



PIPE LINES

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✧ A Note From the Dean ✧

Greetings!

As another year of AGO programming is winding down, preparations are being made for Pentecost, summer vacations and hopefully, time for renewal for all of us. What a great year we have had...a very successful Pedals, Pipes and Pizza in Lawton, hymn festival in Ada, recitals, members graduating with advanced degrees, members winning competitions, etc., etc. How fortunate we are to have such a diverse and vibrant chapter! Sometimes I don't think we realize how lucky we are to be in this part of the state that is so supportive of the arts.

I would be remiss if I didn't send out a special thank you to all who have worked so hard these past two years to make our chapter what we are today. Our retiring board members, our new board, and countless others, have gone above and beyond what was expected of them.

You will never know how much I appreciate all of you!

As this will be our last newsletter until August, I want to wish all of you a summer filled with peace and renewal. Take time to enjoy life and the wonderful gift of music. See you in the fall!

Peace,

Vicki



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CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES



***AGO National Convention**, July 1-6, 2012 in Nashville, Tenn.
www.ago2012.org. Register Today!!

SPAGO Board members attending are: Vicki Schaeffer, Cindy Pullin, Craig Sproat and Allen & Daphne Faries. American Organ Institute staff (and SPAGO members) attending are John Schwandt and Jeremy Wance. There is still time to make plans to attend. See you there!

***Pipe Organ Encounter** June 4-9, 2012 in Waco, Texas

For students ages 13-18 with some piano or organ proficiency
(see letter from Michael Bedford, page 4 of this newsletter for more information)

***Church Music Institute Workshop** June 8-9, 2012 in Dallas, Texas

Featuring Michael Burkhardt, visit www.churchmusicinstitute.org for schedule and on-line registration.

***Hot Springs Music Festival** June 3-16, 2012 in Hot Springs, AR

Visit www.hotmusic.org for complete schedule

***Organ Historical Society National Convention** July 16-22, 2012

Visit www.organsociety.org/2012/teaser for all convention information.
Attending is Mayu Hashigaya, this year's E. Power Biggs Scholar Winner.

***Royal School of Church Music Course** June 4-9, 2012

For boys, teen boys and Adults at Trinity Episcopal Church, Tulsa, OK. Dr. James Rightmyer, Director;
Bruce Neswick, Organist. Contact Sara Arnold @ saraarno@swbell.net for more information.

Websites of Interest:

American Guild of Organists - www.agohq.org
American Organ Institute - <http://aoi.ou.edu>
Lawton Pro Musica - www.lawtonpromusica.org
Organ Historical Society - www.organsociety.org
Pipe Dreams - <http://pipedreams.publicradio.org>

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SPAGO'S FIRST ANNUAL END OF YEAR BANQUET

A huge "Thank You!" to Sub-Dean Jeremy Wance for arranging this year's first annual End of Year Banquet and Member Recital. The evening was full of excellent food at Norman's *La Baquette*, wonderful conversation and good fun. After dinner we moved to St. Mark's Catholic Church--Adam Pajan, choirmaster/organist was our host--to hear members of our chapter play for each other. Roger Barton, Clint Davis, Adam Pajan, Cindy Pullin, Nolan Riley, and Craig Sproat volunteered to be our initial program which was enjoyed by all.

WELCOME NEW SPAGO BOARD!

Dean:	Vicki Schaeffer	Members at Large:	Allen Faries
Sub Dean:	Clint Davis		Chris Ganza
Treasurer:	Debbie Zizzo		Frederica Grant
Secretary:	Cindy Pullin		Kay Greenshields
			Sylvia Mateva
			Craig Sproat

The above Board was introduced at the Member's Recital April 20th. Thank you all for agreeing to serve your chapter! A debt of gratitude is offered to out-going sub-dean, Jeremy Wance and out-going at large member, David Conley. Your gifts of your time and talents is warmly appreciated.

Our chapter, getting ready to celebrate it's 2nd birthday, is expanding in membership and programs while at the same time experiencing some growing pains. If you have any suggestions, ideas, hints please let one of the above board members know. We appreciate it!

LETTER FROM OUR REGIONAL COUNSELOR

Check out the links below regarding this summer's Region VII POE to be held at Baylor University. SPAGO and Baylor are looking at the possibilities of hosting POEs for Region VII on an alternating basis. If you have students who are interested, send them to Baylor this summer. Then we just might host them next summer for even more organ experiences.

Dear Chapter Deans,

In case you don't know or have forgotten, there will be another terrific Pipe Organ Encounter offered in Region VII at Baylor University in Waco, TX June 3-8. Because they reach out to children and young people, Pipe Organ Encounters and Pedals, Pipes & Pizza are two of the most important events that the AGO sponsors. They do much to get the organ and its great music out to our youth.

If you are not familiar with the POE, please go to the following link:

<http://www.agohq.org/education/indexpoe.html>

Click on Pipe Organ Encounters in the sidebar on the right for information and a schedule of all POEs across the country. They not only provide lessons and practice time for students, but also classes, recitals, worship services and field trips. Many students make fun and important contacts through POEs that will last a lifetime, and new organists are often discovered and nurtured toward rewarding careers in the organ world.

If you know of young piano students (or organ students, for that matter) ages 13-18 who would benefit from this tremendous experience, please contact Dr. Joyce Jones at joyce_jones@baylor.edu It is not too late to be a part of this incredible event!

As always, thank you for all you do for our great organization. Our chapters are the backbone of the AGO and your leadership is valued and appreciated.

All best,

Michael

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