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Red River Valley Chapter

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INTRODUCTIONS

Margery Possehl is a native of Fergus Falls, MN. She is a graduate of MSU with a major in vocal and instrumental music and a minor in English. She is organist and senior choir director at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Moorhead—a position she began in 1964. Welcome to Red River Valley Chapter, Marg.

Donald J. Sperling, new member from Fergus Falls, began musical training at the age of 8. He was a student of Joseph Saylor Black at Jamestown College and, after graduation, continued active involvement as a church organist throughout career vocations which included Army Air Force, civil engineering at UND, and work at Riverdale, ND. After Don moved to Fergus Falls, he became organist at Bethlehem Lutheran Church until the fall of 1984. He serves now as a substitute organist in the Fergus Falls area and is dreaming of an adequate organ in his home during his retired years. Don writes that he expects to enjoy his membership in the Red River Valley Chapter, and we welcome him to the Guild.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Any organization functions best when its membership participates actively in its leadership. Therefore, if you have not yet volunteered to serve on a committee for the 1986-87 program year, please do so now!!! Either forward the form that was included in your April Newsletter, or sign up at Sunday's meeting at the 'Closes', or call Dean-elect Rod Rothlisberger at (218) 233-6603 asap.

POT-LUCK SUPPER THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, May 18 is the final scheduled Chapter meeting of our 40th anniversary year. We will bring our year-long celebration to a close with a pot-luck supper beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 2217 South 6th Street, Moorhead. (Two blocks west of Brookdale Mall at the corner of 6th Street South, 23rd Avenue, and South Rivershore Drive.)

Chapter members and their spouses or guests are urged to attend. Members are asked to bring a main dish, salad, dessert, or rolls. Beverages and dinner service will be provided.

An installation of officers will follow the informal supper.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE SAYS "THANKS"

Thanks to several volunteers, attendees at AGO-RRV Chapter meetings this past year were able to "O Taste and See" how great the bars and cookies were. The members of the Hospitality Committee wish to express their appreciation to the people who helped bake, cook, serve, and clean up at the chapter meetings and special programs. With the cooperation and assistance of so many people, everything ran smoothly.

Carol Long
Carolyn Hensrud

PUBLIC HANDBELL CONCERT, JUNE 21

Mark your calendar for the public concert on June 21 in the NDSU Fieldhouse to be given by the 800+ ringers at the close of the 1986 AGEHR Area VIII Handbell Festival. Cynthia Dobrinski of Ft. Worth, TX is the massed choir director. Come early for a good seat; it's FREE! Our AGO Handbell Choir will participate in the closing concert, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

On Second Thought . . .

I'm a part-time Newsletter editor, but a full-time teacher, and it's the end of the term and time for grades!

-Fortieth Anniversary Celebration and compilation of the Chapter History - A

-Educational Division of the Coordinated Arts Fund Drive - A

-30% increase in Chapter membership - A

-The Art of Keyboard Continuo - A

-The 6th Annual Hymn Festival, "Celebrate Him!" - A

-The AGO Handbell Choir - A

-The Frederick Swann Recital and Champagne Brunch - A

-The Wedding Music Program, "The Greatest of These is Love" and Wedding Music Book - A

-The American Music Program - A

-Members who presented recitals this year - A

-Workshop '86 - "Strong Progress"

To summarize the year: Summa

Cum Laude.

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