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## Dean's Message

Welcome to a new year of AGO activities something fun, educational, and inspirational for every one of us. Nothing could be more hypocritical, based on my own AGO history, but it is nonetheless sincere to encourage your participation in all our events this year. Obviously, I will have to move AGO up in my priorities these next two years. Maybe you can, too. Like any organization, the more each member participates and contributes, the more the whole benefits.

Those of you who really know me know that leadership is something that I neither aspire to nor am good at. So why am I doing this? Well, I love the organ and its music, and there was a need. I'm counting on lots of help.

I'm excited about the year ahead of us. Be sure to put our opening meeting on your calendars (9/24/04). It will be educational, inspirational, and fun just like the entire year will be.

## Opening AGO Meeting/Social

We would like to start our new AGO year with an opening meeting sampling some of the events of this year and ending up with Mike Ohman accompanying a silent movie on his organ. We encourage all of you to come join with us to start our new year.

The meeting will start at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, September 24, 2004, in the Provo Stake Center at 1315 E. 900 S., Provo. After the first part of the meeting, we will move to Mike Ohman's home at 685 S. 1500 E., Provo, for the movie and refreshments.

Following is an initial general overview of the year. Some dates are still tentative:

<u>September 24<sup>th</sup></u>	Opening AGO Meeting/Social
<u>October 23<sup>rd</sup></u>	Observation of Suzuki Organ Teacher teaching young students using pedal extensions, in SLC - combined meeting with Salt Lake Chapter
<u>November 19<sup>th</sup></u>	Daniel Gawthrop Organ Concerto featuring Rick Elliott and BYU-Idaho Symphony Orchestra, Tabernacle, SLC, _
<u>December</u>	Community Christmas Choir, led by Douglas Bush
<u>January</u>	Evening of Performing Romantic Organ Music
<u>February</u>	Hymn Sing played by Douglas Bush
<u>March</u>	Evening of Performing Bach's Organ Works
<u>April</u>	Super Saturday at BYU
<u>May</u>	Closing Member Recital/Potluck at Glenn and Mary Potter's home in Park City (3-manual Rodgers)

## Upcoming Events

- 9/10/04 Faculty Organ Recital - Dr. Douglas E. Bush, 7:30 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall, Brigham Young University
- 9/12/04 Eccles Organ Recital - Frederic Blanc, Notre-Dame d Auteuil, Paris, 8:00 p.m., Cathedral of the Madeleine, SLC
- 9/24/04 Opening AGO Meeting/Social
- 9/26/04 Eccles Organ Recital - Ann Elise Smoot, St. Giles Organ Conservatoire, London, 8:00 p.m., Cathedral of the Madeline, SLC

## Newsletters

As Secretary/Newsletter Editor, I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to DeeAnn Stone for her many years of serving the Utah Valley Chapter AGO in this office. Her expertise and many hours of devoted service have been greatly appreciated by all of us. She has consented to continue keeping her website current with much helpful organ information (including a copy of our newsletter each month). Of special interest to AGO members is a record of all the meetings and activities of our Chapter clear back to 1987 when Scott Mills was Dean.

During the next two years (term of current officers), newsletters will be offered on the website: [www.geocities.com/uvagonewsletter](http://www.geocities.com/uvagonewsletter) or via email (as an attachment). For those of you who have not yet made the change to the 21<sup>st</sup> century and signed up for internet service, now would be a good time.

## Dues

If any of you have not yet sent in your dues, please do so immediately. You may think that since we are emailing newsletters, no money is needed. Not so! Copying and stamping newsletters was a very small portion of the Chapter's expenses. A little is used for refreshments, but the main goal is to build up the Chapter savings account so that we can do our part to help sponsor major events/guest artists coming into the area.

Since Joan Barnett is the new Treasurer/Registrar, please mail your dues to her at 621 Sagewood Avenue, Provo, UT 84604 rather than to Lella Pomeroy. If you have lost your form, you may find another on the website prepared by DeeAnn Stone: [www.geocities.com/uvagonewsletter](http://www.geocities.com/uvagonewsletter).

## Advertisements

Carol Judd of Vernal is looking for a used church practice organ with full pedal board. If any of you are aware of such an instrument, please call Carol at 435-789-7340 (home) or 435-828-7038 (cell).

## Pipedreams

Broadcast Sunday evenings at 9:00 p.m. on KBYU-FM Radio

9/05/04 **From Royal Albert Hall . . .** Come along to Royal Albert Hall in London where we'll hear the newly-restored Willis-Harrison organ (the largest organ in the UK) in concert performances taken from the 2004 BBC Proms season.

9/12/04 **American Sonatas?** . . . whether trained abroad, trained at home, or relocated to or from Europe, the composers of these diverse works ultimately all share an American passport.

9/19/04 **Prayers and Preludes . . .** music of the reluctant French virtuoso and pioneering genius, Charles-Valentin Morhange Alkan (1813-1888), composed originally for pedal piano, plays brilliantly on the pipe organ

9/26/04 **An American Original . . .** pioneer David Tannenberg's 200-year-old pipe organ, built for the Home Moravian Church, resounds once more in Salem, North Carolina