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Dean's Message

Up Close and Far Away

In the last few weeks I've had organ thoughts bubble up from opposite ends of the organist spectrum.

The up close segment was last month's chapter meeting, which was a bona fide video party. When is the last time you got together with friends to snack and watch videos? Grandkids don't count--I mean your peers. I can't even think of my last time, excluding kids and grandkids. It was utterly refreshing to watch something compelling (History of the Organ, Parts I & 2) with likeminded folks, slouched on comfy overstuffed furniture, grazing on really good snack food, commenting on the instruments and the performing when moved upon to do so. Sigh. Utter contentment.

It was such satisfying, uncomplicated organ camaraderie that we're going for Organ History Part 3 & 4 this month, only we decided to have supper with it--clam chowder & the fixings. See the schedule of events later in this newsletter for details.

The far away end of the organist spectrum came a few days after our organ history event in the form of an email from 2017 West Region AGO Convention. Oooooooh! It was as exciting as the first seed catalog of the year arriving in the mail! I admit that I probably won't know more than a handful of people at the regional convention in Salt Lake in June, but will attend in great anticipation, having experienced most of the organs that will be performed on and recognizing the recitalists' names. Although there is admittedly some expense involved, it's much more approachable than, say, a national convention. It's practical in our back yard; I hope you'll consider attending.

**What's Happening in Les Bois
Land**

Monday, March 13th

Food and Flicks

Clam Chowder Supper

History of the Organ:

The Golden Age & Modern Age

7 PM

Ann Reed's Home

2800 Leisure Drive, Boise

RSVP Yes's only

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Thanks for your participation and input in the Les Bois AGO chapter. The board bemoans the fact that there isn't "an organist night of the week" so we could all get together. We hope our chapter events on various nights will make it possible to see you from time to time.

On a personal note, it's a pleasure to know you and serve our organ community with you. If you have chapter dreams or aspirations I hope you'll speak up boldly. We are exactly what we as a group create. Best to you! Spring is on its way...

Ann Reed
Chapter Dean

RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) Pacific Northwest

June 26-July 2, 2016

Pacific Lutheran University, *Tacoma, WA*

RSCM is for everyone! We have spaces for:

40 Youth Participants (*rising 4th-graduating 12th grade*)

20 Adult Participants (*residential or commuter*)

3 Organ Scholars (*age 25 & under; application due 4/1*)

Our music director will be celebrated British composer and conductor [Simon Lole](#), and both adults and youth will enjoy classes covering a variety of topics from musicianship to vocal technique and more!

Join us this summer and improve your choral singing, make new friends, and have tons of fun in the beauty of the Pacific Northwest!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Coming Events

Monday, March 13, 7 PM — Food and Flicks — Clam Chowder Supper followed by videos “History of the Organ: The Golden Age and Modern Age”; Ann Reed’s home, 2800 Leisure Drive, Boise
RSVP *only* if you’re coming 375-9498 (leave a message) or annreed1959@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 28, 7 PM — Board meeting; Ann Reed’s home, 2800 Leisure Drive, Boise

Saturday, April 29 — Sheryl Hillman’s Pipedreams Tour — Time and location TBA

June 11-15 — West Regional AGO Convention, Salt Lake City

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Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 28th, 7 PM
Ann Reed’s home

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Pipe Organ Encounter Events

The 2017 Pipe Organ Encounter events are open for attendance registration, and enrollment is starting to fill up, with only 4 openings left in one POE. Early registration deadlines range from March 1 to May 1 across eight POE events.

This year, for the first time, the AGO is sponsoring two Pipe Organ Encounter Advanced events in the same summer: Birmingham, Alabama and Seattle, Washington. We also have both a POE-Tech for ages 16-23, and a POE+ for those 18 and over.

