



Chiff Chat

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From the Dean . . .

With warmer weather, spring flowers blooming and gardens beginning to burst forth, thoughts turn towards.....Summer Organ Conferences, in particular our regional AGO Conference in Colorado Springs. This is certain to be filled with interesting events. Do check the website www.csago2005.org and plan to join us in June.

Pam Penner is graciously hosting the Guild picnic again this year. This is a great way to end the season and begin the summer. (see page 2 for information) It is a nice social time and great opportunity to get to know more members.

With my office as Dean nearing completion, I want to thank all the board members who have served with me for all their time, effort and assistance. A good group with lots of good ideas...and that is a plus for the future. Also thanks to all of you who have been so supportive, it made my job much easier.

I wish everyone a happy summer and look forward to seeing you in Colorado Springs.

Gerald Holbrook, Dean

Next Chapter Meeting!

May 9, 7:30 p.m.
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
6001 A Street, Lincoln

Members Recital
Come and Hear Your Colleagues Play!

We will also elect officers and board members at this meeting. The following slate of candidates has been nominated:

Dean - Charles Ore

Sub Dean - Sinda Dux

Secretary - no candidate at press time

Treasurer - Pam Penner

Board Members (Three Years) -
Dale Underwood, William Long

Sheridan Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska wrongfully terminated a member of the American Guild of Organists in April 2002 for which no resolution has been reached. In keeping with the AGO Code of Ethics, members shall not seek or accept employment or attempt to place a student or colleague in the position at Sheridan Lutheran Church.

“Winds on the Prairie” - Organ Festival 2007
A convention of the American Guild of Organists, Region VI
Lincoln, Nebraska
June 17-21, 2007

Dear fellow pipe organ lovers,

As coordinator of Organ Festival 2007, I have been viewing Lincoln’s wealth of pipe organ culture as it might appear to our Festival/Convention guests. It looks exceptional! Not many regional cities can boast so many new and innovative instruments within just a few years.

Much of the Festival Steering Committee is in place. We have begun to build the foundation for a successful and inspiring festival for Lincoln and Region VI of the AGO. Let me introduce to you the steering committee. You may not recognize all the names because some are not guild members, but they are organ enthusiasts!

Coordinator: John Friesen
Finance: William Smith
Logistics: Duane Schmidt
Transportation: Art Fliege
Hospitality: Joy Maag
Publicity: Sinda Dux

Secretary/Treasurer: Pamela Penner
Program: David Brockman
Exhibits: Mark Miller, Paul Lytle
Hotel Housing: William Smith
Registration/Website: Darrell Fluehr
Program Book: Gary Goodding

There are many opportunities to get involved in this “Party of Parties”. Be thinking about your own contributions. There is a place for every guild member. You may know organ enthusiasts in your congregation who would love to participate more closely in the organ world. Let us know about them and let them know about us!

Your Convention Coordinator... John

Annual Chapter Picnic
June 6 6 p.m.

Drinks and tableware provided. We have limited outdoor seating, so if the weather is nice, bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Directions: Take West A Street to Coddington. Turn south (left) on Coddington - go past Lee’s Chicken, past Pioneers Park to West Claire. Turn west (right) on W. Claire to SW 40th. Turn south (left) on SW 40th - 1/2 mile to West Old Cheney. Turn west (right) on W. Old Cheney - go 1/2 mile to top of hill - we are on the left side of the road - our name is on the mailbox.

Hope to see YOU there!

Chad Winterfeldt, Organ
May 19, 7:30 p.m.

St. Mark’s-on-the-Campus, 13th and R Streets

Chad earned his doctoral degree in organ performance at UNL, and is now Director of Music at First Lutheran Church, St. Peter, Minnesota. His recital will mainly consist of 17th & early 18th c. German pieces. The concert is free, but with a suggested \$10 free will offering (\$5 for students). This recital is part of the I Nomi Nuovi series.

