

BOSTON PIPINGS

news and notes for members of Boston Chapter AGO

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Membership Renewal Reminder

If you have not renewed your membership for 2014-15, there is still time! The Boston Chapter is participating in the new ONCARD system (Online National Collection and Remittal of Dues). The National AGO has sent renewal invoices to all current members. Click on the link below to login to your account, update your personal information and pay online. If you prefer to pay by check, please follow the instructions on the website. If you want to be included in the yearbook, you must renew ASAP.

<u>Here</u> is a link to the ONCARD system.

If you have any problems using the ONCARD system or would like a copy of your invoice emailed to you, please contact Kirsten Johnson, Membership Secretary at <u>this link</u>, or by phone at 978-443-3472.

Thanks, Kirsten

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Hello Dear People.

Boston, and if fact the whole organ world, is still talking about the great convention that took place this summer in our city and there is much to be thankful for regarding the successes of the steering committee, the workshops, the papers, the contests, the performers, the new music, the performances, the venues, the weather and so much more.

At the same time we are devastated by the untimely loss of far too many beloved members recently that can never be replaced. All of them, in their own special way, helped many of us to be who we are today through their dedication to that which we hold dear and by their simple example of lives well lived in service.

We have an ambitious, varied, perhaps even



controversial program year ahead which will certainly draw attention to, cause discussion about, and raise awareness of the organ world far beyond our own ranks, while at the same time striving to serve our members' need for relevant tools to meet the daily professional challenges we face.

I am constantly moved and inspired by what you all do in so many areas of your lives, and I hold precious the fact that I know many of you, not only as colleagues, but as friends. It is with true awe and some healthy fear that I move forward with you into the unknown and hope that I can be of help in my role as Dean over the next two years to help realize your dreams for growth, success, peace and happiness in your lives as music makers of the highest order. Many of you already know my two major goals in this regard: Encourage loving and respectful relationships among our members even when we might not always agree with each other. And find ways to get the Pipe Organ to be better known by the general public on a large scale. I know that we will have many opinions as to the best way to reach both of these goals and I hope we will feel safe in expressing our views honestly amongst ourselves so that when we talk a stand publicly we can be clear with our message-whatever that message becomes as it develops. Thank You for your kind consideration of these thoughts-I don't share them lightly.

If you have not renewed yet please do so-we are here to help if you are having trouble with the OnCard system. With all we have happening in our lives, it's sometimes easy to push aside our TAO Magazine: be sure to Stop, Open and Read it - there are many treasures therein.

In closing know that I am here to serve and am fully aware that I will need your help, advice, council, and support and am always welcome to hearing your thoughts-this is your chapter.

Peter Krasinski Dean, Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

BAGO Executive Committee to meet on October 6th.

Our first BAGO Executive Meeting of the season will take place at St. Pauls' Choir School, Cambridge MA from 7:00-8:30 PM on Monday, October, 6, 2014.

If there is any business that you want to come before the Executive Committee please email your request to the Dean at

peterkrasinski@icloud.com

Peter Krasinski Dean, Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Many Thanks!

REGARDING LAST SUMMER'S NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Use it or lose it: If you are in possession of any checks issued by the 2014 Convention, please deposit them as soon as possible. The Convention account will remain open for a bit, but not for long. I've noticed that there are many dozens of checks that have not cleared. If you don't intend to cash your check, then you are hereby blessed for you generosity, but if you do intend to deposit it, do it right away. Once the account is closed there will be no way to re-issue any checks.

Carl Klein, Convention Treasurer

CHAPTER COMPETITION FOR YOUNG ORGANISTS

The biennial organ playing competition for young organists, made possible by a generous grant from Michael Quimby, President, Quimby Pipe Organs, Inc., has tentatively been scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2015. The Rules were published in the October issue of The American Organist. If you are a young person (as defined by the Rules; chronological age, only, please) or you know one, that would like to compete, please urge that person to start preparing now. Applications to complete must be submitted NO LATER than January 15, 2015. More information is available at http://www.agohq.org/performance-competitions/rcyo/rcyo-rules-locations/

David Baker, Competition Coordinator dgb137@mac.com

Opening Service

The Opening Service and Installation of Officers for the Boston Chapter was held on Sunday, September 7th at The Church of the Advent in Boston. The Reverend Carl Daw, Chaplain of the Boston Chapter, led the service "Deliverance: Exodus to Revelation", a service of readings and hymns. Mark Dwyer, Organist and



Choirmaster of The Church of the Advent, accompanied the service. At the conclusion of the service, those in attendance enjoyed gathering in the church hall for friendship, reminiscences about the wonderful 2014 National Convention, and a meal.

Photo caption (Left to right): Rev. Carl Daw, Chapter Chaplain; Robert Barney, Sub-Dean; Peter Krasinski, Dean; Mark Dwyer, Organist and Choirmaster, The Church of the Advent

From the Organ Library:

FROM THE AGO ORGAN LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES: The Board of the AGO Organ Library & Archives met on September 15 and appointed Carl Klein the new Library Administrator. The Library hopes to get the used organ music sales going again (There is a large selection of used organ music for sale), and to begin a digitization project, as well as to restore other functionalities. The Library is housed in the basement of the School of Theology at Boston University, 745 Commonwealth Avenue (entrance is right beside Marsh Chapel). Right now, there is a lot of cleaning and rearranging going on, but researchers can still access the collection, and you can still visit. There will be regular hours on most Mondays from 9-2; Thursdays by appointment; and other times by arrangement. To contact the Library, email orglib@bu.edu.

LIVE MUSIC: Click <u>here</u> to go to the calendar. The website calendar now contains 4 months of listings.