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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Our AGO Bonneville District Directory is being trimmed this year to save costs, and much of the detailed information following each of our names will not be included. Therefore, I feel the information on our Chapter directory sheet should be as complete as possible so that we can all be aware of interesting and pertinent facts about each other. In seeing some of you at the opening social on August 18th (which was a very pleasant evening for all in attendance), I remembered all the members names but not their spouses; so in preparing the rough draft (included with this newsletter) I added as many spouse names as I could find without calling each of you. Please look over your entry on this sheet very carefully and call me (375-4873) any night between 10:00 and 10:30 p.m. with spouse names, corrections, or additions. I need this information ASAP.

For my message this month I would like to urge each of you to bring your spouse or partner with you to the meetings this year. It was so enjoyable for me to get to talk with some of your spouses at the social, and I know we would be a closer-knit organization if we would include our partners in our meetings as much as possible.

When we lived in Alaska we had a stake president who mandated Friday night as sacred for "couples date night". No other meetings were ever schedule on Friday nights in that stake. My husband and I developed a habit then that we rarely depart from now even though we have never lived in a stake since that has supported "date night" to that extent. The stake president was very wise in realizing what it takes to keep the family unit strong. I would encourage the Refreshment Committee to provide a very simple refreshment at each meeting so we can have a short social time together following each meeting. When we become too busy to take time for people, and especially our own people in the Utah Valley AGO Chapter, then we are too busy.

Carol Dean

PROFESSIONAL INFO LISTING

There will be no information such as teacher, tuner, etc. under the names in the State Directory this year. So if you would like a professional "business card" listing in the yellow pages of the Directory, call Tom Hinckley, 373-1477. (See p. 104 of last's year's directory for prices.)

SPOTLIGHT

Val K. Weight, our Chapter Registrar for last year, is embarking on a new endeavor. He is going back to school this quarter at U of U to work on a master's degree in accounting. He received a double bachelor's degree from BYU in accounting and ancient studies and has been working as a CPA for the past six years. Val served his mission in Korea, and that combined with a fascination for China led him to combine ancient studies with his accounting degree.

Val was raised in Springville and is still living there. He will be commuting between SLC and Springville, living in the dorms four days a week and coming back to Springville to his work on Friday and for the weekends. He is such a conscientious worker his boss couldn't let him go entirely.

Besides his work Val's other love is music, and especially the organ. He started piano at age seven or eight and studied off and on. However, when he was 14 years old Zara Tonks, one of the charter members of our Chapter and a student of Dr. Belnap, started teaching group organ lessons in Val's stake. The course was to go for 15 weeks, but Val's eagerness to learn prompted Sister Tonks to give him private lessons much longer than that. He has served in various organist positions from the time he was 16 years old and is currently ward organist in his Springville Ward. At BYU he studied seven semesters with Kerry Arbon and one semester with Douglas Bush.

Val had the opportunity to attend the 1988 Houston National AGO Convention and enjoyed it immensely. He will be a dual member with our Chapter and the Salt Lake Chapter so he can attend whichever functions his schedule will permit. Good luck with your schooling, Val, and thank you for your service as our Chapter Registrar last year.

1991 REGIONAL CONVENTION

The Region IX Far West Regional Convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Pasadena, California June 16-19, 1991. For information, write or call: Mr. David E. Fay, Administrative Secretary, P. O. Box 93753, Pasadena, CA 91009-3753 or call (818) 798-1046.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Sep. 14 AGO Exam Class, 7:30 p.m., E-250 HFAC, BYU
Sep. 17 Mary Westcott (Contralto) Vocal Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
Sep. 20 CHAPTER MEETING - Doug Bush Lecture - European Organs, 7:30 p.m., Provo Central Stake
Oct. 6 Joint Recital/Walter Whipple, Organ and Victoria Morris, Soprano, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, SLC
Oct. 12 AGO Exam Class, 7:30 p.m., E-250 HFAC, BYU
Oct. 15 Orgelbuchlein Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake (the entire Orgelbuchlein will be presented by Provo Central Stake organists in five evenings throughout the 1989-90 Provo Stake Concert Series)
Oct. 17 CHAPTER MEETING - J. J. Keeler Lecture - Piano Practice for Organists
Oct. 23 Master Class by David Craghead of Eastman, sponsored by BYU, 4-7 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall (no charge)
Oct. 24 Organ Recital by David Craghead of Eastman, sponsored by BYU, 7:30 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall (\$5.00/students, \$6.00 general public)
Nov. 5 Hymn Sing, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
Nov. 9 AGO Exam Class, 7:30 p.m., E-250 HFAC, BYU
Nov. 10 Dr. Edward A. Hansen Organ Recital, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, SLC
Nov. 12 CHAPTER MEETING - Ecumenical Service
Nov. 19 Martha Gutierrez (Soprano) Vocal Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
Dec. 10 Christmas Concert, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
Jan. 7 Orgelbuchlein Recital No. 2, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
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. 18 Elizabeth Elliott Piano Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
Mar. 4 Orgelbuchlein Recital No. 4, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
Mar. 18 Mozart Requiem, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
Apr. 15 Lois Johnson (soprano) Vocal Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
May 6 Orgelbuchlein Recital No. 5, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
May 20 Youth Concert, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake

AGO EXAM PREPARATION CLASSES

Rick Elliott has scheduled the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in his office on campus, E-250 HFAC, to help us prepare for the exams. The first session will be this month, the 14th. He needs to know by Monday, the 11th what exam you will be preparing for and what pieces you have chosen from the guidelines in the July issue of TAO.

ANTHEM WRITING COMPETITION

The Orange County Chapters of the AGO and the Choral Conductors Guild announce "The Fifth Annual Anthem Writing Competition." Division 1 would include composers with 3 or fewer published anthems--entry fee is \$10.00, prize is \$200.00. Division 2 would include composers with 4 or more published anthems--entry fee is \$20.00, prize is \$500.00.

For further information, please write to Lynnette Ball McGee, 1747 N. Lincoln Street, Orange, CA 92665

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Please do not wait until September 15th to send in your application. Sit down right now as you read this newsletter and make out your check and put it in the mail. (We need the month and day of your birth rather than the month and year.)

For your information, you will be listed in the directory this year if you paid last year even though you don't apply this year. However, please send in your application. We need your support.

NEWS

Please call Utah Valley AGO news to Carol Dean 375-4873 by the 4th Sunday of each month.