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Dear AGO Members & Friends:

One of the major changes for the chapter during the upcoming year is that this summer I will be moving to Atlanta, Georgia. I have accepted a position as a music specialist at an inner-city elementary school in Atlanta. We will be much closer to my family and to Rebecca's, so we and our children will be closer to "home." A major factor is also a significant salary increase. I have been working three jobs since last summer, and it's taking its toll in every aspect of my life. I am ready to see my family more often...not to mention getting more sleep!

I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has helped to plan and carry out our activities this year. It has been wonderful to work with such dedicated people. My e-mail address will remain the same and our new mailing address will be: 3390 Rance Rd., Marietta, GA 30066

--Jim Carter

We will greatly miss Jim and his family. We wish them the best in their future endeavors. Thank you, Jim, for your dedication and all that you've done for the chapter this year! --Editor

Pipes 'n' Potluck

This has been an exciting year for the chapter, with many wonderful events carried out under the auspices of Dr. Belnap. To end the year, we invite you to come to our member recital/potluck dinner on Friday, June 1st at Heritage Music, 557 N. 1200 W. in Orem. It will start at 6:00 p.m. Feel free to bring a spouse or friend along, too, whether or not you plan to play something.

If you do want to play a piece, please contact DeeAnn Stone as soon as you can (no later than May 30) with the name of the piece and composer, so that your name can be added to the printed program. (It would be best if you e-mail her at ddstone.mark@aros.net; but, if you don't have e-mail and would rather call, be sure to let the phone ring at least 6 times.) If you would like to practice before hand, you can contact Heritage Music, and they will be glad to schedule a time for you--762-0999.

That's the Pipes part. Now, the Potluck part--food assignments have been divided up as follows: those with last names starting A to E, bring the main dish; those F to N, bring salad and dressing, chips and dip, or rolls and butter; and those P to W, bring deserts, pop, or fruit juice. Plan for about 40 people or so. Please let DeeAnn know, too, if you have any paper plates, cups, plastic utensils, or napkins you could bring.

Please plan to come. This will be a fun time to socialize and to listen to the good music of our members. Then we'll see ya'll next fall.

DUES

We would like to thank everyone for your interest and support this year. We have tried some new ideas and appreciate your help in our goal of making the organ more accessible to everyone, particularly to young people.

In our efforts, our Utah Valley AGO Chapter faces a situation that most chapters do not. We chose not to charge a fee for attending events such as the Pipes Spectacular Concert and the Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza activity. One of the primary goals of the National AGO was to have the Pipes Spectacular Concert be a vehicle to raise money for local chapters; but, since this activity was scheduled for a Sunday, we did not charge admission, nor did we solicit donations. Also, we wanted as many people as possible to attend the Pipes and Pizza activity, so we chose to fund that event at no charge to participants, with the chapter shouldering all the expenses.

The success of future activities, therefore, depends on the contributions and dues of members of our chapter. We encourage you to renew your membership during the month of June, and consider donating a few extra dollars to the chapter, if you can.

There are several levels of membership in our chapter, and we invite you to review the enclosed membership/dues form to see which is the best one for you. Please fill the form out and mail it with your check to Meg Griffith as soon as you can, or you may bring it to our June 1st activity.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from participating with us in the future, please invite them to join the chapter also.

Again, thank you for your support this past year, and we hope to bring you many more enjoyable and useful activities in the year to come.

Sincerely,

Parley Belnap, Dean
Jim Carter, Sub-dean

The following is the timetable for collecting dues of national members set by AGO National Headquarters. While the timetable for collecting our chapter portion is somewhat more flexible, dues need to be received as soon as possible so that we may have enough operating funds for next year.

AGO Timetable for membership Renewal and Dues Collection

April 1 - Dues collection begins for 2001-2002. All who become members after this date will automatically begin their membership in the 2001-2002 year.

July 1 - Start of the new membership year.

