

MIXTURES



JUNE 2016

DEAN'S MESSAGE:

In early April, Bob Peterson was contacted by a lady asking if our chapter would sponsor an organ recital in May. We usually plan months ahead for organ recitals, but in this case, Greg Santa Croce, a senior organ major at University of North Texas, and a 2012 graduate of Chenango Valley High School (the Valedictorian, no less), was going to be back in Binghamton for about a month in May and early June, and wanted to play a recital. After taking a quick poll of the executive committee members, we agreed to do it. Tim Smith got permission for us to hold the event at Trinity Memorial. Greg sent us his ambitious program (Bach, Mendelssohn, Kerll, Vierne, Franck, and Messiaen) which Polly and Bruce got printed up while also making arrangements for a reception after the recital. On May 20, over 100 people, including many of our members, showed up for the recital. Greg played beautifully and it turned out to be a wonderful occasion, however hastily it was put together. Greg will be in his fifth year as an organ (and jazz studies) major in Texas, and we hope he will try out his graduation recital on us this coming year. Greg has a lovely family (see picture), some of whom heard him play the organ for the first time, as he only started organ studies after he went to Texas. BTW, the lady, Jan Korda (pictured on the left side, front row in the blue dress) who introduced us to Greg was Greg's babysitter years ago.

Break out your calendar makers. On JUNE 5, (THAT'S THIS SUNDAY!!), we will have our end of year picnic/dinner at Polly and Bruce's house (600 Lowell Drive in Endwell), gathering from 5 to 6 pm, and serving at 6 pm. Pizza and drinks will be provided, but please plan on bringing salad, dessert, etc. to share with everyone. These chapter dinners are always fun. Feel free to bring a friend or family member.

ON JUNE 19, Roberta Rowland-Raybold will perform an organ recital at the Old Palatine Church in St. Johnsville, NY at 4:00. Our chapter contributes to the Old Palatine Church fund, and we usually have a group that attends the recitals there. It is a two-hour drive to get there, so we will need to arrange for transportation for anyone who wants to go. I will be sending out a notice to members closer to the date.

Tentatively, we are planning our summer outing, this year going to Albany on AUGUST 9. Roberta is working on a list of churches (and restaurants, of course) for us to visit. When plans are confirmed, I will send out a notice. We will need cars and drivers for both Palatine and Albany trips.

In case you haven't heard, there is a new AGO chapter in Ithaca. I understand that Jean Radice will be the dean. AGO National Treasurer, Barbara Adler moved to Ithaca this year, and was surprised to find that there was no AGO chapter. She filed the papers for creating a new chapter, and, apparently the chapter is up and running. Congrats to both Barbara and Jean.

In the current issue of TAO, there are some items of note. On page 12, there is a letter to the editor from Larry Hoey on the travails of organ job applications. On page 24, there is the notification of the winners of the William Hall Competition, with our (now) own Greg Santa Croce taking first prize. On pages 36-37, there is a whole article with pictures about our most recent Young Artist Series guest organist, Nick Capozzoli, as well as an article in Chapter News (page 79- no picture) about a recital Nick gave in Winchester, VA. On pages 76-77, there is our Chapter News article and picture about the event Jean Henssler and Richard Hedgebeth presented in March.

I hope you can make it to our summer events. See you there.

John

PHOTO GALLERY...



Santa Croce Family and Recital Attendees

FROM the REGISTRAR...

As we approach the traditional deadline for renewals, 17 members have completed the renewal process. ONCARD was utilized by 11 and the mail in form by 6. That's a typical start with about 1/3 getting their renewals in early! I will be out of town the last two weeks of June - yes, I will be able to attend the Houston National Convention - so, if using the mailed form, please consider sending your renewals during the beginning of June. ONCARD will work best for those who prefer to wait until the month's end. The use of a credit card - with no additional fees - is also available through ONCARD!

Richard

UPCOMING EVENTS...

June 4, 7:30pm: Downtown Singers presents a choral concert with full orchestra. Two selections will be performed, conducted by Artistic Director, Marisa Crabb. *Dona Nobis Pacem*, by Ralph Vaughan-Williams and *The Peacemakers* by Sir Karl Jenkins will be performed. Concert is at Sarah Jane Johnson Church in Johnson City. \$ at the door.

Chapter Picnic:

The end-of-year chapter picnic will be held on **SUNDAY, JUNE 5** at Bruce and Polly Wendling's house. (600 Lowell Drive, Endwell) We will be gathering from **5:00 til 6:00 and dinner will be served at 6:00**. Pizza and drinks will be provided, but we invite you to bring salad, dessert, or any other food items you wish to share with the group. Check with Polly if you have any questions. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. This will be our last gathering until our summer outing to Albany in late July or early August (details to follow). I hope to see you on June 5. John

Recital: Roberta Rowland-Raybold

Sunday, June 19, 4:00 p.m.

Roberta in Concert

Old Palatine Church

Rt. 5

St. Johnsville/Nelliston

Opening recital of the season.

August 9: Summer Chapter Outing being planned for Albany, NY Details will be forthcoming!

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