

# TIMES SIGNATURE

## Opus I Music Society

December 2024

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### KAREN'S KORNER

December is right around the corner and as I look out my window, I'm seeing the first snowfall of the Winter season.

December is also the month where Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. Also, there is much secular celebrating and activity going on. We decorate our properties both inside and out and we are baking cookies as if tomorrow isn't coming! December seems to be the busiest month of the entire year!

This month at Opus I we are serving others. At our December 9th meeting we will be crafting Christmas decorations for our local nursing home/assisted living facility. We will have yummy treats to eat and listen to a reading of "*'Twas the Night Before Christmas*". Also, not to forget, we will be singing Christmas carols. The meeting is at Life-Pointe Church on December 9th with registration starting at 9:30 AM and the crafting begins at 10:00 AM. Come and enjoy the festivities! And as always, *Let there be music!*

Karen



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !**



### **Presidential Ponderings**

December is here! And with it comes some beloved musical treasures.....Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker", George Frideric Handel's "Messiah", Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride", and Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" are forefront in my mind. Music plays such a prominent part in getting us together during this busy season. Holiday parties aren't complete without music in the background of our friendly chatter. It sets the mood: childhood wonder and excitement, nostalgia, vibrant energy and joy, meditative and full of reverence, and the list goes on. We can hardly think of a church service without a Christmas music special. Most of us will be attending 1 (or 10) musical productions of the season by local choirs, orchestras, soloists, etc. Celebrating the season is accomplished with and through music!

Please plan to join us on December 9th as we have a Christmas carol sing-a-long with Margie Rinaman accompanying us on the piano. Our collective singing creates the most delightful and fun backdrop to our craft station! Ever ingenious Sue puts together a lovely craft that will benefit the residents of the Concordia Nursing Home.

Opus I will not be meeting in January. We will resume our monthly meetings in February with Allen Kitchen continuing our program of study by enlightening us on the Music of Wales.

Blessings! And may your hearts be filled with music, love, and a spirit of giving in this season!

Jessica Wood  
President, Opus I



# DECEMBER MEETING INFORMATION !

## JOIN US AT OUR DECEMBER MEETING !



### HOLIDAY CRAFT AND MEMBER SING-A-LONG

Inspiration Provided  
By  
Karen Douglass

Workshop Presented By  
Sue Stevenson  
And  
Music Presented By  
Margie Rinaman

Hospitality Provided  
By  
Ruth Ann McChesney  
And  
Sue Stevenson

December 9, 2024



LifePointe Alliance Church  
Music Room

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM



This month we are crafting Christmas ornaments for our local nursing home/assisted living facility. Yummy treats will be provided by Ruth Ann McChesney and Sue Stevenson, we will be singing Christmas carols accompanied by Margie Rinaman, and Karen Douglass will give a reading of *"Twas the Night Before Christmas"*. Come and join us!



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

*See you there!*



## **MEMORIES OF OUR NOVEMBER MEETING !**

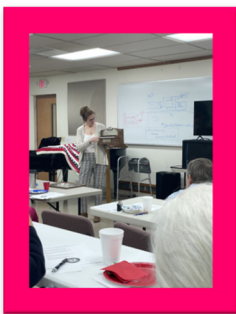


Many thanks to all the participants at the November meeting when the club celebrated American Music Month with the theme songs of each of the US Armed Services: Jeannie Allen for inviting and arranging for Chris Parker to present his tribute to veterans via an excellent video; Bill Maurhoff for his technical assistance and thoughts; Margie Rinaman who presented the Army and Navy songs and was our accompanist; Ruth Ann McChesney for the history and words to the Marine's Hymn; Linda Maurhoff for the Air Force song; Danny Douglass with the 101st Airborne Division; Charlie McChesney for the Coast Guard, Joyce Gindlesperger presenting the photo of her Marine mother, and Ruth Ann adding the Space Force song.

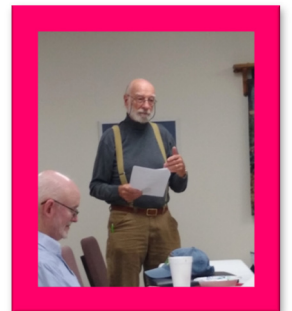
The meeting closed with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America". Louise and Margie hosted the club with patriotic and colorful refreshments! We had 23 members attending the November meeting...a great showing!



# MORE MEMORIES OF OUR NOVEMBER MEETING !



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## **MEMBER NEWS !**

Susan Cooper was duly installed by president Jessica Wood as Opus I's Vice President on November 11, 2024. Bless her for accepting this nomination. We look forward to her input on the board and help in endless ways!

Our own Joyce Moon Strobel had two of her original compositions presented at the Tuesday Musical Club's November recital. She wrote "Two Studies in Seconds" as well as the beautiful "Autumn Serenade". Both pieces were for viola and piano and very well received! Congratulations Joyce. We're proud of you.

Opus I can report any "Music Outreach" activities in Hospitals, to Disabled Children or Adults, in Nursing Homes, Senior Day Care Centers, Prisons, Homebound and other places of confinement from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. DO keep track of the date, number of hours (presenting and/or preparing), location and write that in the "Music Outreach" notebook on the table.





## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR !**

**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

**February 10, 2025**

Music of Wales

*Presented by Allen Kitchen*

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Music Room

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



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