AGO National Pedagogy Conference

University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Indiana

Dates: September 11-14, 2005

The conference will focus on works of Dieterich Buxtehude in anticipation of the Buxtehude year in 2007. The Pedagogy conference will be part of the year-long events to celebrate the new Fritts Organ at Notre Dame, 2-35, 2004.

You can register online at: <http://marketplace.nd.edu/cce/> Scroll down until you come to it. The conference will begin Sunday evening with the opening recital at 7 PM; the program will be repeated at 8:30 PM. The conference will end at 1 PM on Wednesday.

Nearby POE Opportunity . . .

This summer the South Dakota Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will host a Pipe Organ Encounter the week of **July 17-22** on the campus of Augustana College. We are very excited about the guest faculty for the week. Paul Jacobs of the Julliard School of Music, James Kibbie from the University of Michigan, and John Schwandt will be presenting recitals and workshops for young people in attendance. John will work with the students on improvisation and then accompany a silent movie one evening--a unique experience for many young people. Students will have daily lessons on a variety of instruments and class topics will range from repertoire, technique and practice techniques to service repertoire. The week will also include a trip to the National Music Museum in Vermillion where students will see and hear the many early keyboard instruments and have the opportunity to play the gamelon. Students need not have any previous organ experience. In previous POEs students have varied from those who have never touched an organ to those who are already playing in their churches. For more information or a brochure, please contact co-directors, Marilyn Schempp (mmschempp@sio.midco.net) or Dr. Larry Schou (lschou@usd.edu).

Recital Announcement

May 15, 7 p.m. Gene Bedient will play a recital at St. Mark's Pro Cathedral, 5th and Burlington, Hastings, Nebraska. The organ is Bedient Opus 74, a renovation and enlargement of the organ installed at St. Mark's in the 1930s. The organ and piano program will consist of works by Buxtehude, Bach, Dupre, Brahms, Joel Martinson, Myron Roberts, and others. Bedient will be joined by the Cathedral Brass for a Nelhybel suite on Crown Him with Many Crowns. Free admission.

Don't Forget!

Region VI AGO Conference
June 26-29
Colorado Springs, Colorado

For more information:
<http://www.csago2005.org/>

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Calendar of Events

Monday, May 9: Chapter meeting, see page 1.

Sunday, May 15: Gene Bedient in recital, Hastings, see p. 3

Thursday, May 19: Chad Winterfeldt in concert, see p. 2

June 6: Chapter Picnic, see page 2.

From our Chapter Historian, Sinda Dux . . .

The historical records of the Lincoln AGO chapter include Secretary's books from November 1939 to May 1946.

At the November 1939 meeting, seven members were present and the Treasury had a balance of \$62.81. A motion was passed to have Rev. Gosnell of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church be the chapter chaplain. He told the group that church music should always be "dignified, never flashy or secular."

In November 1941 the Lincoln AGO chapter, Lincoln Ministerial Association and Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Women's Division sponsored the first ever Hymn Festival in Lincoln. Over 1,600 persons attended at St. Paul Methodist Church. Twenty-four choirs of 450 primary to adult-age persons participated. Chapter members voted to give the festival organist, Paul LaBar, "a nice gift of something less than \$5."

In 1943 the Treasury was down to \$34.54 but the members voted to buy a war bond for \$18.75. The bond was sent to National AGO Headquarters to be stored in a vault for safekeeping.

Marcel Dupre was the recitalist on November 1, 1946 at First-Plymouth Congregational Church. His fee was \$300 and tickets sold for \$1.20. The Lincoln AGO chapter asked the ladies of the church to be responsible for one-third of the recitalist's fee. Dupre played Bach, Franck, Widor, and his own compositions. A note at the end of the concert program says, "It has been Mr. Dupre's custom for many years to conclude his programs with an improvisation. The themes used tonight have been composed or selected by local musicians. At this point in the program the themes will be presented to Mr. Dupre who has not previously examined them. He will select one or more for his improvisation." Gross receipts totaled \$976.80 of which the chapter netted \$386.06.

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