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Back to the *(Focus on the)* Future

Last year at this time, our chapter wrapped up the final stages of hosting the convention, paying the last bills. In the wake of a musically and financially successful convention, our chapter was in the enviable position of having some money and many ideas. So, last October, we had a chapter meeting devoted to a facilitated brainstorm session titled "Focus on the Future." Many of you came and contributed your ideas. Your hand-written post-it notes were typed up, summarized, and reviewed by the Executive Committee. I have the compilation of those results on my desk at this moment.

These results were categorized into three main themes: investment, awareness, and development. The development ideas primarily dealt with scholarships and youth development. Many of the specific ideas under each theme reinforce each other very well; for example, scholarships for education were mentioned nine times. Many of the ideas "aim high", such as restoration of the Mershon Auditorium organ. Other ideas represented lower-intensity efforts, and probably should be done in the normal course of operation. Ideas in the awareness category included "sponsor an organ 'groupie' event for supporters of the organ who do not play the organ: bus tour, like last year" and inviting musicians with "different ethnic backgrounds to perform at one of our meetings." "Sponsor pipe dreams" came up three times.

Since then, we have progressed toward making some of these ideas a reality. Our Executive Committee decided to reserve \$25,000, a portion of the left-over convention monies to support an annual scholarship program, to be funded by interest on this principal. Over time, the principal can grow through additional contributions made for this purpose. One or more scholarships may be awarded each summer for organ students, who are recommended by chapter members, to enhance their education through participation in such events as POEs, AGO conventions, and scores of other worthy programs. Our first scholarship award was made to Elizabeth Blakeslee, who attended the 2008 Pipe Organ Encounter in Holland, Michigan. Elizabeth is a student of Sally Casto.

Remaining convention monies are intended to support enhanced chapter programming during the International Year of the Organ and for an additional year or two beyond. Our chapter programs for this year include several programs intended to reach an audience beyond chapter membership, including September's organ crawl and Pipedreams weekend, the Organ Spectacular, and "From Sea to Shining Sea." July's program with the Greater Columbus Community Orchestra was exciting and very well received by a full house. Additional programs include a Ralph Vaughan-Williams anniversary celebration, a program on how to approach spirituals by Rev. Ed Paine, a visit to the new organ at the Josephinum, Baroque organ concertos and dinner in Granville, and a spring party.

In looking back at the Focus on the Future brainstorm list, there are many more of your ideas that could come to fruition, but are limited by lack of volunteer time. At the moment, there are some new initiatives being explored by members of our chapter. There are many opportunities to join these efforts or serve in any number of volunteer roles. In addition, over the next year, our chapter will need a nominating committee for elections, new candidates for next year's chapter officers and Executive Committee, and a new Guilder editor starting in May 2009. (Sadly, Tim Wilson will be stepping down as our newsletter guru at the end of the year.) If you would like to be involved, please feel free to make your interests known. Spending time with your fellow organ enthusiasts is a great way recharge and stay sharp.

I look forward to celebrating the upcoming International Year of the Organ with you.

With kind regards,



Laura Silva, CAGO

Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO

Columbus Chapter AGO International Year of the Organ

Monday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., Vaughan Williams Anniversary Celebration at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 2151 Dorset Road, Upper Arlington (614-486-9452)

ORGAN SPECTACULAR ON BROAD STREET

Friday, October 17, 7:30 p.m., Olivier Latry at Saint Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus (614-241-2526)

Saturday, October 18, 7:30 p.m., Jane Parker-Smith at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, 760 East Broad Street, Columbus (614-221-6552)

Sunday, October 19, 4 p.m., Thomas Trotter at First Congregational Church, 444 East Broad Street, Columbus (614-228-1741)

Monday, November 10, 7:30 p.m., "From Sea to Shining Sea", Patriotic Tribute to the Organ in America, at Northwest Christian Church, 1340 Fishinger Road, Upper Arlington (614-457-6290)

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EVENTS OF INTEREST

Sunday, September 28 - Organ and Flute Recital - Jim and Valorie Adams-Hildreth

James Hildreth, organ; Valorie Adams-Hildreth, flute at Broad Street Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 28, 4:00 pm. Program will feature works by Canadian composers, works for flute and keyboard by Bloch and Dohnanyi, and two works commissioned by the AGO in celebration of the International Year of the Organ.

Sunday, October 12/Monday, October 13 - 52nd Annual Dayton Church Music Workshop

The Dayton Ohio Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents the 52nd annual Dayton Church Music Workshop on October 12-13, 2008 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio. This year's workshop is entitled Genuine Worship by God's Timeless Church and will feature famous clinicians Rev. Dr. Thomas Long (theologian, speaker and author), Craig Courtney (choral composer), Ken Cowan (organ recitalist and clinician), Robert Hobby (composer) and James Walton (resident organist at Hyde Park UMC, Cincinnati). Detailed workshop information and registration forms are available on-line at www.agohq.org/chapters/dayton, or by contacting workshop co-chair Yun Kim at daytonworkshop@hotmail.com or via phone at 513-539-2012.

Sunday, October 19, 1 p.m.

