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KAREN'S KORNER

We are in the midst of Winter and I'm not really sure that the season has actually started....maybe hinted at it but not really gotten into full swing. Ah, but February is yet to come!

Even though we do not have consistent weather, we can always count on top notch programing here at Opus I.

Kathy Kemerer developed a three-part course of study program for us, *Music in The White House*. This month we begin our exploration with *Part I: The Early Years*. This promises to be quite interesting!

And as always, "Let There Be Music!"

Karen



IN MEMORIAM



February 1, 1927 - January 3, 2020

On January 3, 2020 we lost one of our own. Marian Black passed away at Good Samaritan Hospice in Wexford. She was born on February 1, 1927 in Adams Township, the daughter of the late Verne and Beulah Miller Purvis.

A homemaker, Marian was a member of West Deer Bible Church in Gibsonia.

She played piano and guitar most of her life and was a member of the OPUS I Music Society. She enjoyed singing with her sisters and she also sang in her church choir.

Marian will be remembered fondly for her sweet personality and sense of humor.



From Linda Maurhoff

My sincere thanks to Opus I members for the beautiful cards and notes of encouragement I received this past month. The personal notes were very uplifting and helped me through a difficult time as I dealt with the loss of my mother, Marian.

Opus I members are indeed, very special people. Blessings to All!

Linda Maurhoff

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy
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Opus I News

Greetings from Ruth Ann,

How Appropriate to Celebrate Presidents' Day! Opus I Music Society will celebrate presidents in February with the first of three programs about "Music in the White House" (our Course of Study) from George Washington through Abraham Lincoln on Monday, Feb. 10th. Learn about the president mocked as "king" and berated for having a bathtub, the president who interrupted a famous pianist and composer mid-performance, and other interesting anecdotes. We will meet in the Music Room of LifePointe Alliance Church, Rt. 228, on Monday, Feb. 10th, with refreshments at 9:30 and the program at 10am. All members are encouraged to attend this fascinating presentation by Kathy Kemerer and she has arranged for new member, Pat Hone and her 2 daughters to be singing and playing the piano to illustrate some of the musical selections of the presidents!! DO make an effort to attend and support our club with your participation. We need each other and the presenters deserve our attendance, too! In fact, bring a friend!

Ruth Ann McChesney
President



FEBRUARY MEETING INFORMATION!

Course of Study Program

Music in The White House

Part I: The Early Years



Presented by

Kathy Kemerer

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MEETING INFORMATION

Monday, February 10, 2020

9:30 AM Registration & Social Time

10:00 AM Program

LifePointe Alliance Church

Hospitality
By
Karen Douglass
&
Sue Stevenson



Inspiration Provided
By
To Be Determined

MEMORIES OF OUR DECEMBER MEETING!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND MUSIC

A small group of faithful Opus I members had a delightful get-together in December (look at the smiles!!) when Margie Rinaman accompanied our sing-a-long of traditional carols and songs before Sue Stevenson demonstrated and helped us make a lovely large 'ornament' out of hymn-book pages, glitter and bells! Thank you, Sue, for providing the material and Kathy Csellar and Phyllis Smouse, hostesses. The residents at Concordia Assisted Living Center on Rt. 228 received the ornaments with GREAT thanks and more smiles. It's a great outreach and blessing.



MEMBER NEWS!



Opus I's dear member of many years and mother of our founder, Linda Maurhoff, went to be with her Lord on Jan. 3rd. Marian Black faithfully served for years as our hostess chair and everyone loved her smiling face. Our deepest sympathy to Linda and her sister, Carol, and all the family. 6 members of the club attended her "Celebration of Life" service which was one full of praise and uplifting music! Opus I has donated \$25 to our Scholarship Fund in her memory and the club's Executive Board contributed to PFMC's Keystone Tribute Fund as a lasting memorial.



Sue and Craig Stevenson toured the Panama Canal and other Central American countries in January!! Next is their trip to Israel in March with a group from LifePointe Alliance and other churches. Safe travels, Sue!



Ruth Ann spent Jan. 24-26th at the annual Chautauqua Choir Reunion on the Institution's grounds. The group of 30+ did lots of singing, eating and sharing. One of 7 anthems that were sung Sunday at Hurlbut Meth. Church was dedicated to the memory of the choir's long-time organist/director, Jared Jacobsen, who died in an auto accident on August 27th, 2 days after the 2019 season closed.



Margie Rinaman was recently treated to a 4 day trip to Florida to visit a son who lives there. She didn't get much of a sun tan but had a good time and we're thankful she is safely back!



Daryl and Kathy Kemerer's sacred music choir presented several excellent December programs with Daryl directing as well as playing the organ and pulling stops for Kathy as she performed on the organ, too! We are privileged to have such outstanding musicians in our club.



Jessica Wood, who joined Opus I in 2018 (and drives from Ellwood City for every meeting!!) is the PFMC Chair of "Junior Music in Poetry" contest. The entries were due on 1/15/20 but if you have a student who has written some poetry, you may not be too late to submit it (in person) at our next meeting on Feb. 10th!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

March 9, 2020

A Course of Study Program

Music in the White House

Part II: 1865-1901

Presented by: Kathy Kemerer and Friends

Location: LifePointe Alliance Church

Registration & Social Time: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

April 13, 2020

A Course of Study Program

Music in the White House

Part III: 1901-1961

Presented by: Kathy Kemerer and Friends

Location: LifePointe Alliance Church

Registration & Social Time: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

April 20, 2020 - Deadline for Poster contest entries: Theme -"Music...A Magic Carpet"

April 23-25: PFMC 88th Biennial Convention in Bethlehem, PA

May 3-10: National Music Week

May 3, 2020 Opus I's Student Honors and Scholarship Recipient's Recital

June 17-20: NFMC Conference in Indianapolis, IN

July 10-12: NFMC NE Region's "Federation Days" at Chautauqua, NY

Program: 10:00 AM

