

November 1, 2026

Taking Note!...
Williamsport Music Club
November 2026

WMC Leadership
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Marilyn Burget
President

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Leatha Kieser
Treasurer
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Donna Hensler
Recording Secretary

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Mary Beth Kibbe
Federation & Corresponding Secretary
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Carol Waltz
Yearbook & Parliamentarian
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Dave & Sheila Koskey
Poem & Song of the Month
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Ryan Workman
Director
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Kay Huffman
Director
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Marilyn Kern
Director

**Phone #'s and emails have been*
Deleted to protect privacy.
Refer to your yearbook for contact info.

The autumn leaves are falling but they have been gorgeous! The sounds of leaf blowers can be heard throughout our neighborhood! Wow! Hasn't the weather been gorgeous? Personally, I am ready for the chill in the air – I am aware that others… not so much. I welcome all of the seasons and am grateful for the beautiful changes that occur with each one. This weekend we "fall back" … time to change the clocks again in the car and all about. Move your clocks back ***one hour on Nov. 1, 2:00 am.***

We enjoyed a great evening of ***The Classics*** *together on Oct. 27. Thank you so much to Kay Huffman and all of our performers for your time and preparation! We need our members to come out and support our fabulous monthly programs each month. Looking ahead to November:* ***"The National Federation of Music Clubs observes American Music month annually in November through the Parade of American Music."*** *Dr. Amanda Gunderson is the Chair for our American music program. Invite a friend and come out! You won't want to miss it! Also, be sure to check out the calendar for upcoming events.*

We sang autumn songs at Leighton Place in October! Each of us went home with a full heart and joy on our faces! Thank you to those who came out and participated! Leatha and Carol will be leading a Veterans Day Sing Along at the Hillside Senior Living Center on Nov.10 @ 1:30 – ***give them a call*** *to let them know you will be participating. Come out and share in the joy of bringing music to our community.*

"Let there be music!"
Kristin Ivers, Editor

From the President's desk…

I am so delighted to share with you the names of our 8 new WMC Members!

Andrea Bogusko, Valerie Grabiec, Susan Horn, Lydia Krizan, Lauren Lee, Judith Miller, Rebekka Parry, and Leonarda Sperrazza.

Some of these ladies are local and others are piano teachers from the greater Wilkes-Barre area. The former "Mozart Music Club" (isn't that a simply wonderful name for a Music Club?) closed from members aging out. In order for their students to qualify for the NFMC Festivals program, the teachers need to be members. They were invited to join our club and I am hoping that they will have a chance to come to at least one of our wonderful programs in the near future! Our other new members are local and will be a wonderful addition to our club activities.

I want to thank Kay Huffman for an outstanding program this month! What an array of "Classics" we enjoyed that night! We had an action- packed evening of our favorite musical selections. Bravo, Kay!

Please mark your calendar for our November 24th program, "Lifting Out Spirits through American Music", Amanda Gunderson is the program Chair. And then just 2 weeks later, "Christmas Music By Candlelight" on December 6 @ 4:00 PM. Kristin Ivers is the program chair.

Finally, A delightful NE District meeting was enjoyed by 13 members from Dushore and WMC on Oct. 31 from 9:30-1:00. WMC was the host club at Pine Street UMC. Suzanne Revak-Fedele, NE District Chair, completed her 2- year term of service to our District. Thank you, Suzanne! Award certificates were distributed to club presidents, Mitzi Burget and Nancy Bendinsky, by President Ivers (along with some award $$) in recognition of fine programming. President Ivers shared her report and gave helpful information for our club presidents and club members. After a delicious lunch, we all enjoyed a time of reciprocity… a mutual exchange of musical offerings ☺ Barbara and Joanna Murray shared funny animal songs, accompanied by guitar, and we all sang along on a few of them. Kristin Ivers led everyone in Pumpkin carols and then she and Wayne Harris did an encore performance of "Old Mother Hubbard", recently performed at the Oct. 27 WMC program. Meeting was adjourned as we all sang the Official Pennsylvania song of PFMC: "Pennsylvania"!

Have a grand and blessed Thanksgiving!

Mitzi Burget, WMC President

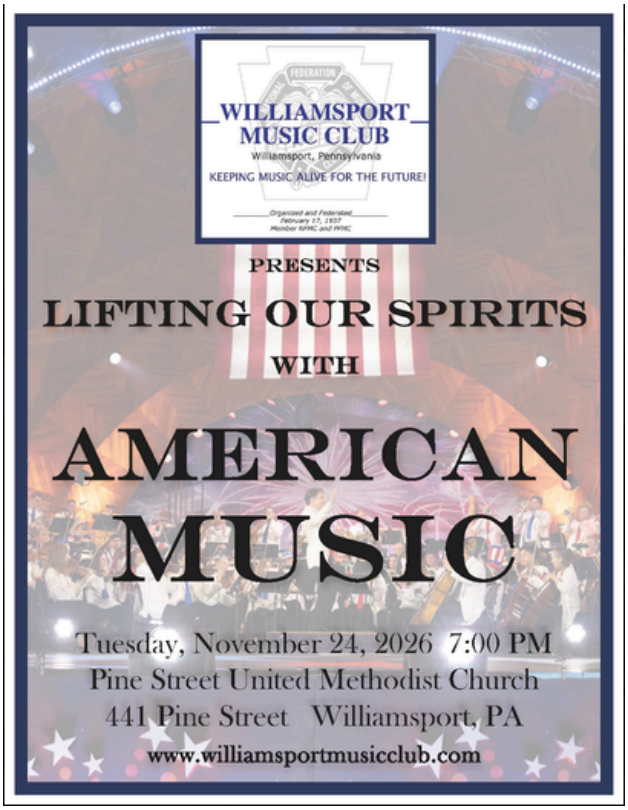




NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION!

