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Dean's Message

As you AGO members know, this past season has emphasized professional concerns. We started out with an excellent panel discussion at Elim where contracts were discussed. This led to the new professional concerns committee doing an updated salary guideline which was distributed with the April Pipeline.

We also had a goal of increasing membership. While we did get some new members, we are along way from getting our numbers up to be more reflective of our demographics. In the coming year, we will have a new membership growth committee to make calls to organists who do not belong to AGO. This must be an on-going campaign so we are never satisfied that we have enough members.

Looking back, we had a terrific Christmas Hymn sing and Communion Hymn Festival for which we can all be proud. Future program committees will need to wrestle with increased costs to do these programs to make sure the chapter doesn't run up losses.

The Pipes and Pizza program at Dilworth did not produce any young people. Not to be discouraged, your program committee will attempt to fine tune this program and make some changes. Also, with Concordia's summer organ caps, we don't want to seem redundant.

The organ crawl which was set for Crookston on April 10th will be reinstated this coming Fall. Four organs will be visited with an evening meal with the Grand Forks chapter. We thank Reid Froyland and George French for getting this program organized.

Your program committee is in the beginning stages of doing another Church Music Bonanza next year for organists, choir directors and hand bell directors. It has been over ten years since this event took place and now it is felt that this should be renewed.

As your dean, I feel that we can never slacken when it comes to education for our members. These programs can inspire and uplift church musicians when many feel they are in a rut.

Our new organist lunch club has gotten off to a flying start. We invite all organists, church and theatre, and spouses to these lunches. Our next one is May 6th and will continue thru the summer on the first Friday of the month.

Organist Andriene Davis of Pelican Rapids passed away on April 10th at age 52. Andrienne was arguably the most famous and well-liked organist in the Pelican Rapids area and was known for her superb hymn playing and musical taste. Davis, who was also trained in medical technology, was more known for her organ playing abilities at Zion Lutheran Church on Franklin Lake for 22 years where she played the Johnson pipe organ. Davis was diagnosed with cancer five years ago and struggled with treatments while trying to operate the Maple Beach Resort on Lake Lida with her husband Gene.





Upcoming Events

Potluck Supper and Chapter Meeting

May 15, 2005 at 5 p.m.

Lance and Judy's, 201 NE 3rd St.

Dilworth, MN

Our final get together of 2004-2005 will be a potluck on Sunday, May 15th at 5 p.m. at the Lance and Judy Johnson home at 201 NE 3rd Street in Dilworth. This will be another joint party with the ATOS. Although no business meeting will take place, Lance will have open console on his 2-7 theatre pipe organ.

Principles of Good Melody

Part V

9. Major goes from major to minor or vice versa. Interest in a particular melody can be greatly heightened from switching modes.
10. Use of accidentals. Melody can be made much more interesting with certain notes being sharped or flatted. These same notes can also lead to a modulation.

This completes our Ten Principles of melody begun in the Pipeline last November. The next time you sing a hymn that particularly moves you, think about these principles and how they apply. For those of you who arrange and compose, these should provide new tools for your tool box.

Organist needed!

One Service/Sunday

Wednesday evening Lenten services
Accompany Chancel Choir Sept. through May
Choir practice on Wednesday evening

Contact Ken Maxson, music comm. Chair
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Rob Richards Plays for Elementary Students

By Lance E. Johnson

Chief Walt Disney Co. organist Rob Richards played a 45 minute program for Park Christian and Grace Lutheran elementary students on Friday afternoon, April 8th at the Historic Fargo Theatre. Richards, who specializes in children's programs, played several numbers which appealed to this age group as well as scored a short silent Disney cartoon from 19256. He also did a "trip through the organ" where students could handle and blow real organ pipes. He then played Bach's "Tocatta in d minor" which produced the greatest applause. (and screaming) Several church organists were in the audience and they all said that the reaction of the students to the pipe organ was spectacular. Richards played a concert on Saturday evening for the general public and in this reviewer's opinion was the finest theatre organ concert he has ever heard.

Board Meeting, April 15, 2005

The RRVC AGO Board met at noon on this date at the Fryin' Pan. Present were Lance Johnson, Gaylord Fagerland, Robin Vinje and Alpha Roeszler.

The minutes from January were read and approved.

A motion was made and approved to accept the following slate of officers for 2005-2006.

Dean—Lance Johnson

SubDean—Vicki Sieben

Secretary—Bill Tweten

Treasurer—Marty Baumgartner

Members at Large—Sue Clamby, Sally Harmon

Ballots will be sent to members.

Discussion was held on the request for contributions to the POE in Sioux Falls. Motion made and approved to not contribute but to support our own programs.

The program committee will meet in the next 2 weeks. Several programs include Piano-Organ duets, music exchange, Hymn Christmas singalong, Organ crawl in Crookston in Sept. It was suggested the Church Music Bonanza be scheduled for 2006 or later.

Alpha Roeszler, secretary.

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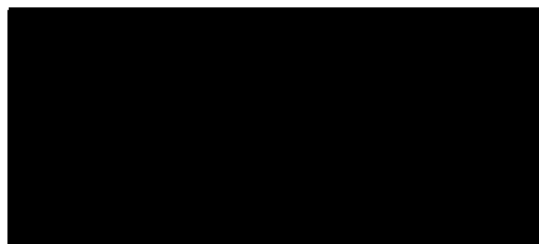
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