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## SUB-DEAN'S MESSAGE

I have been wondering of late why it is that we mortals have to lose something or be separated from someone before we realize the true value of the relationship, the opportunity or the item. Having moved two months ago into a new ward, I found myself suddenly, after many years serving as organist, in the congregation and feeling very out of place. It wasn't until then that I realized how much a part of my normal, everyday life playing every Sunday had become. I have found the same to be true when I haven't been able to practice for one reason or another over extended periods of time--it is so wonderful to be able to get back to it. And now that fact has been even more forcefully brought to my attention with my son leaving for Finland. Too often we become guilty of allowing the urgencies of unimportant things to take precedence over those that should be most important to us.

So my message for everyone this month is an encouragement for each of us to take the time to be more appreciative of our opportunities, our talents, and our relationships with each other and our loved ones because it does take time to develop and nurture these things. And I would like to wish you a happy heart for Valentine's Day.

Claire Rogers

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

All registered AGO members are receiving with this newsletter a card preparing by the Nominating Committee listing the proposed executive officers for 1990-91 AGO year. You have the opportunity to approve or disapprove the nominees. Please check the appropriate box and put it right back in the mail as soon as you receive it.

We wish to thank our Nominating Committee--Robin Cardon, Chairman, Elise Richards, and Lawrence Wiedmann--for their fine work.

## NOON-DAY RECITALS

Noon-day recitals at the Joseph Smith Auditorium have resumed and will be held each Monday and Wednesday of February, March, and April at 12:05 p.m.

## SPOTLIGHT

A face apparent at every AGO function held is that of Mark T. Clark. He is especially excited these days because he has started taking formal organ lessons again after almost a decade of being without a teacher.

Mark was born in Burley, Idaho. He was an only child. His mother worked as a bookkeeper for Atlantic and Pacific Company. He started piano lessons at age eight; and when he was ten, his piano teacher started him on the organ as well. Mark has played for Priesthood Meeting, Sunday School, and Sacrament Meeting almost consistently from that time. While on his mission to Northern Germany he had the opportunity to accompany a mission choir for three months as his main assignment. He has served as Ward Organist of the Park Ward in Provo Central Stake for the last eight or nine years. The original 6-rank pipe organ in the Park Ward is now being expanded to 12 or 13 ranks, and Mark is looking forward to the completion of that project. An "Inaugural Concert" will be held on that organ when it is completed sometime toward the end of March (date in next newsletter).

Following his mission, Mark came home and married Tanya, a girl from his home ward whom he hadn't noticed before his mission but did afterwards. They have a seven-year old daughter. Mark got his bachelor's degree in electronic engineering technology and now works as a Job Software Engineer at Novell. He loves his work and his company, but the organ is his main hobby. While attending BYU he studied two semesters with Dr. Douglas Bush and took Dr. Belnap's Organ Problems and Organ Registration classes. He had to discontinue his organ studies when his mathematics and engineering classes left him no time for organ practice.

Now Mark is again taking lessons from Dr. Bush and practices every morning for an hour and half before work either on his own Rogers 655 or on the Bigelow Tracker at the Provo Central Stake. He has participated in the Orgelbuchlein recitals presented by organists of the Provo Central Stake and is making outstanding progress with his fine talent. Mark, we look forward to seeing more of you in the coming year.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Feb. 8 AGO Exam Class, 7:30 p.m., C-250 HFAC, BYU  
Feb. 9 Dr. James Welch Recital - "Dancing Toccatas,"  
7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 231 E. 1st  
S., SLC  
Feb. 10 Dr. James Welch Workshop, 10:00 a.m., Christ's  
United Methodist Church, 2375 E. 3300 S., SLC  
Feb. 10 Andrew Unsworth Organ Recital, 7:30 p.m.,  
Assembly Hall, SLC  
Feb. 13 Organist Carole Terry in Concert with the Nova  
Brass Quintet, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, SLC  
Feb. 18 Elizabeth Elliott Piano Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo  
Central Stake  
Feb. 21 Brahms Abend (evening of choir and organ music),  
Utah Valley Choral Society, 8:00 p.m., Provo  
Tabernacle (tickets at the door)  
Feb. 24 LuJean Moss Organ Recital, 7:30 p.m. 481 E.  
Center, Orem  
Mar. 4 Orgelbuchlein Recital No. 4, 8:00 p.m., Provo  
Central Stake (bring your scores)  
Mar. 8 AGO Exam Class, 7:30 p.m., C-250 HFAC, BYU  
Mar. 15 CHAPTER MEETING - Geoff Myers Lecture,  
7:30 p.m. (place in next newsletter)  
Mar. 18 Provo Central Stake Hymn Sing, 8:00 p.m.  
Apr. 12 AGO Exam Class, 7:30 p.m., C-250 HFAC, BYU  
Apr. 15 Lois Johnson Vocal Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo  
Central Stake  
Apr. 17 CHAPTER MEETING - Thomas Hinckley  
Lecture, 7:30 p.m. (place & subject TBA)  
May 6 Orgelbuchlein Recital No. 5, 8:00 p.m., Provo  
Central Stake  
May 20 Provo Central Stake Youth Concert, 8:00 p.m.

## MAY CHAPTER RECITAL

We cannot announce a date as it has not yet been cleared with the University, but we hope you are all preparing to participate in the Chapter Recital to be performed on the 3-manual Walcker (rebuilt by Kenneth Jones in 1989) in the Madsen Recital Hall at BYU. We will be calling each of you in April to get the name of your piece.

## FEBRUARY AND MARCH CHAPTER MEETINGS

The Dr. James Welch Recital and Workshop on February 9th and 10th will be our Chapter Meeting for February. (Check your January newsletter or the newsletter you received from the Salt Lake Chapter for details.) If you need rides to either function, call Scott Mills, 373-7069.

On March 15th, Geoff Myers will be presenting our Chapter Meeting. He has CDs of late 19th and early 20th century organ composers playing their own music. These are new digital recordings made from the original factory rolls of Dupre, Gigout, Widor, Straube, and Reger playing their own music (Straube was J. J. Keeler's teacher). So if you would like a fascinating evening of hearing these great artists

performing on the instruments of their time with commentary by Geoff who spent time at Stanford doing graduate work in this area, please mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend.

Geoff is presently working on his Ph.D. in Musicology here at BYU. He has a Master's Degree in Organ Performance from Notre Dame where he studied with Dr. Craig Kramer.

## JANUARY MEETING

We would like to thank Dr. Belnap for his outstanding presentation on piano practice techniques for organists at our January Chapter meeting. He pinchhitted at the last minute for J. J. Keeler who was unable to come. We had a number of guests from Salt Lake who came to hear Brother Keeler, but who were very satisfied with the information Brother Belnap presented.

The following are the sources he referred to in his lecture:

Thomas Richner, "Techniques for Organ and Piano,"  
The American Organist, July, 1980, p. 32

Dohnanyi, Daily Finger Exercises for the Advanced Pianist (in three volumes)

Dohnanyi, Essential Finger Exercises for Obtaining A Sure Piano Technique

Carl M. Roeder, Liberation and Deliberation in Hand Technique

The Refreshment Committee came through as always with wonderful treats for our group. The following is a recipe made by DeeAnn Stone which was a real favorite:

### PUMPKIN BREAD

Mix together: 2 cups sugar  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup oil  
16 oz. canned pumpkin  
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Add and mix well: 2 1/2 cups flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. nutmeg

Optional: 1 cup pecans  
or 1 cup raisins  
or 1 cup chocolate chips

Grease two loaf pans, bake at 325 degrees for 1 1/4 hours, and frost when cool with butter cream frosting.