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Les Bois Chapter

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is to encourage excellence in the performance
of organ and choral music and to support and
inspire each other.*

From the Dean

Greetings,

The AGO convention is less than two months away. Our convention steering committee is putting the final touches on the plans for this celebrated event. If you haven't registered yet, time is running out! Registration closes in less than a month—on June 1st. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear major organists, skillful clinicians, and AGO President, Dr. Eileen Guenther as guest speaker—all together in Boise!

This week, on Friday, May 13th, we're having our Member's Recital at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. There are many great things about these Member's Recitals: we can familiarize ourselves with the wonderful instruments in our chapter area; we have an opportunity to play them; we get to hear other members of our chapter; and since we are playing in a comfortable setting, we can share ideas, and additionally, we can get better acquainted with the people in our chapter. Please come out and take advantage of this wonderful get-together!

~ Ray Morvant

Coming events

Friday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m., St. John's Cathedral.

Member recital. Everyone is invited to attend. The evening will begin with an informal organ crawl through the Tellers-Kent organ, with Donovan Schatz as guide. Ray Morvant, cathedral organist, will follow with a history of the church and the organ, and give a demonstration of the instrument. At 7:00, various members of the chapter will present a recital. It's not too late to sign up to play a selection or two. Contact Robyn Henrie at 375-9866 or robyn@henrie.org.

July 3-7, **Regional Convention.** Convention headquarters at the Grove Hotel. If you have not registered to attend, please do so as soon as possible. Many well-known presenters will be doing workshops and recitals. Local presenters include Paul Aiken, Linda Berg, Michael Boney, James Cockey, Darkwood Consort, Patricia Nelson and former Bosiean, Sam Porter.

Lunchtime organ recitals, 12:15 - 12:45pm, First Presbyterian Church. Wednesday, June 22, Robert Schmidt, organist at Cloverdale Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Boise, will perform. Wednesday, August 17, David Young, organist at First United Methodist Church, will perform.

Call for suggestions. The chapter board will soon begin planning activities and workshops for the 2011-2012 year. Please contact a member of the board for any suggestions you may have.

Thank You to:

Michael Boney for an excellent presentation of noon organ recitals during Music Week. Recitalists were Michael Civiello, Ray Morvant, Kirk Higginson and Robyn Henrie. The newly installed 32' pedal addition gave a richness to the organ and will be appreciated by recitalists and listeners alike at the convention and beyond.

Joan Boren, patron of the arts, for hosting a fund raiser for the BSU organ tuning and repair. The goal was met with enough money to apply to future maintenance. Board members AJ Balukoff, David Young and Patricia Nelson participated in the fundraiser. Matching funds were offered by the College of Arts & Sciences to help with the project.

Review of past event

An organ recital was presented recently at St. Michael's to showcase some of the organ works of C. Griffith Bratt. He served as music department head from 1946-1970, successfully leading the department through the transition from a Jr. college into the four-year program of Boise College/Boise State College. In addition, he taught music theory, ear training, organ, counterpoint and composition until his retirement in 1976. Dr. Bratt remained at St. Michael's Cathedral until 1998, completing 52 years as organist/choirmaster.

Convention Update:

Be sure to mark July 3-7 on your calendars to take advantage of the numerous recitals, workshops and activities. Don't forget, the National AGO President, Dr. Eileen Guenter, will be our keynote speaker at the banquet!

Spread the word to your family, friends, colleges, associates, neighbors, and strangers. The Richard Elliott concert, silent movie with live accompaniment, and the daytime recitals are all open to the public. Visit the convention website for details. <http://convention.agoboise.org>

The registration deadline of June 1 is fast approaching. Les Bois Chapter members are only \$250. Go to <http://convention.agoboise.org> to register online, or to download a paper form.

There is still time to volunteer your talents and abilities during the convention. Contact Carolyn Panko at 343-0482 or jandcpanko@cableone.net.

Opportunities for exhibit space and sponsoring events are available. Contact Michael Civiello at 345-3441 x113. Contact Kirk Higginson at 841-2622 for advertising opportunities. General donations are welcome and appreciated. Contact A.J. Balukoff at 345-5553.

For Sale

Sam Porter has written a composition, and it is available at <http://www.adoromusicpub.com/>.

Job Postings

Svetlana Maddox is available for substituting in Boise area churches, including Liturgical services. She can be reached at 695-3454.

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