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KAREN'S KORNER

Fall is in full swing and even now a good deal of the colorful leaves have fallen. We are in the Thanksgiving Season and the time of gratitude. Actually, we should be in a spirit of gratitude all year 'round however we celebrate formally in November.

In the month of November we also celebrate Veteran's Day, a day where we show gratitude to all of our veterans. Again, we should be grateful all year 'round for their sacrifices made to ensure our freedom.

This month at Opus I we celebrate Veteran's Day with a veteran themed program: "Theme Songs of the Armed Forces". We will have several guest speakers both civilian and veteran along with good music! You don't want to miss this! Remember Monday, November 11th, registration and social time starts at 9:30 AM with the program starting at 10:00 AM.

And as always, *Let there be music!*

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



Presidential Ponderings

It is the season of mindful Thankfulness. As members of Opus I, we have much to be grateful for. Our very own teachers have already had an early Festival Piano Concerto event with those performers all earning Superior ratings. We are helping foster young minds that they can achieve difficult things and that dedication does pay off – and we get to teach them these life skills with music as the medium. How blessed are we?

I am delighted and grateful that Susan Cooper has graciously agreed to be our Vice President. Please extend your gratitude to her on November 11th and may we all assist and equip her in this role.

Also thankful for the several Presidential terms that Kathy Kemerer served! She was recognized by PFMC President Kristin Ivers with a lovely certificate at the PFMC Northwest District Fall Conference on October 26th.

How fitting that our program is on Veteran's Day. It is with the utmost gratitude, honor, and respect, that we remember and acknowledge that our freedom was purchased by countless heroic men and women of our military. See you on the 11th where we will be studying the themed songs of the Armed Forces.

Jessica Wood
President, Opus I



NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION !

JOIN US AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING !



Veteran's Day Celebration!
THEME SONGS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Inspiration Provided
By
Jeannie Allen

Presented by
The Opus I Membership
And Guests

Hospitality Provided
By
Margie Rinaman
And
Louise Urbanek

November 11, 2024

LifePointe Alliance Church
Music Room

Registration: 9:30 AM

Program and Brunch: 10:00 AM



As we give tribute to our wonderful veterans on November 11th at Opus I, do remember to bring any photos or memorabilia from friends and family so we have a nice display to peruse during our 9:30-10 fellowship time! And just so you know... we have Margie at the piano and with information about the Army and Navy, Linda presenting the Air Force song, Ruth Ann sharing about the Marine Hymn, and two special guests: Danny Douglass sharing about his 101st Airborne Division of the Army, and Charlie McChesney reading the official song of the Coast Guard where his brother served! It will be a real education as well as fun as we sing the official songs! Don't miss it, and bring a veteran or any guest!!

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

See you there!

MEMORIES OF OUR OCTOBER MEETING !



What a great program we had October 14th when Susan Cooper presented "Presidential Campaign Songs", from Washington to Obama! After a wonderful array of songs, the influences behind them, and words and names used, we ended with everyone writing a campaign song to the tune of "Yankee Doodle" for our new Opus I president, Jessica Wood.



Here's a sample: "Jessica stepped to the fore, just when the need presented; With her talents, smile and pep, we are well represented! Jessica, for Opus I, Jessica, our leader. NFMC has gained a star and we will surely keep her!!" We had about 5 minutes to write these and what fun!! THANK YOU, Susan, for a wonderful morning of information and fun.





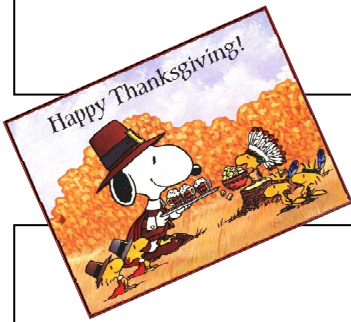
MEMORIES OF THE PFMC DISTRICT CONFERENCE !

The PFMC District Conference was held on October 26, 2024 in Oil City and hosted by the Schubert Music & Literary Club.

Below are pictured President Jessica Wood accepting certificates from PFMC President Kristin Ivers, Jessica reading her Opus I report, Ruth Ann McChesney and Jessica together, and the performers from the Junior Schubert Club.



MEMBER NEWS !



Remember that the November 11th Opus I meeting will be on Veterans' Day and we will be learning about and singing the official songs of all the different branches of our armed forces. You are reminded to bring any photos or mementos of veterans in your families that we can display and discuss!

Welcome back to Opus I, George Armstrong! George is active in many musical organizations in the Pittsburgh area and even brought a guest to his first visit back to Opus I in October!

The board of Opus I voted to pay for associate membership for a musical organization each year, and The Ellwood City Civic Chorale is the first recipient of this honor. Our own Joyce Gindlesperger has been the director of this fine "hometown treasure" for over 30 years!

As NFMC's Northeastern Region VP, Linda Maurhoff (founder of Opus I Music Society) was recently the guest of the Ohio Federation of Music Club's convention in late October. We're proud of you, Linda!



AND MORE MEMBER NEWS !



Jessica and Ruth Ann attended the PFMC Northwest District Conf., Oct. 26th , hosted by the Schubert Club in Oil City. Lots more music than business! Four members of the Junior Schubert Club performed in the morning and after a luscious lunch, Dr. Amber Shay Nicholson, adjunct piano faculty member at Slippery Rock Univ. as well Allegheny College presented the afternoon recital. In addition to teaching, giving workshops and adjudicating piano competitions and Festival, she performs regularly as both a solo pianist and collaborative artist. Her fantastic program included a Haydn Sonata and two Chopin selections!

Susan Cooper of Beaver and a five year member of Opus I, has agreed to become the club's Vice President!! THANK YOU, Susan, for your willingness to serve on the Opus I board.

Opus I recently sent a thank you note and Amazon gift card to Kathy Kemerer in gratefulness for her serving as Opus I president for the last two years. She responded with the following:

“What a surprise to find the thank you and gift card from you all in the mail! That is so generous and thoughtful. It is difficult to find the words to express my appreciation for your honoring me. Please extend my sincere thanks to all the members of Opus I.

Kathy”



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



The Month of November

NFMC PARADE OF American Music

November 11, 2024 VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION!

Theme Songs of the Armed Forces

Presented by The Membership and Guests

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Music Room

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



December 9, 2024 (Yes, we know the yearbook says the 19th. Oops! That was a typo! The meeting is on the 9th!)

Holiday Craft and Member Sing-A-Long

Workshop 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 2025 There will not be a meeting in January as we take our winter break

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