

UTAH VALLEY
CHAPTER
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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Your dean found this timely thought in the Southern Utah Chapter newsletter:

"A recent newsletter from the Southern Arizona Chapter quoted Richard Purvis' answer to the question, 'How can you play so well?' His one word answer was, 'Practice.'

"I don't know how most organists keep their skills well-tuned, but I do know that writers might use some of the same avoidance techniques as some organists. As a writer, I face the blank screen on the word-processor and suddenly get the urge to straighten up the desk. Then I remember that I must change the sprinklers on the front lawn. By then the telephone rings, and it is time to see if the mailman has delivered yet.

"Sound familiar? There is a word that could be added to Richard Purvis' answer: Discipline! My former dean once told me that I could write as much and as well as any of my colleagues if I would just sit at the typewriter (the olden days) and not budge until I had filled the page. A motto in writing states: 'There is no such thing as good writing--only good re-writing.' Is there a moral there somewhere for aspiring organists?

"Or, as Publilius Syrus said in the first century B.C., 'Practice is the best of all instructors.'"

--Submitted by Lella Pomeroy

THE WORLD'S LARGEST ORGAN RECITAL

As you know by now, this year, 1996, is the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the American Guild of Organists. (It's interesting that here in Utah we are celebrating our state's 100th birthday, too.)

To commemorate this important event, April 14th has been designated as **Guild Centennial Sunday**--the actual centennial date is April 13th. Each chapter of AGO (355 in all) has been invited to participate in the largest organ recital in the world. All the recitals will begin at the same instant--3 p.m. (Western), 4 p.m. (Mountain), 5 p.m. (Central), and 6 p.m. (Eastern). Each program will start with the **Bach Toccata and Fugue in D minor (BWV 565)**. (Bach's most famous mordent will be heard from coast to coast in various pitches, tempos, and sonorities at the same instant!)

The program will also include the singing of the hymn "When in Our Music God is Glorified," and music of American composers performed by several members of our chapter.

We are fortunate to be able to hold our recital in the deJong Concert Hall at BYU on April 14th at 4:00 p.m. This "Organ Fireside" will also be co-sponsored by two BYU stakes.

Be sure to make plans for this once-in-a-lifetime event and pass the word along to others you know who would be interested in attending. This is open to the public at no charge.

OFFICIAL THEME STATEMENT FOR THE CENTENNIAL

"The historian Will Durant has said that 'The Past is the Present rolled out for study; the Present is the Past rolled up for action.'

"In keeping with Durant's thesis, as the American Guild of Organists celebrates the one-hundredth anniversary of its founding, it is incumbent on us all--individual members, Chapters, Regions, and the Guild as a whole--to celebrate our century with past, present, and future in mind.

--To study our past and be thankful for the heritage which is ours;

--To celebrate our present and rejoice in the in the multiplicity and diversity of our gifts;

--To prepare for our future with all the vision and energy we can summon.

"During the year preceding the 1996 celebration of our hundred years, we should reflect on the early purposes of the Guild, relive its great musical moments and acknowledge those whose vision provided leadership in the building of the AGO.

"We need to remind ourselves, as well as many others, of the place that the AGO holds in the profession today.

"Finally, a celebration of past and present is incomplete without a thoughtful consideration for our future. The long-range plans of the past have come to fruition. It is time to renew our vision and purpose by undertaking a thorough and thoughtful study, projecting the life of the Guild of the next century.

"Let us diligently and gratefully remember our past, as those efforts inform us of the possibilities for our future."

HISTORY OF THE UTAH VALLEY CHAPTER

To join in the spirit of the centennial, we thought it would be appropriate to include brief history of our chapter. Taken from the 1986-1987 Utah AGO Directory, the following information was compiled by Dr. Douglas E. Bush:

"In the fall of 1979, a group of organists gathered at the home of Ephraim and Verena Hatch in Provo for the purpose of forming a local chapter of AGO. The chapter was named the Utah Valley Chapter, officers were selected with Gerald Dick as the new Dean and a petition was then sent to National Headquarters for official chartering of the Chapter. The Charter was issued October 9, 1979; it was signed by Roberta Bitgood, National President of AGO."

Charter members included:

Dr. Parley L. Belnap	Gladys Farmer
Michael C. Bigelow	Verena Hatch
Heidi Brown	Lillian Heil
Janice Burton	J. J. Keeler
Dr. Douglas E. Bush	Erla Knudson
Robin Cardon	Lawrence E. Weidmann
Donald Cook	Steven Wright
C. Gerald Dick	Zara Tonks

For the past sixteen and a half years our chapter has steadily grown, averaging 40 - 50 members. (Considering all the organists and potential organists in our unique area, there could be a lot more who could benefit and learn from AGO.)

We would like to recognize and thank our deans for all that they have contributed to the growth of our chapter.

