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DEAN'S CORNER

I am writing this on a pleasant Saturday afternoon, very different from the sultry, stifling weather that plagued most of us several weeks ago. Hopefully these summer months have been pleasant and refreshing for each of you, despite the recent heat wave.

My summer has been marked by two wonderful events. The first was our national convention, ChicAGO on July 2-6; the second was my brother Todd's wedding in St. Columbkil Church, Boyertown, PA on July 13. I'll say more about conventions in my annual message for our 2006-07 chapter Directory - suffice it to say for now that it was enormously enjoyable and inspiring, and that I was again enthralled by downtown Chicago's incredible architecture.

Todd and Mary's wedding on July 13 was memorable in that my extended family was able to gather for a totally joyous occasion, in contrast to the half-dozen or so deaths which had brought us together over the past ten years. The wedding party (including our daughter Juli) looked lovely, the liturgy and music proceeded smoothly (even with a digital instrument!), and, as with most weddings, we enjoyed more than a few humorous moments.

This is, of course, a prelude to our September 18 chapter meeting at Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna. Our wedding music program three years ago at Summit United Methodist was so well received that we are offering another such program next month. Humorous moments will be part of that evening, along with much more. This is yet another opportunity for each of us to experience a repertoire that (just possibly!) we have not heard before, to facilitate a possible "aha moment" for ourselves, when we suddenly realize that the piece we just heard is just right for this or that upcoming wedding in our church. ("I've played thirty years' worth of weddings, and now this piece comes along. How did I manage so long without it?")

In closing, permit me to share with you our slate of chapter meetings for 2006-07 (all meetings begin at 7:30 p.m., unless noted):

September 18 - Wedding Music

Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Clark State Rd., - Gahanna, OH 43230 - (614.337.1000)

October 9 - Mozart's Music for Organ and Strings

North Broadway U.M. Church, 48 E. North Broadway - Columbus, OH 43214 - (614.268.8676)

November 13 - Mendelssohn's Organ Music - with Roberta Gray (*New Bedient Organ!*)

St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Rd. - Columbus, OH 43221 - (614.488.4975)

January 8 - Members' Recital (*Lesser-played works of Mendelssohn*)

First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad St. - Columbus, OH 43215 - (614.228.1741)

February 12 - An historic church and its "hybrid" organ

Holy Name Church - 154 E. Patterson Ave. - Columbus, OH 43202 - (614.262.0390)

March 12 - "Putting on the Fritts" - A Look at Buxtehude's Organ Music with Paul Thornock

St. Joseph Cathedral - 212 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215 - (614.241.2526)

April 29-30 - Children's Choir Festival and Workshop

Worthington U.M. Church - 600 High St., Worthington, OH 43085 - (614.885.5365)

We will not have a social event in May, as our Region V Convention "AGO Discovers Columbus" will be this year's "social event" extraordinaire!

I strongly urge each of you to attend as many programs as possible - much work has and is going into presenting them!

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

*Robert Wisniewski, AAGO
Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO*

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO AGO MEMBERS

A Concert for Peace and Remembering

On Sunday, September 10, 2006 at 4:00 p.m., a concert for Peace and Remembering the Fifth Anniversary 9/11 will be presented at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, 760 East Broad Street. The Mozart Requiem, K. 626 will be the featured music of the day.

Blessed Be Your Name

On Sunday, September 17, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. please join contemporary singer Amy Flaws with Clint Taylor and others for an afternoon of musical inspiration. Come and hear some of Northwest's most spiritually moving singers. Northwest Christian Church, 1340 Fishinger Road, Columbus.

Recital by Dr. Elizabeth Krouse

On Sunday, September 24, 2006, at 4pm, Dr. Elizabeth Krouse will play an organ recital at St. Catharine Catholic Church. Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church, Dr. Krouse's program will include works by Bach, Buxtehude, Widor and Reger. Also included in the program is one of Dr. Krouse's own compositions. St. Catharine Church is located at 500 S. Gould Road in Columbus.

Recital by Steven Tharp

The First Congregational Church welcomes Steven Tharp on Sunday, September 24, 2006 4:00 p.m. 444 East Broad Street, Columbus.

Recital by Todd Wilson on Ernest M. Skinner's Opus 647

Ernest M. Skinner's Opus 647 will be formally rededicated in a recital by renowned organist Todd Wilson on Saturday, October 7, 2006 at 4:00 PM as part of the alumni weekend celebration of Lake Erie College. Muller Pipe Organ Company of Croton, Ohio has completed the restoration of the organ, located at Lake Erie College's Morley Music Hall in Painesville, Ohio. The 64 rank, four manual organ was built in 1927, with a design influenced by Cleveland organist Edwin Arthur Kraft. The instrument had undergone significant changes over the years and nearly half of the original pipework and mechanism was lost, as was the original Skinner console. Muller's work returned the specification of the organ to the original Skinner design. Where the original was lost, replacement pipework and components from other non-extant Skinner organs were reconditioned and utilized as available. All other components and pipework are new. The new mahogany console was custom crafted by Muller and is a measured reproduction of a Skinner four manual console. Additional information about this project is available at www.MullerPipeOrgan.com.

Recital by Matthew Scavo

On Sunday, October 8, 2006 at 4:00 p.m., Matthew Scavo will present a Fall Organ Recital at Zion Lutheran Church, 766 South High Street, Columbus.

Dayton Church Music Workshop

The Dayton Ohio Chapter presents the 51st annual Church Music Workshop on October 8-9 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton. This year's special edition is entitled Music, Worship & The Call and will feature famous clinicians Dr. Marva Dawn (internationally recognized theologian, speaker and author), Dr. Charles Callahan (organist and composer), Howard Helvey (choral composer), Rev. John Neely (Associate Pastor for Music at Westminster Presbyterian Church) and Deborah St-Onge (children's music ministry specialist). Detailed workshop information and registration forms are available online at www.agohq.org/chapters/dayton, or by contacting Workshop Chair Yun Kim at daytonworship@hotmail.com or via phone at 513-539-2012.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Organist & Director of Music Ministry (Part Time) - Urbana Ohio - Parish of 550 households in beautiful central Ohio town seeks part-time Music Director. Must be skilled at playing pipe organ, leading congregational singing and directing the parish choir. Responsibilities include Saturday Vigil Mass, and two Sunday Masses, and Funerals and Weddings. Competitive salary. Send resume to : Rev. Gregory Konerman, St. Mary Church, 231 Washington Ave. Urbana, Ohio 43078

Church Music Director (Part Time) - Lewis Center, Ohio - Part time position – 15-20 hrs, Lewis Center United Methodist Church, 350+ membership church, two worship Services - 9 and 10:30 a.m. Somewhat traditional style of worship that creates an environment where people can experience God's presence and thus God's grace. We desire to use creativity and as many of today's resources available to make each worship service a spiritual experience. We desire a music director who can equip us to offer a variety of music styles. Please contact Lewis Center UMC at 1081 Lewis Center Road, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035. Telephone: (740) 548-5549.