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## REGISTRAR'S MESSAGE

While thinking about a message for this newsletter and with the celebration of Thanksgiving this month, I thought about how the AGO has been a blessing to me since I joined a year ago. I have enjoyed the opportunity to immerse myself in the world of organ by attending meetings, recitals, and other activities.

Our organization does fulfill the purpose of AGO which is to promote understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of organ and choral music. As members we should always be striving to improve our skills and knowledge.

The AGO Certification classes are well underway, and the response has been good. The classes taught by Richard Elliott are excellent and very imformative. We appreciate his willingness to teach us.

As we contemplate the bounteous blessings we enjoy, may we add to our list the wonderful opportunities we have in our area to advance the cause of outstanding organ and choral music.

LuJean Moss

## ECUMENICAL SERVICE CANCELLED

We have had to postpone our November 12th Ecumenical Service until later in the season, probably around Easter, because of so much sickness within the musical groups who were slated to provide the music. We do intend to follow through with this service and will let you know the new date as soon as one has been formulated.

The Provo Central Stake Hymn Sing scheduled for last Sunday, November 5th, was also cancelled for the same reason. We urge all of you to take care of yourselves and hope you will be able to avoid all the sickness that is in the area.

## SPOTLIGHT

Those of you who have attended our meetings so far this year have sampled the efforts of our Refreshment Committee. LuJean Moss, Committee Chairman, and Laura L. Pettersson have been doing a great job. Thanks, you two.

Speaking of Laura, we would like to tell you a little about her. She was born and raised in Burley, Idaho, where she grew up on a farm. She was blessed with two older brothers (those of you with older brothers know how much "fun" they can be sometimes).

Laura started her higher education at Ricks and then came to B.Y.U. where she majored in Business Ed. She worked part-time at B.Y.U. as a secretary, for a time as a legal secretary, and then as secretary at U of U in the Student Involvement Office. She also worked in the accounting office at Wolf's Sporting Goods where she met her husband, Jim. They are the parents of a three boys and a girl. Jim teaches 6th grade at Jordan School and also has a master's degree in teaching English as a 2nd language.

Laura is a real asset to her Rivergrove 2nd Ward. She serves as Ward Organist, Sunday School Organist, and Choir Organist. She started studying piano at age 7 and continued throughout her school years. When she was 13 or 14, she took the six-week organ course offered by a representative from the Church. After that her piano teacher, Sister Annie Beck, who was also Ward Organist encouraged her to practice the organ; and she became the Sunday School Organist. Laura has been essentially self-taught as far as the organ is concerned, but practices faithfully and has been taking advantage of the wonderful things offered at Church Music Workshop. She credits a wise piano teacher, Donald H. Windham, with giving her an excellent foundation in correct practice techniques and performance principles.

Laura's hobbies are reading, fly fishing, and being an Avon Lady. She is a very dependable individual (as we have found out with her service on the Refreshment Committee) and is kind and considerate of others feelings. Laura, we are so glad you are a part of our Chapter!

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

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| Nov. 9 | Dr. Edward A. Hansen Master Class, sponsored by BYU, 6-8 p.m., Provo Tabernacle |
| Nov. 10 | Dr. Edward A. Hansen Organ Recital, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, SLC |
| Nov. 15 | Lois Johnson (Soprano) Vocal Recital, 7:30 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall, B.Y.U. |
| Nov. 19 | Martha Gutierrez (Soprano) Vocal Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake |
| Nov. 29 | Robyn Cootie Organ Recital, 9:00 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall, B.Y.U. |
| Nov. 30 | Ralph Woodward Chorale presents "The Messiah," 7:30 p.m. Salt Lake Assembly Hall |
| Dec. 1 | Ralph Woodward Chorale presents "The Messiah," 7:30 p.m., Provo Tabernacle |
| Dec. 2 | CHAPTER MEETING - BYU Organ Tour (Joint activity with SLC Chapter), 10:30-12:30 a.m. (Lunch following - guests of BYU) |
| Dec. 9 | "Messiah Sing-In" sponsored by Utah Valley Chorale Society, 7:30 p.m., Provo Tabernacle ($2.00/person - bring your score) |
| Dec. 10 | Christmas Concert, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake |
| Dec. 13 | Utah Valley Chorale Society Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m., Provo Tabernacle ($3.50/person, $2.00/students, $10.00/family) |
| Jan. 7 | Orgelbuchlein Recital No. 2, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake (bring your score) |
| Jan. 17 | David Kern Flute Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake |
| Feb. 4 | Orgelbuchlein Recital No. 3, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake |
| Feb. 10 | Dr. James Welch Recital & Workshop, 7:30 p.m., St. Marks Episcopal Church, 231 E. 1st S., SLC |
| Feb. 18 | Elizabeth Elliott Piano Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake |

## BYU-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

We appreciate the BYU Organ Faculty and their efforts to provide their students and the organ community with educational opportunities. Dr. Craighead's Master Class and Recital was a special treat. It was a privilege to be exposed to the "master" as a teacher and a performer.

Thursday, November 9th, from 6-8 p.m. at the Provo Tabernacle, BYU is again sponsoring another organist for our benefit. Dr. Edward A. Hansen will be lecturing on the works of Cesar Franck in anticipation of the "Franck Year."

Also our Chapter Meeting for December will be held in conjunction with the Salt Lake Chapter. BYU has graciously invited us to tour their organ facilities to be followed by a luncheon as their guests. This will be a chance to get to know our Salt Lake organ friends a little better and to spend some time with the caring organ faculty at BYU in a festive December setting. Please call Scott Mills, 373-7069, by November 22nd, to let him know if you plan to attend the luncheon so BYU can obtain a head count to prepare the food.

## AGO CERTIFICATION CLASS

Rick Elliott's certification class for this Thursday, November 9th, has been cancelled due to Dr. Hansen's Master Class. However, it has been rescheduled for next Thursday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m. in his office at BYU, E-250 HFAC.

There will not be a class held in December, so after the 16th of November our next class will be Thursday, January 11th.

## MESSIAH CONCERTS

Take your pick of whether you want to sit and listen to the Ralph Woodward Chorale perform the Messiah on December 1st or whether you want to come join the Utah Valley Chorale Society on December 9th and sing along--or both.

The soloists joining the Ralph Woodward Chorale are JoAnn Ottley as soprano, Mary Westcott as contralto, David Warner as tenor, and Robert Peterson as baritone.

The evening of the Messiah Sing-In, Lois Johnson (soprano), Mary Westcott (contralto), Robert Dunn (tenor), and Clayne Robison (baritone) will be the soloists.

## NEWS

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