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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,

All breathe a collective sigh of relief and satisfaction as we push away from the banquet that was the Region VIII Convention of 2011.

Applause to the Steering Committee headed by David Young and Sam Porter: all things ran smoothly (at least as it appeared—and that's good enough!) and what great talent we witnessed! See the "Convention Update" for further details and comments.

After Labor Day we will have our first meeting for the 2011-2012 year. This is the perfect time for suggestions about events and musicians (especially musicians and organ aficionados currently absent from Les Bois AGO activities and membership). A priority for this coming year will be to increase our membership and to involve more people in more ways.

~ Ray Morvant

In Memoriam

Condolences to Ann Reed whose son, Loren, passed away on Tuesday, May 11, 2011, after a brief battle with cancer. A plant from the Les Bois Chapter was sent to the funeral on Saturday, May 14. Obituary:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/idahostatesman/obituary.aspx?n=loren-j-reed&pid=150960672>

Former Chapter member, Don Oakes, passed away on July 2, 2011. Don was professor at BSU, and organist at Immanuel Lutheran. The Chapter extends its sympathies and condolences to his family and loved ones. Obituary:

<http://news.boisestate.edu/update/2011/07/12/former-music-professor-don-oakes-dies/>

Requiescat in pace

Coming events

Lunchtime organ recital, Wednesday, August 17, 12:15 - 12:45pm, First Presbyterian Church. David Young, organist at First United Methodist Church, will perform.

Jehan Alain 1911-1940 - "The American Festival", September 28-30 presented by the Rie Bloomfield Organ Recital Series and Wichita State University on the campus of Wichita State University. The early registration deadline is August 15! The following websites will provide further details.

http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=conferences&p=/2011_Alain/

<http://www.americanalainfestival.com/>

Membership dues are now, well, due. You should have received a renewal letter and form in the mail. If you have not received your form, contact Kirk at (208) 841-2622, or lkhiggy@cableone.net. Dues can also be paid via Paypal on the membership page

<http://www.agoboise.org/membership.html>. Please pay these before August 26 to reduce unnecessary expenses of AGO National Headquarters mailing back issues of *The American Organist* magazine. Thank you for your timely payments.

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.

Convention Update:

The 2011 AGO Region VIII Convention was a smashing success. A special thank you to Eileen Guenther, National AGO President, for attending. It was such a treat to meet and get to know her.

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered their time. We hope you were entertained, edified, and educated.

Highlights, as expressed by attendees, included:

- Silent film with Tom Trenney's live accompaniment and Richard Elliott concert.
- Recitalists Janette Fishell, Jeremy Filsell, and Tamara Still.
- Workshops: Handbells; Composing in the 21st Century; African-American Music in the Traditional Worship Service; Service Playing; Organ Pedagogy; Children's Choirs
- Seeing old friends and colleagues.

Here are a few comments from attendees:

- "The best thing about the convention was meeting so many wonderful people."
- "Outstanding combination of room and organ at St. John's Cathedral."
- "What an opportunity to hear so many professionals in one place."
- "Enjoyed all the organs very much."
- "Great performers - both local and nationally."
- "I enjoyed shopping at Lois Fyfe Music."
- "I don't recall a cadre of volunteers at past conventions. They were so cheery and helpful - a wonderful addition."
- "Boise has great leadership and talent. I wish I lived here!"
- "Congratulations to the Boise chapter for such a wonderful job hosting this event. I know from past experience what a big job this is - especially for a smaller chapter. Thank you for your hard work."

Pictures from the convention can be viewed on the website gallery

<http://www.agoboise.org/gallery/index.php?album=ago-events%2F2011-region-8-convention>. If you have additional pictures to add or would like to make a comment about any of the pictures, please notify Robyn newsletter@agoboise.org. The 'Leave a Comment' feature has been turned off due to spammers posting numerous, irrelevant comments.

For Sale

Large Estey reed organ. 2 man./30 note pedal board, c. 1898, solid oak with original bench, 15 stops, 487 reeds, tremulant, unison and super couplers, sfz pedal, swell, electric blower. Complete restored. Was being used for church until recently. \$1500 obo. Located in Eugene, Oregon. Contact Dr. Robert Thompson, btorgel@aol.com, (541) 345-8319. A photo is available on the website classifieds <http://www.agoboise.org/classifieds/list/12>. Contact Robyn for additional photos.

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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