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Dean's Closing Message

Dear Friends,

I just want to thank all of you for your part in making these past two years of AGO a real positive experience for me as I have served as dean of our wonderful, humble little chapter. I have honestly enjoyed my involvement with AGO – with all of you – quite a bit more than I had imagined. I guess it's like anything else: you get out of it what you put into it. The nice thing about a group like ours is that we all benefit from everything that everyone *else* puts into it as well. So, again, I thank you all.

There's one thing I really want to say while I have the chance, and I want you to believe me, because I really mean it: When we have opportunities to play for each other, I enjoy hearing you play, even though you may not think you're as "good" as me or someone else. Let me tell you what I hear when you play. I hear the part of you that cares about music. I hear your hard work and determination to improve or maintain your skills. I hear the part of you that cares enough to come and participate and share whatever you have for the benefit of the group. I hear the part of you that cares enough about something bigger than yourself to take some risks and make yourself a little uncomfortable. I'm not sure that I have adequately expressed myself, but I hope you get the idea. I have truly benefitted and have been uplifted by your sharing whatever you have to share. That's what I mean by our "wonderful, humble little chapter," and I really mean it. So, again, thank you.

Having been the dean for a couple of years has truly given me a deeper appreciation for what we all share as organists. Of course, it also gives me first-hand knowledge of what's involved in "running" the chapter. I feel resolved to be more supportive than I have in the past. At any rate, I for one am looking forward to the next few years with someone else at the helm. I'm looking forward to our continued association and to all that we have to share together. So, again, thank you – in advance.

David Chamberlin, Dean
2004 to 2006 Term

Closing Chapter Event

Our closing social (recital/potluck lunch) will be on March 20, 2006 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Utah State Hospital Chapel, East Center, Provo. We will play on the best little Wicks in the Valley (except maybe the one in Mike Ohman's building), and then we'll eat outside if it's nice or inside if it's not.

You can practice on the organ by going to the office and checking out the key to chapel. Of course, you have to make way for any scheduled event in the chapel.

You all knew that we had a closing recital coming up even if you didn't know the exact date. Now that you have read David's very timely message, I will expect all of you to call/email me with your piece within the next couple of weeks.

Super Saturday

Thank you to all who participated in the April 8th Super Saturday at BYU. Thank you, Dr. Bush, for sharing your experiences of people who taught you important lessons that touched not only your musical life but were more far reaching. They reached and inspired us as well. Thank you to David Bagley from Heritage Church Organ Company, who not only donated his time to bring a Rodgers organ over for our use, but also took the time to teach a class in the organ lab explaining all aspects of the Rodgers church organ. Thank you to the BYU students who so willingly came to the lab and donated their precious time to the Super Saturday participants.

I heard positive comments from my organ students and organ friends regarding every class that was taught. One organ friend from Salt Lake said it was worth her time to come down even if the only class she had attended was Dr. Belnap's class on organ registration. She said she was so confused with registration concepts, and his class cleared up her confusion.

So everyone, "Thank you, thank you for your service."

Dues for New Year

I have attached an updated membership form for all of us to get our dues paid for the 2006-07 AGO year. Please get your dues in to Joan Barnett early—before the end of May would be ideal.

Proposed Officers for 2006 to 2008 Utah Valley Chapter AGO Term of Office

Lella Pomeroy accepted the assignment to head the nominations for officers for the upcoming term. Please show your support by replying to the email with this newsletter showing your vote of support (or your concerns if you have any).

Nancy Christensen - Dean
 Ruth Ann Hay - Subdean/Publicity
 Jeanine Lepinski - Sec'y/Newsletter Editor
 Joan Barnett - Treasurer (for another term - thanks!)
 DeeAnn Stone - Website Editor/Historian (great job!)
 Lillian heil - Photographer
 BYU Faculty Liaison - Don Cook
 BYU Student Liaison - Shinji Inagi (continuing for another year or two - thanks Shinji!)
 Member-at-Large - Jill Adams
 Member-at-Large - David Chamberlin
 Member-at-Large - Lella Pomeroy
 Member-at-Large - Claire Rogers (continuing - thanks!)

Special thanks to retiring officers!

I hope the new officers will continue with the informal recitals. Sorry, this month was so busy, I couldn't find the time to plan one for April, and there won't be one in May either so come and play on May 20th at the Closing Social. I will organize informal recitals for the summer months, so you'll hear from me. Lella asked me if I wanted to continue as newsletter editor. However, I just received a call in my stake to serve in the Stake YW Presidency, so since I will be busy with youth conference, girls camp, etc., etc., etc., I declined. I had to make room in my busy schedule somewhere, but I plan to make it to as many monthly meetings next year as I can.

Upcoming Chapter Events

5/20/06 Closing Member Recital/Picnic,
 Utah State Hospital Chapel, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

LDS Organist Group

Check out this site at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ldsorganist>

Countdown to Chicago!

The 2006 National Convention in ChicAGO is fast approaching (July 2-6, 2006). Visit our website:

www.agohq.org/2006