



# American Guild of Organists

Red River Valley Chapter

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It is unfortunate that music, cultural endeavors and the enjoyment of both God's creation and of man's creativity has often been relegated to the bottom drawer of Christian consciousness. Those of you with creative abilities or those of you who have an interest in creativity and feel that music in the church should be no minor footnote to the Christian life, I invite your consideration of membership in the American Guild of Organists.

The American Guild of Organists is a national professional association of more than 20,000 persons. We are organists, choir directors, choir members, soloists, handbell choir directors and members, clergy, organ builders and technicians, organ teachers and students, music merchandizers, and anyone who has an interest in and appreciation of music in the church. The Guild's purposes are to inspire, advocate, inform, educate and link its members.

When you join the AGO you will receive The American Organist (a monthly magazine containing interesting articles on a wide range of subjects of interest to the Guild membership). You will also receive the Red River Valley Chapter - AGO Newsletter monthly. The Newsletter will keep you informed of all activities involving our chapter and its members. Membership in the Guild also entitles you to participate in chapter programs, to be put on our chapter mailing list to be kept informed of chapter events, and to attend chapter meetings and enjoy lots of good fellowship.

AGO needs you for your financial support and contributions of your time and talent in order to promote high quality programs and a deeper appreciation of church music in our area. You need AGO to nurture your personal and professional growth and development.

To join AGO, just complete and mail the membership application form along with your check to the indicated address. Please pass this information on to others who have an interest in or are involved with church music.

Sincerely,

*Bradley J. Steen*

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Membership Committee Chairperson



## CHAPTER BUSINESS

### A LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends:

Due to the beneficence of the Red River Valley Chapter and First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, it was possible for me to attend the AGO Region VI Convention in St. Louis in June. This was my first regional convention, and I was very pleasantly surprised. The St. Louis Chapter did an excellent job of organizing and hosting the event, and despite the intense, humid heat, I had a great time!

One of the advantages of a convention of this sort was its size: about 250 people were in attendance, and thus it was possible to see familiar faces (Norm and Mercedes Roos), meet old acquaintances (from as far back as my Glacier Park summers while an undergraduate at St. Olaf), and make many new friends. Besides the usual array of fine recitalists (John Weaver and Gillian Weir, in particular) and workshops (John Ferguson and John Weaver on service playing and Marianne Webb on repertoire), there were several special meetings and social times for deans during which it was possible to exchange ideas and share experiences.

Parenthetically, let me add that I was very proud to represent our chapter, whose achievements over recent years in programming, membership recruitment and maintenance, financing, and outreach have been spectacular. I can safely say that we have one of the largest, most vital and ambitious chapters in the region, especially for a community the size of Fargo-Moorhead.

Lest there be all work and no play, I made a point of visiting Mark Twain's hometown of Hannibal, the famed St. Louis Arch, and old Union Station. In all, it was a most satisfactory sojourn, and it helps me return for a second year as your dean with renewed inspiration, enthusiasm and vigor. Thank you all.

Sincerely yours,

Rod Rothlisberger, Dean.

### CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES: 3-29-87

The business meeting was called to order by the dean at Gethsemane Cathedral, Fargo.

The minutes of the January 25, 1987 meeting as published in the March 1987 Newsletter were approved.

Michael Olson indicated that plans for the Joyce Jones recital were proceeding.

The workshop committee suggested that June 20, 1987 be the date for the Church Music Bonanza II at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Moorhead.

The Communiiversity Concert financial report will soon be available. The Hymn Festival text is available from Jack Close. There was no old business.

Joan Bystol, chairperson of the nominating committee moved that the slate of candidates for office in our chapter for the 1987-88 program year as published in the March 1987 Newsletter be elected. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed on vote.

There was a discussion concerning the pros and cons of raising the chapter dues. The motion was made, seconded, and passed to leave dues at \$39 for the 1987-88 program year. By recommendation of the national office, membership renewal will start earlier this year.

Following a discussion, the motion was made, seconded, and passed to ticket major chapter events during the 1987-88 program year.

The motion was made, seconded, and passed to send Carol Long a letter of commendation for her work on behalf of our chapter.

The meeting was adjourned.

Bradley J. Steen, Secretary pro tempore



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES: 7-28-87

First Presbyterian Church, Fargo

Members present: Jack Close, Phil Felde, Mary Ann Johnson, Mike Olson, Rod Rothlisberger, Theresa Smith, Pat Unkenholz

OLD BUSINESS: The minutes from the March meeting were read and approved. The question of whether chairpersons of standing committees should be on the executive committee as ex-officio members was discussed. The consensus was that we should stress that executive board meetings are open to the membership and that chairpersons should be invited to attend if their presence is needed.

NEW BUSINESS: A proposal to sponsor the "Great Plains Youth Chorus," a community children's choir, was brought before the committee. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to defer sponsorship of the "Great Plains Youth Chorus" until after the AGO Children's Choir Festival in April 1988. Motion passed.