1979-1980:	C. Gerald Dick
1980-1981:	Michael C. Bigelow
1981-1982:	Donald Cook
1982-1984:	Dr. Douglas E. Bush
1984-1986:	Joan T. Stevens
1986-1987:	Dr. Brett Zumsteg
1987-1990:	Scott Mills
1990-1992:	Thomas K. Hinckley
1992-1994:	Carol Dean
1994-present:	Lella Pomeroy

FUTURE AGO CONVENTION DATES

New York	1996
Hawaii	1997
Denver	1998
Sacramento	1999
Southern California	2000

MEMBER NEWS

Former Utah Valley Chapter member and Salt Lake Tabernacle organist Richard Elliott and his wife Elizabeth became new parents last November with the birth of their baby boy.

Congratulations to David Young who will be getting married on February 17th.

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

February 20th - Organ crawl at the Provo Tabernacle. Ron Poll will show us the new organ.

March - (date TBA) Tour of Bigelow organ factory

April 14th - Centennial recital, deJong Concert Hall, 4:00 p.m.

May 21st - closing social; potluck dinner

Music for a Sunday Evening - January 28, 7:00 p.m., Kelly Crandall, flute with wind ensemble, State Hospital Chapel, 1300 E. Center, Provo

NEW MEMBERS DRIVE

From February 1 to March 31, new members can receive a reduced rate--\$27 for national, \$15 for local, \$42 total. Now would be a good time to invite a special friend to try out AGO at this lower rate, which would include 9 issues of **The American Organist**. If they wish, they could pay the full rate (\$57) and receive back issues.

Also, be sure to invite them to our February and March meetings and April recital. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come.

Who Said that the Bible Doesn't Say a Lot about Organs?

"GREAT is the Lord . . ." (Psalms 48:1)

"And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make the belly to SWELL . . ." (Numbers 5:7)

"And he shall recompense his trespass with the PRINCIPAL . . ." (Psalms 21:12)

"And thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy STRINGS . . ." (Psalms 21:12)

"And there were windows in three rows and light was against light in three RANKS . . ." (I Kings 7:4)

"No man shall STOP me of this boasting." (2 Corinthians 11:10)

"It came to pass also in the FIFTEENTH . . ." (Ezekiel 21:17)

"The eleventh, a jacinth; the TWELFTH, an amethyst" (Revelation 21:20)

"The Lord shall smite Israel, as a REED is shaken in the water (I Kings 15:15)

"For if the TRUMPET give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for battle?" (I Corinthians 14:8)

"The wrath of God, which is poured out with MIXTURE . . ." (Revelation 7:17)

"And God shall wipe away all TIERCE" (Revelation 7:17)

And, of course, Noah to his son: "Nail the BOURDON!"

--Carefully prepared by Darwin Wolford

PIPEDREAMS - KBYU-FM 89, Tues., 9:00 p.m.

INFORMATION FOR NEWSLETTER

Please contact DeeAnn Stone at 377-4728, or mail to 1510 W. 500 N., Provo, UT 84601.

RECIPE CORNER

Taco Soup

Brown:

- 1 lb. Hamburger
- 1 onion

Add:

- 1 can V-8 Juice
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 can kidney beans
- 1 can chili beans
- 1 can black eyed peas
- 1 can pinto beans
- 1 can lima beans
- 1 can corn
- 1 can green beans
- 1 pkg taco seasoning

Bring to a boil. Served topped with cheddar cheese and Fritos.

Broccoli Soup

Mix and microwave 4-6 min. in covered dish until crisp tender:

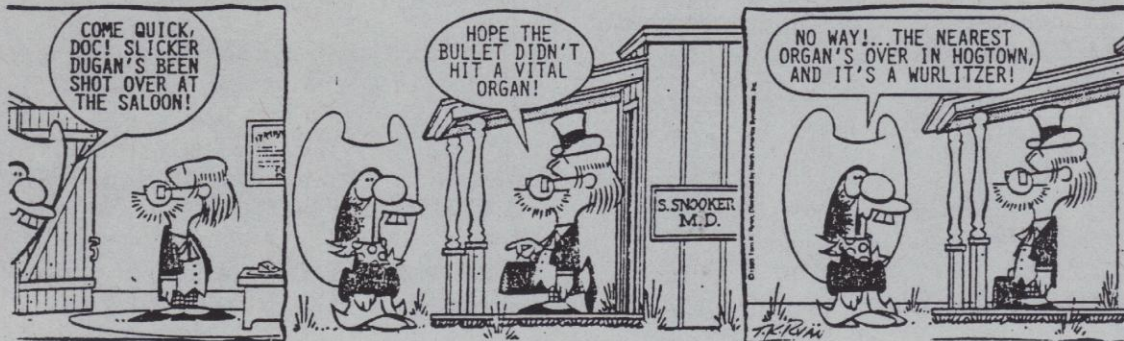
- 3 c broccoli
- 1/2 c carrots
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 tbs margarine

Blend all below, then add 2 cups milk and 1/2 c parmesan cheese:

- 2 c milk
- 1/4 c flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper

Microwave uncovered 7-10 min. or until thick

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