Mary Ellen Strahm, Organ Recital at Saint John's Lutheran Church, Zanesville

Sunday, October 19

Organ Duets & Other Delights! A Celebration of the International Year of the Organ featuring 2 local organs and 2 local organists: Julia R. Parker & Lucas R. Weiss. 2:30 p.m. - Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Granville 6:30 p.m. - Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Columbus. Contact Information: Lucas R. Weiss, lweiss@gethsemane.org, 614-885-4319 or Julia R. Parker, jparker@pcj.edu

Sunday, October 19, 3 p.m.

James L. McLaughlin, 12th Annual Organ Recital, Central Trinity United Methodist Church, 62 South Seventh Street, Zanesville, The recital is free and open to the public. For further information: 740 452 3241 or jlorgan@bright.net

Friday, October 24 - Organ Recital by Bruce Neswick

Bruce Neswick will perform in recital on Friday, October 24, at 8 p.m., at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2151 Dorset Road, Upper Arlington. Music by Bach, Howells, Messiaen, Sowerby, and an improvisation. Neswick is Director of Music at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City. For information, phone 486-9452.

Sunday, October 26 - Organ Recital, Nancy Saultz Radloff, DMA

Nancy Saultz Radloff, DMA will play the 1991 Bunn=Minnick III/29 at Trinity Lutheran Church located at 1612 South Belmont Ave. (at Sunset), Springfield, Ohio on Sunday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. Free will offering. Information: Helen Dunham 937.767.7959 or schimmel1885@yahoo.com.

Sunday, November 2, 4 p.m.

Gerre Hancock at Central College Presbyterian Church, Westerville

Saturday & Sunday, November 8 & November 9 - Workshop with David Cherwien

community of Christ Lutheran Church and the Toledo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents David Cherwien on Saturday, November 8, 9:00-11:30AM and Sunday, November 9, 3:00PM. Saturday Workshop - 9:15-10:15 Session I—Creative registration and Basics for Effective Congregational Song. This workshop would

demonstrate use of the instrument in ways that bring out the best of meaningful congregational song, as well as an instrument's strengths. Session II—Improvisation 101 - Where to Start? Most people assume there is a birth-given gift for improvisation. NOT SO! Anyone can learn how to do it. But where does one begin? A Hymn Festival/Organ Dedication of Community of Christ's newly-installed 21-rank Reuter pipe organ will take place on Sunday. Please phone workshop registrations to Pam Davis at 419-472-1003 or email to music@commofchrist.org. Walk-ins are also welcome!

Sunday, November 30 - Organ Recital by Dr. Elizabeth Krouse

Organ Recital, November 30th: All About Him: An Organ Recital for Advent. Sunday, November 4, 4:00 p.m., St. Christopher Catholic Church, Grandview Avenue. Works by Tournemire, Krouse, Karg-Elert, Bruhns, Reger. Dr. Elizabeth Krouse, Organist.

In Memory

Louise Eleanor Hastings, age 83, passed away June 22, 2008, at Westminster Thurber. Born in Chicago, she grew up in St. Clairsville, OH and attended Muskingum College. Louise played for many years at Third Church Christ Scientist on High Street in Clintonville and was an active member of the AGO. She was also a member of Sigma Alpha Iota fraternity for women in music.

Marc F. Peters, age 45, Sunday, July 27, 2008, Riverside Methodist Hospital. Music Director and Organist at Broad Street Christian Church. Graduate Reynoldsburg High School class of 1981. Attended Ohio University majoring in communication. Survived by parents, John and Kay Peters; girlfriend, Gina Bradley; aunts and uncles, Pat (Jim) Reifenshneider, Sam (Sherril) Peters; many cousins and friends. Preceded in death by mother Janet. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Part-time church organist - Grace UMC of Blanchester, a small congregation, is seeking a committed Christian to serve as part-time organist. Responsibilities include playing for Sunday morning worship service, accompanying the Chancel Choir, weekly choir rehearsals and special services throughout the year. College students are welcome to apply. Please send resumes to: Grace United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 66, Blanchester, OH 45107, Attention: Carlton Binkley.

Interim Lead Musician - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - To provide interim music leadership weekly and seasonal worship events at least through May 2009 at which point we plan to have permanent music staff in place following a comprehensive search process which will begin this fall. If so interested, the interim lead musician would be welcome to apply for a permanent position at that time. Interested persons may send resumes to: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, c/o Personnel Chair, 2001 Northwest Blvd, Columbus, Ohio 43212, email@holylutheran.info.

Organist Wanted - First United Methodist Church in Bellefontaine, OH (1 hour northwest of Columbus on SR 33) will have an organist position opening, beginning mid-October. Traditional services are at 8 and 11am, with a mid-week choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Salary is \$7,700/yr. The organ is a 1972 Reuter with 3 manuals and 30 ranks. Please call 614-302-5623 for more information.

Organ for Sale - My husband Joseph passed away in March and I am trying to sell his organ. I am not sure what information you need so I will list it as it is in the manual. I am asking only \$3,000. I have the manual, plus a number of organ books. I also have a set of speakers that would go with it. My telephone number is 614-899-1018, and address is Mrs. Dolores Bliss, 5161 Avalon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus Chapter Online Directory

Significantly fewer members than usual have elected to be listed in our chapter's online directory this year. If you would like to be included, please send an email to Sara Seidel at sara@seidelnemeth.com. Thank you!