Ideas and the budget for the 1987-88 program year were discussed at length. A tentative budget was put together; Phil Felde will do a finalized version in time for the Sept. chapter business meeting. Pursuant to the wishes of the chapter as expressed at the March 1987 meeting, Jack suggested that we begin charging for major events, starting with the Hymn Festival in October 1987. The effects of this on our receiving of grants and on our subscribers was discussed. Pat suggested that one blanket price would be easier than price differentiation by age group, especially since this would be our first 'charge' event, and that \$2 would be a reasonable amount to charge. Motion was made to ticket at the Hymn Festival, at the rate of \$2 per person; motion was seconded and passed. Costs and means of income for the Children's Choir Festival were discussed. A motion was made that we take an offering at the Festival; it was seconded and passed. A combination of the offering and grants will be the income for the Festival. Mike will

write the grant on behalf of the chapter.

CHURCH MUSIC BONANZA II will definitely be held next June; discussion was held regarding increasing charges for it. The consensus was that we should increase the fees for the Bonanza and amounts of \$10 for pre-registration and \$15 for on-site registration were recommended.

KCCM has asked our chapter to sponsor "Pipedreams" at the trial rate and period of \$750.00 for six months. The feasibility and possible sources of income for this idea were discussed, as well as our chapter's willingness to spend money on it. The consensus was that "Pipedreams" is a great public relations vehicle for us and would be even more so if we were to take on sponsorship of it. A final decision was tabled until a fall meeting; Rod will do further research.

Discussion was held as to whether or not the chapter should stay with the Lake Agassiz Arts Council this year. At the present time, the Council is undergoing restructuring. The consensus was that we should stick with it for another year.

Rod announced that the Joyce Jones Concert from April 1987 will be aired on KCCM August 9, 4:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Smith, Secretary

CHURCH MUSIC BONANZA II--A SMASH HIT!!!

With a 100% increase in attendance over last year, our summer workshop was a great success. Comments by those present have been most favorable and we can all be proud of this contribution to our community and region.



## 1987-88 PROGRAM

The Program Committee has arranged for the year's programs; the titles will pique your curiosity:

Sunday, Sept. 20, 1987 4 PM  
1st United Methodist, Fargo  
"2 for 1"

Fri. & Sat. Oct. 2, 3, 1987  
5:00 PM Departure  
"International Organ Crawl"

Sunday, Oct. 11, 1987 7 PM  
Luth. Church of Gd. Shepherd, Mhd.  
"8th Annual Hymn Festival"  
David Cherwien will conduct the premiere performance of his new composition for choir, organ, brass, percussion & audience, commissioned by AGO for this performance.  
Admission: \$2.00

Sunday, Nov. 15, 1987 4 PM  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Mhd.  
"The French Connection" - Concert of late 19th & early 20th century music for organ

Sunday, Jan. 17, 1988 4 PM  
Dilworth Lutheran Church  
Evening Vespers

Sunday, Feb. 21, 1988 4 PM  
Nativity Catholic Church, Fargo  
"Tintinnabulation" - Handbells as instruments of worship

Sunday, March 13, 1988 4 PM  
Plymouth Congregational Church, Fargo  
"Clergy & Musicians: A Meeting of the Minds" - A panel discussion

Sunday, April 24, 1988 4 PM  
1st Presbyterian Church, Fargo  
Children's Choir Festival Concert

Sunday, May 15, 1988 4 PM  
St. John Lutheran Church, Fargo  
"Architecture & Acoustics: A Good Marriage?" - Considerations involved in the design of a worship space for the spoken & musical word

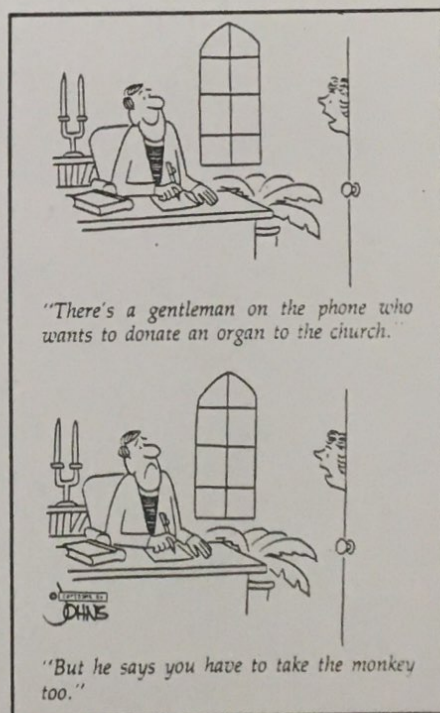
Sat., June 18, 1988 9 AM  
Location to be announced  
"Church Music Bonanza III" - A one-day summer workshop offering a variety of

sessions dealing with music in the church

## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR MEMBERS

Friday, Oct. 9, 1987 8-10 PM  
The Home of Greg & Jill Post  
50 - 14th Ave. N., Fargo  
"Autograph Party" - Meet with Guest Conductor/Composer David Cherwien & have him autograph your copies of his "Interpretations" - Books I-V

Monday, Dec. 28, 1987 6:30 PM  
The Home of Norman & Joan Bystol  
3701 Kennedy Street, Fargo  
"Viva Vivaldi" - An evening of food, fun, & fellowship including the singing of Vivaldi's "Gloria"



"I GUESS I SHOULD'VE ASKED THAT COMPANY HOW LONG THEY'VE BEEN MAKING PIPE ORGANS!"



