# MIXTURES



# **JUNE 2015**

## DEAN'S MESSAGE:

We will celebrate the life of Peter Browne on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, at a memorial service to be held at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church. Peter was a much beloved organist, choir director, teacher, husband, father, and friend. He left us far too soon. We shall miss him dearly.

I think we were all shocked on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, to find out that fire completely destroyed Grace Lutheran Church. The building is gone but, as evidenced by the resolve expressed in the service last Sunday, held in a tent in the church's parking lot, the real Church is alive and well, and stronger than ever.

On June 7, starting at 4:00, the chapter will host its members' recital and end of the year dinner. My latest information is that there are 9 people signed up to play, including a "Buxtehude Consort" headed by Craig Johnson. It is not too late to join in, so if you want to play at the recital, contact Patti O'Connell or Jean Radice to get on the program. The recital will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Owego, and we will be having our dinner at Tioga Trails Restaurant a couple of blocks away. Whether you play in the recital or not, I encourage you to attend this event. Bring a friend or two. All of our previous members' recitals have been memorable, and this one should be as well. Please let Patti or Jean Radice know if you are

planning to attend so we can get a reasonably accurate number to give to the restaurant.

This Fall, our chapter's Young Artist Series continues with Nick Capozzoli, a fifth year student of James David Christie at Oberlin. The tentative date is September 18, but that has yet to be confirmed. This year, THE DIAPASON began a new award program called "20 under 30", naming 20 organists under 30 years old that have had the greatest impact on the organ world. Nick was one of the 20 on the list, which also included Nathan Laube, Christopher Houlihan and "our own" Dexter "Tripp" Kennedy. You can check out Nick's performance at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06Sn07oFvbs

Congratulations to Roberta Rowland-Raybold on the publication of her collection of Advent/Christmas settings by Augsburg Fortress press. See the list below and order instructions.

Welcome to our new Chaplain, Reverend Horace King. He and his wife Marie will be at our members' recital and dinner, so come and meet them if you don't already know them.

Also, we welcome Craig Johnson and Tat Baine to the chapter's executive committee. After the dinner on June 7<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a brief chapter meeting, which will include the election of the slate of officers and members-at-large of the executive committee.

Plans are in the works for our summer outing. Ellie Rugg has agreed to coordinate the trip, which will be to Canandaigua, NY. Organs, an organ factory, wineries, a Finger Lake, and even a racetrack will be in the mix for our day trip. Of course, there will be lots of food as well. I will be sending out notices of the trip as details are confirmed.

Make your reservation today with Patti or Jean for the members' recital and dinner. I will see you all there.

John

# PHOTO GALLERY... Grace Lutheran fire:







Worship service on the Grounds at Grace Lutheran

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

May 30, 8:00pm: Downtown Singers presents <u>Requiem</u>, by Antonin Dvorak, with full orchestra at Sara Jane Johnson Church in Johnson City.

**June 7, 3:00pm: Binghamton AGO Chapter Members Recital**, hosted by St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 117 Main St. in Owego. Dinner to follow at Tioga Trails Restaurant.

#### **BINGHAMTON AGO EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2014-15:**

\*June 7: 4:00pm Members' Recital St. Paul's Owego. Dinner at Tioga Trails

## FROM the REGISTRAR...

As I write this, 14 members have completed the renewal process using the timely ONCARD process. I used it myself using a credit card and since I am now somewhat familiar with the idiosyncrasies of ONCARD, discovered it was easier and faster than paper renewal. For any members who do not know their Index Number (ID#), please let me know and I can provide it. I am also willing to talk anyone through the menus.

By now, all members who can renew should have received the traditional mail-back form. If you decide to use that method, be reminded that the traditional deadline is June 30, 2015.

I will be going to the Regional Convention in New Haven (the end of June) so it would be a much appreciated help to me if you mail your form (checked for updates) and check to me as soon as possible.

## FROM the EDITOR...

Greetings! I am thrilled to announce that Roberta Rowland-Raybold and I will be presenting a recital of French horn and Organ music at The Old Palatine Church on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. I wanted to tell all of you NOW so you can arrange your vacation plans around that date and be in attendance! Lol! There will be more information published, as we get closer to the recital date.



Organ Lit Class out to dinner!

Thanks to Bill O'Connell for "shooting" us in a fun moment with Professor Biggers.

## **ORGANIST POSITIONS:**

Job postings are deleted in the online edition of Mixtures



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The Stuart Organ Company is pleased to have been a part of this process, contributing a considerable portion of the work accomplished prior to being contracted to complete the project upon defaults by the two previous contractors.



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St. Mary's Church, RC New Haven, Connecticut

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