

The Bellows

Greater Lansing Chapter-AGO

5/1/2015

Suite 1, Opus 8

FROM THE DEAN...

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."
Aristotle

Most of us anticipate homecomings and our April 19th Lynne Davis concert was exceptional. A native of East Lansing, Lynne grew up in Central United Methodist Church where she received her first musical training and where she performed her recital on the church's Moeller organ. It was a delight to hear her perfect French accent while discussing her program. Our appreciation goes to Caryn Welter for meticulous arrangements for Lynne's stay in Lansing and to Michael Crouch for the elegant reception. I was happy to bring along two friends who enjoy the organ music at our church. They were blown away at how physical the act of organ playing really is and couldn't fathom the intricate coordination of the hands and feet at the level the performer displayed. Good news – they are hooked and plan to attend our future events. If everyone brought two new folks to an organ concert just think what could happen! Our annual banquet and installation of officers will take place on Monday May 18th at Plymouth

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Congregational Church in Lansing. Bring your shoes along as we will have the opportunity to play on the recently renovated Casavant organ. Please contact Darlene at diek.organ@gmail.com if you are planning to attend.

We are now receiving dues renewal emails from the AGO National Headquarters. ONCARD is user-friendly. You need your AGO number to login and then you need to update your personal information and then pay. Need help? Contact our new Membership Chair, Ed Corey. Do not despair – you can renew by mail if you are more comfortable with this option. July 1st is the deadline.

You will receive a ballot shortly – either by email or post. Please return your ballot as soon as possible.

Ballot

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	Meredith Hines	2015 – 2018
	John Horak	2015 – 2018

Bob Miller has offered his home again for a late-summer get together/pot luck. Bob owns a fine Allen organ and we had the opportunity to perform on it at our Holiday party. I will contact all by email when this will occur – most likely late August.

Many of you will be traveling during the summer months, either to conventions, or cities and countries that will provide wonderful opportunities to hear a variety of organs and concerts. Please consider writing an article of interest for our newsletter and include a photo(s) if possible.

As previously published, our Guild was scheduled to have a Hoot and Howl in the month of October. The same day that I received notice that our venue was not available, Nola Deal informed me that Edgewood United Church in East Lansing was hosting Don Saliers, AGO National Headquarters Chaplain, for a weekend in October. The church's planning committee thought it would be nice to include the GLC-AGO in some way. I replied that we would be honored. The event is in the planning stage but our Guild will most likely attend a lecture by Don and a short recital is planned for Saturday evening (possibly some of our members performing) in addition to a dinner. Stay tuned... thanks, Nola, for this invitation. This would be a great event to open up to our Southern Michigan AGO Chapters. Do you read Don's column in TAO? It is very thought provoking and edifying.

Need a substitute for a week or two over the summer? Please contact Kristi for folks who are available. We currently have a number of retired organists who are willing to sub.

In days gone by, summer used to be this expanse of time that needed to be filled with lots of activity so as to stave off boredom. Not anymore! How fast the months fly by. I have most of my gardens in – a top priority – and now it is time to plan for some travel. While visiting my family in New York - my home state – I plan to visit the M.P. Moller organ at West Point and the Kilgen & Sons instrument at St. Patrick's Cathedral in the city. With a sister in Philadelphia, it is always easy to get to a Wannamaker concert. Where are you planning to travel this summer? My best wishes go to you for a very safe, peaceful and healthy summer.

Barbara Hiranpradist

IMPORTANT time sensitive- Please act soon!

Due to the gremlins at Charter, I was not successful getting out the information about our annual dinner and program on May 18th sooner.

Please respond to this by May 7th... Sorry for the short notice.

Annual Year End Dinner and Program

May 18, 2015 will be at Plymouth Congregational Church in Lansing

Dinner will be Cherry Chicken salad served on lettuce,

Fresh fruit croissant, turtle cake and beverages.

Cottage cheese and greens for any vegetarians.

Price is \$10.00 for dinner and the program.

Brian Fowler will provide the program with an in-depth overview of the Facility: Background and work on the Organ with a tour. **Bring some music and your shoes to try the completed work.**

Wonderful instrument to listen to, but even nicer to play!

Please contact Darlene by May 7th with any special needs or Vegetarian dietary needs.

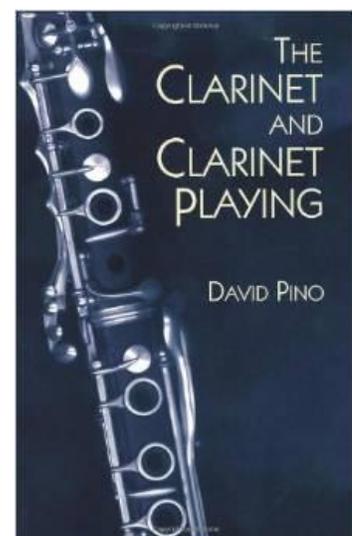
Darlene: 517-974-3057 diek.organ@gmail.com sorry for short notice!

Sunday, May 31 4:00 p.m.
piano and David Pino, clarinet

Caryn Welter,

Central United Methodist Church
215 North Capitol Avenue
Lansing, 48933

Repertoire by Brahms, Schumann, and Weber.



GROWING THE CHAPTER

The national organization has encouraged all chapters that in addition to promoting the organ, we also should consider as part of our promotion the growth of our organization. National has suggested that each chapter might consider a ten percent increase as a goal. Our current paid membership is 47, thus we should set a goal of an additional 5 members. The Greater Lansing Chapter has been twice the current size and with all of us promoting the benefits of chapter membership to others we know to be interested in the organ, we should be able to achieve or exceed this modest goal. Most of our memberships are up for renewal at the end of June so this would be an ideal time encourage others to join our Guild.

Ed Corey, membership chairman

CD Review:



This month's album is **FELIX HELL Plays the RIEGER-KLOSS Organ** installed in the Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Georgia. At 18, Felix Hell was the youngest organ major ever to receive a Bachelor of Music degree from the Curtis Institute. I hesitated to report on this album as the 3 manual instrument has 47 ranks of pipes and 16 digital voices. I am not a fan of these mixed instruments but because of the spectacular playing of Felix Hell and what I considered an excellent choice of selections, I am presenting it. It's difficult to pick my favorite selections as I found myself listening more than once to the disc.

Works by Buxtehude, Bach, Dupre, Gigout, Boellmann, Widor and Reger are presented. The disc is MSR Classics ms1162. It is still available at MSR Classics.

Ed Corey

Deadline for the GLAC-AGO newsletters is the last Wednesday of each month

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