, 2024



Registration: 9:30 AM

Program and Brunch: 10:00 AM





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

See you there!



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# **MEMORIES OF OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING!**











In case you missed the September meeting, we had a wonderful time of food and fellowship followed by musical entertainment from Linda Maurhoff and Jessica Wood. The program theme was "Music of America and Beyond", consisting of many piano and violin duets. A great time was had by all!











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### **MEMBER NEWS!**



Recently widowed, Joyce Moon Strobel has been traveling to see sons and families in New Hampshire as well as Costa Rica! She is active at the Lutheran Church downtown Pittsburgh., even as "Composer in Residence"! Blessings to you, Joyce.

Kathy Kelso continues singing with the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale and they are rehearsing for the December 6,7,8th concerts. Way to go, Kathy!

Linda Maurhoff is doing a fantastic job as Treasurer of Opus I, Treasurer of PFMC, and VP of the Northeastern Region of NFMC. All this and teaching her private piano students and playing at LifePointe Alliance Church. How does she do it all? We are so proud of her!

There were 16 Opus I members and 1 guest at the September opening meeting and brunch. We welcomed Robin Toomey, LifePointe's (retiring) Church Administrator and violin student of Jessica Wood. Glad to have you, Robin.



# AND FOR NOVEMBER...!



Our November 11th Opus I meeting is on Veterans' Day and we will be using the theme songs of the different branches of our military. YOU can contribute by bringing photos of veterans from your family or friends and we'll display them and maybe have time to do some sharing!

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### **DUES ARE DUE NOW!**

Bring your check for (\$35.00/individual, \$50.00/couple) to our October meeting on October 14th or mail t to:



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



A late fee will be assessed after October 1st.

# **BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS!**

Our annual fund raising event at Boscov's will be held on October 22, 2024, 8:00 AM—11:00 PM. We need volunteers to work this event for an hour or two. If you are interested or need more information, see Ruth Ann McChesney. She can be reached at 724-601-7072 or email: pfmcRAM@hotmail.com.



Our link is: www.facebook.com/groups/opusonemusic (copy and paste into your browser!)

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



#### October 14, 2024

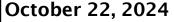
Political Campaign Songs

Presented by Susan Cooper

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Music Room

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



Friends Helping Friends—Boscov's Fundraising Event

Where: Boscov's in Butler When: 8:00 AM—11:00 PM

#### November 11, 2024

Veteran's Day Celebration

Presented by The Membership

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Music Room

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program







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