September 1 - Deadline for chapters to report dues to National Headquarters.

November - The last issue of TAO that will be sent to any 2000-2001 member not renewing for 2001-2002.

December - The first issue of TAO that all 2001-2002 members will receive. New members may receive earlier issues of TAO if their membership is reported to National Headquarters before September.

RECITALS

♪ **June 30 (Saturday)** - Raymond and Beth Chenault, renowned organ duo from Atlanta, Georgia, 7:30 p.m., Tabernacle, SLC

Brand new baby

A cute, dark-haired addition arrived on Monday, May 7, to DeeAnn Stone's daughter, Anjanette Lofgren, who gave birth to a baby girl.

This makes four girls and a boy for Anjanette and her husband, Mark.

Actual Announcements Taken from Church Bulletins in England

- * Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.
- * Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- * For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- * This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north sides of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- * Thursday at 5 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers club. All wishing to become Little Mothers please see the minister.
- * This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- * Weight Watchers will meet 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.
- * The service will close with "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start (quietly) and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- * The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of all kinds and they may be seen in the church basement.
- * 8 new choir robes are needed due to the addition of the several new members and the deterioration of others.
- * A bean supper will be held Tuesday evening in the church hall: Music will follow.

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MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO PRESENTS

Pipedreams

Sundays at 10:00 p.m. (new time) KBYU-FM

May 20 Going On Record . . . a spring review of select recent organ recordings.

May 27 Program No. 0121 Flights of Fantasy . . . the organ offers composers and performers multiple opportunities for unfettered imagination. Collected here are a few works in which the notion of 'fantasy' is paramount.

(For details see page 13 of The American Organist magazine, May 2001 issue.)

Have a great summer!



Pipes 'n' Pizza, April 28, 2001

A big thanks to all those who made the Pipes and Pizza activity such a grand success! Hats off to the hosts and hostesses who greeted people, explained the different organs, and helped with everything from scheduling (5 stars to Dr. Cook!) to publicity to clean-up. Over 50 people attended, most of whom were not members of AGO--including many young people.



Organ enthusiasts registering for Pipes and Pizza

We started the day with a welcome from Dr. Belnap and a performance by Duncan Peterson of "Rex, the King of Instruments" with Cindy Wells narrating.

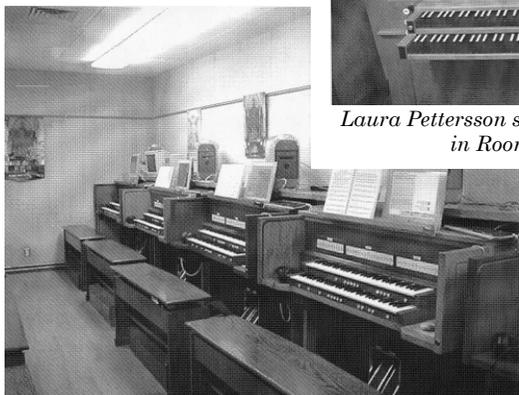


Cindy Wells answers questions about the Rodgers combination pipe/electronic organ

Then the guests toured the practice rooms and office organs, where AGO members were guides and hosts.



Laura Petterson shows the Wilhelm organ in Room 229, HFAC



The Group Organ Lab

After the tour, everyone went into the deJong Concert Hall for a silent movie with live organ accompaniment by Blaine Gale from The Organ Loft in Salt Lake City.



After seeing the "pipes," we ate the pizza.

To top the event off, delicious pizza from Dominos was served to the pleasure of all.



Dr. Parlev Belnap shows the Kenneth Jones nine organ

Some stayed until about 1:45 p.m. and had private/group lessons from Dr. Belnap, Dr. Cook, Lella Pomeroy, Cindy Wells, and Carol Dean.

Many commented that they would like to attend an event like this again next year.

Thanks to Carol Dean and Jim Carter for providing this information for the newsletter and to Lillian Heil for the pictures.



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