Birmingham, AL and Seattle, WA Pipe Organ Encounter Advanced (POEA) is for students in grades 9-12 who have achieved a high level in organ study. Prospective students must submit an audition recording to apply. A POEA provides daily lessons and a unique opportunity for participants to meet and interact with peers who have similar interests. Please visit www.bhampoea.org for more information on the Birmingham event and agoseattle.com/poea2017 for more information on the Seattle event. [Seattle link does not work, but that's what was published.]

Atlanta, GA Pipe Organ Encounter Technical (POE Tech) July 9-14, 2017. This is a program sponsored by the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America (APOBA). This program is designed for students, ages 16 – 23 who express interest in learning the art and craftsmanship of organ building. Interested students may have or may be seeking experience and expertise in woodworking, electrical skills and construction. The POE Tech course will be held in Atlanta, GA, July 9 – 14, 2017, at the organ shop of Parkey Organ Builders,.

San Antonio, TX POE+ June 25-30, 2017. This Pipe Organ Encounter is for those at least 18 years old. This is a perfect event for those of you who are considering a church music career and only have piano experience. Or maybe you are in a college music program which does not offer pipe organ studies. Or maybe you just want to experience the power and the majesty of the King of Instruments. This is a perfect opportunity to meet fellow adult inquirers from all over the country and to learn from professional organists and experience first-hand some really great organs. And you get to do this in the historical town of San Antonio on the beautiful campus of Trinity University.

San Diego, CA POE July 16-22, 2017. This POE is designed for teenagers, ages 13-18, who have achieved an intermediate level of keyboard proficiency. Previous organ study is not required. Students will be housed in dorms at the University of San Diego. The registration fee covers housing and meals from Sunday dinner through Saturday breakfast. USD's nationally recognized, award-winning dining program has a host of delectable options for every type of palate.

Sioux Center, IA POE June 11-16, 2017

Hartford, CT POE July 16-21, 2017

Winchester, VA POE July 23-27, 2017

Please click the link below for information on all POE events..

To apply for attendance at any of the 2017 POE events, please visit <https://www.agohq.org/education/poe/> to locate the appropriate online form. Scholarship applications for POE, POEA, and POE-Tech events are online at <https://www.agohq.org/poe-scholarships/> (Application deadline is April 16, 2017.)

2017 AGO West Region Convention

Sunday June 11, 7 PM - Thursday June 15, 3PM - Salt Lake City

As a convention attendee, you'll enjoy 23 concerts and recitals by a diverse group of artists, including Jaebon Hwang, Kimberly Marshall, Kenneth Udy, Pamela Decker, and Stephen Tharp. Richard Elliott will perform "Symphonie No. 2 for Organ and Orchestra" by Alexandre Guilmant with the Orchestra at Temple Square, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir will perform a concert in their renowned home venue.

The convention will feature 9 of Salt Lake's many fine instruments. The city is home to two magnum opuses by major builders: the famed G. Donald Harrison Æolian Skinner organ in the Tabernacle, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, and the newer 130-rank Schoenstein & Co. organ in the LDS Conference Center. The Cathedral of the Madeleine houses an impressive IV/77 Kenneth Jones organ which hosts the annual Eccles Organ Festival.

There are more than 16 great workshops planned which will offer something for everyone. From presentations on historic organist-composers such as Louis Vierne to contemporary ones like Dale Wood, workshops on choir and hand bells, numerology in the music of J.S. Bach, and a multi-part hands-on improvisation workshop, you'll leave the convention enriched. Two performance master classes on French Romantic music (with James Welch) and twentieth century music (with Pamela Decker) are planned. Attend the meeting of the west region and a keynote address by AGO Executive Director James Thomashower at a special banquet dinner--- all included with your convention registration!

Check out the [convention web site](#) for program, lodging, registration, and transportation information..

REGISTRATION
\$375 by March 15
Under 30 rate: \$99

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

January 21st, Southminster Presbyterian Church

Nine students attended this program designed to introduce the organ to youth via demonstrations, video, and hands-on playing.

