

PIPELINES

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FROM THE DEAN

The New Year — The New You — The New Me

How many resolutions we have all made through the years!!! Some of those that I have kept have been so helpful. I hope we can all take up some of those good ones once again. Until this fall, I was fairly faithful about practicing my scales on the piano, and they are so wonderful for keeping the muscles in the fingers exercised and flexible. Right now, however, I do not feel I have my real fingers attached!!! They are so weak and out of shape. Also, practicing compositions slowly, then medium tempo, and, finally, faster tempo creates solidity and evenness.

When I have made up my mind to learn a new composition, I have been fairly disciplined about undertaking that struggle. It takes too much time, but it is good for us all to keep having those new challenges and goals. I am learning more about Baroque performance practices, and that is so much more accessible these days with being able to read the material in such wonderful sources.

Then, there are all those careless habits some of us have that take too much of our time. I keep losing books and music, can't find my cell phone, can't find where I have left my keys and purse at church, and can't find where I parked in a large parking lot, because I was thinking about other things on my way to a store. When my daughter was in about 7th grade, she started making very complete lists of everything she needed to do. She is still doing that, while taking care of a household with her husband and three girls, running a new business, and commuting to Chicago to work on her MBA degree at the University of Chicago. Her lists are very complete, with where all the extra activities are taking place with the girls, etc. She is a model of organization. I am now going to try to emulate that quality by making lists. (Will that really help or just make more papers in my life?)

Some years ago many of us read *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey. (I cannot find my book anywhere!). I don't remember the seven habits, but I remember so well the author's speaking about putting your dreams and what you want to accomplish into three categories — short term goals — mid range goals — long term goals. I have put new repertoire to be learned in those categories. The only problem is that so often it takes all of our time for the short term goals. That was especially true when I was playing for church and needing to have repertoire for organ and choir every Sunday. The past few years, however, I have tackled some repertoire in my long term goals category.

So, I suggest we all choose a new easy piece, a new medium difficult one, and a more difficult one - depending on each of our abilities. Try to learn something new about either the composition or organs of that period. Even if improvement is very slow, it is such a wonderful, positive feeling. Start slowly and perfectly, practicing short passages at one time. Increase tempo as we are able. And don't forget to practice a few piano scales and exercises to gain more control.

Happy New Year!!

Wilma Jensen
Dean, Nashville Chapter AGO

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

We express our deepest sympathy to **Edgar Lowe** in the loss of his mother (98 years old), who died in November; and to **Forrest McFatridge** in the loss of his wife, **Cecile**. She died on December 13, after suffering a stroke.

Membership report: **198** members, with **17** new members. Please continue your good work of sending me names of prospective members. Let's reach 200 again this season.

Sharron Lyon
Membership Chair



New Members:

Irene Parker, Mary Grace Columbia,
Charles Farley, Donna Hill

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Donna Hill (Chapter Friend)
1633 Camden Court
Bowling Green, KY 42103-1430
Home Phone: (270) 846-9973
Email: dohill9@bellsouth.net

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS

The e-mail address used for correspondence with Linda Winters concerning dinner reservations has changed to: **dinnerago@comcast.net**.

POSITIONS OPEN

CHURCH MUSICIAN/CHOIR DIRECTOR

We are a small Lutheran Church in Mount Juliet, and we are in need of an individual that can play the keyboard for two services each Sunday and special services, as well as direct the choir. Please contact: Pat Mettee @ 615-754-9362 or e-mail: <clcoffice@comcast.net>.

CHOIR ACCOMPANIST NEEDED

St. Ann Roman Catholic Church is looking for an organist to accompany the choir at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 PM Please contact Renee Thompson at 790-8898.

ORGANIST

Grace Episcopal Church in Spring Hill is seeking an organist for Sunday morning worship, 10:00 a.m., and for evening services in Holy Week. Any level of experience is open for consideration. For more information, contact the Reverend Robin Courtney, Jr. (FatherCourtney@aol.com) or 615-673-9324.

SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

Anne Aycock 373-0551 or cell 347-0866
Mike Belote 665-9359 or MBeloteOrg@aol.com
Laurens Blankers 834-8163
Thomas Duffy 293-8493 or
DemocratDuffy@yahoo.com
Ben Hurt 834-4632
James Jordan 449-2758 or 251-2620
Sandra Keene 826-8974
Amity Marsh 496-4206
Barbara Michanowicz 889-2165
Melvin Potts 370-7000 x 2739 or 831-9941
(only available for funerals S-M; T-S AM only)
Janet Schmidt 771-0263
Jonathan Setzer 353-0104 or 415-1735

ATLANTA 2007
**AGO REGION IV
CONVENTION**
JUNE 17-20, 2007

IN MEMORIAM

Cecile McFatridge



Nashville Chapter
January Program

An Evening of Workshops
You may attend two workshops

EASY SERVICE ORGAN REPERTOIRE

Presented by Jonathan Setzer and Wilma Jensen

CHORAL REPERTOIRE
for Smaller Churches and Choirs

Presented by Angela Tipps

VOCAL HEALTH

Presented by Jennifer Muckala
(from the Vanderbilt Voice Clinic)

January 8, 2007

Dinner 6:30 PM Workshops 7:30 PM
Dinner Cost: \$12

Dinner reservations required
Phone 615-264-3430

Brentwood United Methodist Church
309 Franklin Road
Brentwood, Tennessee

NASHVILLE AGO PROGRAMS — 2006-2007
(All programs are on Monday unless specified otherwise)

January 8, 2007 — An Evening of Workshops

Dinner 6:30 PM, Workshops 7:30 PM

Workshops — Choose 2 out of 3

Organ Repertoire — Jonathan Setzer and Wilma Jensen (easy repertoire)

Choral Repertoire (for smaller churches and choirs) — Angela Tipps

Vocal Health — Jennifer Muckala from Vanderbilt Voice Clinic

Brentwood United Methodist Church, 309 Franklin Road, Brentwood

February 5, 2007 — “Bach played the violin too!”

Dinner 6:30 PM, Program 7:30 PM

Lecture/Demonstration: Baroque performance practices

Dr. Robert Mealy, Baroque Violinist, Dr. Murray Forbes Somerville, Harpsichord

Belle Meade United Methodist Church, 101 Davidson Road, Nashville

March 5, 2007 — Organ Concert by Malcolm Matthews

Dinner 6:30, Program 7:30 PM

Organ Recital by Malcolm Matthews, winner of Region IV Quimby Competition and “Rising Star” performer at the ChicAGO Convention

Belmont United Methodist Church, 2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville

April 20, 2007 – Organ Concert by John Scott

Friday — Dinner 6:30 PM, Concert — **8:00 PM**

Co-sponsored by Christ Cathedral and Nashville AGO

Organ Recital by John Scott, Choirmaster/ Organist at St. Thomas, New York City

Former Choirmaster/ Organist at St. Paul's, London

Christ Church Cathedral, 900 Broadway, Nashville

May 7, 2007— Evensong and Installation of Officers

Dinner 6:30 PM, Service 7:30 PM,

Homily by The Reverend Carol Tate

West End United Methodist Church, 2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

Past Programs This Season

September 11, 2006 — Service of Remembrance and Hope

Program 7:30, Reception following 9/11 Memorial/Celebration. Multiple Choirs directed by Gerre Hancock
First Baptist Church, 108 7th Avenue South, Nashville

October 2, 2006 — Town Hall Meeting and Information Session with National AGO Officers

Kick-off meeting for 2012 National Convention

Location: Centennial Club, 2805 Abbott Martin Road, Nashville (Green Hills), hosted by Gray Thornburg

November 6, 2006 — Choral Rehearsal with Jack Burnam

Dinner 6:30 PM, Rehearsal 7:30 PM

Mr. Burnam is a former AAM president and well-known conductor with both volunteers and professionals

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3900 West End Avenue, Nashville

December 4, 2006 — Christmas Program

Dinner 6:30 PM, Concert 7:30 PM

Christmas Program with Blair Choirs under the direction of Hazel Somerville

Christ the King Catholic Church, 3001 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville

Nashville Chapter January Program

An Evening of Workshops

(see page 4 for details)

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**Brentwood United Methodist Church
309 Franklin Road, Brentwood**

Directions: Enter Brentwood UMC at the rear of the building,
under the big columns. Follow the signs down the stairs to the Parlor.
We will eat in the area next to Parlor.

This is the perfect program to invite a choir director.

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