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June Pippings

2014 – The Year of the Organ

A note from the Dean:

So, June 1st looms in a day, and for many of us next Sunday is Pentecost and the end of the long Easter season which began a few months ago with Ash Wednesday. It is a long, sometimes arduous journey with lots of planning and rehearsing and practicing and Pentecost is the capstone. So, even with the school year ending, and Memorial Day behind us, we are not quite ready to settle into Summer.

Several members will take advantage of the Summer to pursue continuing education, some of us have busy wedding schedules, some of us take vacation time – so it is a hard season to have regular Guild Activities. However, I will remind you all that our Second Friday at Noon series continues unabated. Our host, Nina Rodman, has wonderful guest organists and members lined up for June, July and August, and I encourage you to mark the 2nd Friday of each month on your personal calendar to help remind yourself of this opportunity to sit in a lovely sanctuary and listen to the glorious sound of the organ. (After all the playing most of us do, it is really nice to sit back and listen!!!)

Our 2014-2015 Program Year commences in September with a combination pot-luck and anthem sharing session – but more on that later... We hope to have the entire year tied down in time for the next newsletter, so keep your eyes open for that at the end of June. The Executive Board will be working toward completing the budget for the upcoming programs and all will be published in our next newsletter. In the meanwhile, our Website Guru, Gary Rakestraw, is updating upcoming events, and there are lots of musical programs to look forward to.

Please, **Do** remember to get your membership forms and dues in to National before the end of June. Our Registrar, Greg Hollinger, will be reminding you. We will have the 2014-2015 Member Directory printed to give out at the September meeting – please be in it!

To all of you, I wish a relaxing and peaceful Summer and look forward to seeing you at various Second Friday concerts and, of course, at our September meeting.

Jonathan C. Davis, Dean
Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Notes from the Treasurer:

June is MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH!

This year, all current members and friends will receive an emailed renewal notice from National. Please look for it in your various email locations.

You will be able to use the ONCARD system to renew by credit card, or if you wish, you may mail a check to New York. Please do not send your renewal to our chapter Registrar or Treasurer.

Please renew your membership promptly. At the first of each month, National will deposit the chapter portion of your dues into our account. So, if you'll renew in June, we'll receive the funds on July 1st, the beginning of our chapter's fiscal year.

Chapter friends are encouraged to upgrade to full membership. As a full member of AGO, you will:

- receive our monthly national magazine, *The American Organist*.
- be eligible to vote in chapter and national elections and business matters.
- be eligible to attend Regional and National conventions at member's rate.
- increase your level of financial support to our Low Country Chapter which will us to provide better programming and services for all church musicians in our area.

Gary Rakestraw, Treasurer

Give the Gift of LCC AGO Membership!

Have you considered giving someone the gift of a friend membership in our Low Country Chapter...perhaps your spouse, your minister, your best friend, a choir member, or a music enthusiast in your congregation? Do you know a piano teacher who, by reading our monthly newsletter, would be enlightened about our work and would become interested in bringing piano students to our Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza presentation next January? Do you know a colleague who is not currently involved in our chapter?

Rather than waiting for potential friend members to “discover” our chapter, perhaps you could “take the bull by the horns” and connect others with us. A friend membership of only \$20 per year brings roughly half the amount of dues of a full member into our chapter’s treasury. With greater financial resources, our chapter will be able to present quality programs and events in our area.

The current number of members of Low Country Chapter AGO is nearing 60. What if we could have 100 members for our next fiscal year that begins July 1? Is there a way you could help us achieve that number? The more people we have connected with our chapter, the more we connect with our community at large to fulfill the mission of AGO.

Grow the Guild! Grow OUR CHAPTER!!!

See the last page for a Chapter Friend Membership Form.

Our Chapter's Non-Profit Status

As of May 22, 2014, our chapter's non-profit status has been restored by the IRS.

Many thanks to Ms. Shirey of the Taxpayer Advocate Service in Columbia who expedited our application.

Also, many thanks to Ray Ackerman for the hours he spent in December of 2012 helping to complete the multi-page form of questions we didn't really understand and helping to assemble the supporting documents that had to accompany it.

Gary Rakestraw, Treasurer

Upcoming Second Friday at Noon Concerts

LOW COUNTRY CHAPTER AGO

2014 Organ Recital Series

St. Luke's Church
50 Pope Avenue
Hilton Head Island, SC

Nina L. Rodman, Series Coordinator

June 13, 2014 – 2nd Friday at Noon

Matthew Wilkinson

from St. Michael's Church, Charleston, SC

FUTURE CONCERTS in 2014:

July 11 Syd Small, Interim Organist at All Saints Episcopal Church, HHI

August 8 Jacob Reed, Yale University School of Music (and student of Thomas Murray)

September 12 – TBA

October 10 – TBA

November 14 – TBA

December 12 - Members of Low Country Chapter, AGO

Upcoming member recital

Richard Gray in Concert

Friday, August 29, 2014 at 7pm

The Parish Church of St. Helena
505 Church Street
Beaufort, SC

Additional Substitute

Please add to your list of Substitutes the following name:

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L'ORGANO SERIES AT PICCOLO SPOLETO

DAY-TIME CONCERTS AT 10:00 am

Here are the remaining organ concerts in early June at Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston. These concerts last approximately 45 minutes. They are free to the public, although donations are accepted. Chapter member JooSoo Son already performed on May 27.

Katelyn Emerson Monday, June 2, at Saint Michael's Church, 71 Broad St. Emerson received her bachelor's degree at Oberlin College and Conservatory where she studied with James David Christie. Music by Bach, Langlais, Thierry Escaich, Franck and Parry.

Richard Gray Tuesday, June 3, at Cathedral Church of Saint Luke and Saint Paul, 126 Coming St. Gray is a native of Beaufort, SC, and is a rising senior at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music where he is pursuing the Bachelor of Music degree as a student of James David Christie. Music by de Grigny, Sweelinck, Buxtehude, Dan Locklair and Bach.

Christopher Jacobson Wednesday, June 4, at Grace Church Episcopal, 98 Wentworth St. Jacobson is Associate Organist and Choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Columbia. Music by Widor, Bach, Dupré, William Bolcom and Vierne.

Cristiano Rizzotto Thursday, June 5, at Bethel United Methodist Church, 57 Pitt St. Rizzotto, a native of Brazil, is pursuing doctoral studies at The American Organ Institute at the University of Oklahoma under John Schwandt, and is Music Director and Organist at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Duncan, OK. Music by Bruhns, Bach, Mendelssohn, Widor and Gigout.

Nicholas Capozzoli Friday, June 6, at First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, 53 Meeting St. Capozzoli is a rising senior at Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where he studies organ with James David Christie and harpsichord with Webb Wiggins. Music by Buxtehude, Brahms, Augustin Barié, George Shearing and Guilmant.

Please submit your news, events, comments, experiences, summer conference reports, updates, anything of interest to your fellow chapter members to:

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6 Stonehedge Way**

Bluffton, SC 29910

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