Greeters…

Trish Whelan &
Laurel Wolgemuth



Song & Poem of the Month

Amanda Gunderson &
Susan Horn

Contribution Basket…

YWCA- Women and children… Christmas gifts for the children

Amanda Gunderson, Chair

Some of the performances include…

Romance *by Amy Beach*
Banjo & Fiddle *by William Kroll*
William Ciabattari, violin with Amanda Gunderson, piano

Maple Leaf Rag & Weeping Willow *by Scott Joplin*
Russell Goocey, piano

Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor *by Irving Berlin*
Nathan Fulkerson, Vocal

Deep River *by Harry Burleigh*
Charles Getchell, Vocal

Armed Forces Salute
Laurel Wolgemuth and others….

MEMBER DUES ARE DUE! NOW!

Reminder: Dues are $40 for the year, **$25 first time members**, $60 married couples

Checks: Payable to **Williamsport Music Club**

Send to: Leatha Kieser @ 22 N. Montour St., Montoursville, PA 17754

Remember: Dues will be considered delinquent after November 1st

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Member news…

Welcome to our 5 new Wilkes-Barre Area Piano teacher members!
Andrea Bogusko, Leonarda (Narda) Sperrazza, Rebekka Parry, Judith Miller, Valerie Grabiec

By being a member of a Senior Club, they – along with WMC members Terrie Scarboro, Joanne Yang, and John Ravert – are active participants in our Northeast NFMC Festivals program, as well as our PFMC Festivals Competition. They are providing wonderful opportunities for their students! Their students are gaining confidence through performing, and growing musically and artistically through the repertoire they learn. We are always proud to recognize their achievements as they work each year to earn their Federation cups. This is a huge part of what PFMC/NFMC offers of which our local WMC members may not be aware. Check out the summer PFMC News Sheet, by clicking on the entire link, to see some of them…
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Welcome to our 3 new Local members!
Lauren Lee, Susan Horn, Lydia Krizan





WMC Members **Leatha Kieser** and **Carol Waltz** enjoyed a recent trip to Rome, Naples, and cruise ship excursions in Greece and Turkey! Here they are on the Bosphorus Strait, between Europe and Asia, and at the Fountain of Trevi… Happy travelers ☺

WMC member **Donna Hensler** and her sister, Deb, embarked on a CIE tour of the entire island of Ireland from Sept. 13-25. Their trip began in Dublin and traveled south through Kilkenny, Cork, Dingle, Limerick, Galway, Clifden, Sligo, Donegal, Derry, Belfast and ended in Dublin. This was the trip Donna dreamed of all her life and it was everything, and more, that she had anticipated. They saw castles, pubs, the Wild Atlantic Way, Giant Causeway, and much more! Donna is ready to go back and spend more time in County Donegal and County Antrim.







Taber Museum Coffee Hour …

Our Annual Christmas sharing at the Taber Museum Coffee Hour is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10 from 10-11 AM. Contact Leatha Kieser with your availability. She has music folders, as well as rehearsal info. Click on this **entire link**, or copy & paste into your browser, to read her information letter…
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WMC Yearbook Corrections – Take note! …

- PFMC First Vice President – Linda Flick… 831 East Marion Street, Lancaster 17602-3116
- Dr. Carmen Spinney – phone number – update last two digits… 5130
- Bonnie Horn - … her email should be corrected to "…h12@yahoo.com"
- Correction on the program date for **March**… Change **from** March 28 **to** March 21.

Add new member names and info to your yearbook from the email which provided the link to this newsletter, then delete the email to protect privacy of information.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

November 1, 2026	**Public Service Announcement**: Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 5, 7, & 8	**"A Christmas Carol"** South Williamsport Theater Dept. Where: South Williamsport HS, 700 Percy St, S. Wmspt When: 11/5 & 11/7 @ 7:00 PM, 11/8 @ 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM
November 10, 2026	**Veterans Day Sing Along Outreach** Where: Hillside Senior Living, 2725 Four Mile Drive When: 1:30 PM
November 20-22	**Victorian Christmas –** Community musical performances Where: https://victorianchristmaspa.com/things-to-do/event-schedule/ When: See scheduled events above
November 22, 2026	"Harvest Home" Williamsport Civic Chorus Where: St. Luke Luthern Church, 1400 Market St When: 3:00 PM
November 24, 2026	**Williamsport Music Club** presents "Lifting our Spirits through American Music" Chair, Amanda Gunderson Where: Pine Street UMC 441 Pine St. When: 7:00 PM



A look back at October …



Mitzi B., Kay H., Nora S., Kristin I., Georgie U., Kathy C.



Oct. 14th Sing Along Outreach to Leighton Place



Come on, folks! TRY to focus here!



"Where did you get that hat???"



F-Wayne Harris, Kay Huffman, Laurel Wolgemuth, Nora Lenig, Mona Chang, Eileen Wylie, Ben Goertzen; M- Kristin Ivers, Diana Bailey
B – Ryan Workman, Jason Hurwitz, Kristin Fisher, Nic Biddle



… you had to be there…





Autumn Winds, Saxophone Quartet

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