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Since this will be the last newsletter before the renewal deadline (Sept. 15), a green renewal form is included herewith for current members who have not yet submitted 1987-88 dues. Please complete and return the form with your check as soon as possible to avoid an interruption in your membership.

## THE EDITOR SPEAKS

Greetings from Editor Carolyn Hensrud. I have just a few favors to ask of my readers. In order to assure accurate reporting of your important items, please mail or deliver them to my home at 2520 Viking Circle by the first of the month. I would not trust myself to take ANY INFORMATION BY PHONE and you shouldn't either!! The newsletter will hopefully be mailed the Monday prior to each monthly meeting. I look forward to our year together and beg your indulgence as the Apple of my eye and I do battle.

## COMMITTEES--1987-88

The following is a list of committees for the 1987-88 program year. For one reason or another, I may or may not have you on the correct committee(s). If you are not where you want to be, or if I have you somewhere you don't wish to be, please let me know by Sept. 7.

Also, some committees are without chairpersons. If you would be willing to chair a committee, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanks for your patience and cooperation.

Rod Rothlisberger, Dean  
233-6603 or 293-6311

P.S. Two people neglected to sign their Interest Surveys, and so I was unable to assign them to committees.

## COMMITTEES--1987-88

### EXECUTIVE:

Rodney Rothlisberger, Dean  
George French, Subdean  
Theresa Smith, Secretary  
Philip Felde, Treasurer  
John Close, Member-at-large -1  
Dorothy Koopmann, Member-at-lg -2  
John Taylor, Member-at-large -3  
Pat Unkenholz, Program Chair

### ARCHIVES:

Norman Roos, Photographer  
Theresa Smith, Historian

### BANNER:

Mary Tangen

### BUDGET, FINANCE, AUDITING:

John Close  
Philip Felde  
Rodney Rothlisberger

### EDUCATION:

Gay Mohr  
Mercedes Roos, Librarian  
Judy Sanders, Organ Demos  
Pat Unkenholz  
Devera Warcup, Certif.  
John Close, Workshp 88 Chair  
Bruce Jacobs, Workshp 88

### HYMN FESTIVAL:

Carol Andstrom  
John Close, Co-Chair  
Michael Olson  
Margery Possehl  
Jill Post, Co-Chair

### HOSPITALITY:

Norma Halverson  
Bruce Jacobs  
Gay Mohr  
Margery Possehl  
Theresa Smith

### LONG-RANGE PLANNING:

Rosemarie Johnk



## COMING EVENTS

### MEMBERSHIP/YEARBOOK:

Philip Felde  
Carolyn Hensrud  
Rosemarie Johnk  
Bradley Steen, Chair

### NEWSLETTER:

Joan Bystol  
Carolyn Hensrud, Editor  
Theresa Smith

### NOMINATING 1987:

Joan Bystol, Chair  
John Close  
Bradley Steen

### PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS:

Rosemarie Johnk  
Gay Mohr  
Rodney Rothlisberger, Placement  
John Taylor

### PROGRAM:

Joan Bystol  
Susan Clambey  
John Close  
Bryon Dockter  
Bruce Jacobs  
Mary Ann Johnson  
Gay Mohr  
Michael Olson  
Mercedes Roos  
Pat Unkenholz, Chair

### RECITAL 1988:

Carol Andstrom  
Ruth Berge  
Susan Clambey  
John Close  
Mary Ann Johnson  
Peter Nygaard  
Michael Olson  
Bradley Steen

### PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS/MEDIA

John Close, Logo  
Jane Kuhn  
Carol Long, Lists  
Rodney Rothlisberger, Chair  
Theresa Smith

### TWO FOR ONE

Most of us have had the delight of discovering music for one piano - four hands. We hope you can join us for the opening program of the AGO on Sunday, September 20 at 4:00 p.m. to discover some wonderful music for one organ - four feet. Three pieces will be performed, all originally written for organ, by John Rutter, Samuel Wesley, and Rayner Brown. In addition, a surprise ensemble will close the program. Join us at First United Methodist Church, 906 1st Ave. South in Fargo, one block south of Main Ave.

### ATTENTION BELL RINGERS!

AGO Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 21 at 9 p.m. in Calvary United Methodist Church, 2802 S. 12th. Chief focus for the choir will be preparation of music to be included in the February 21, 1988 AGO program "Tintinnabulation". The choir will not rehearse during December and will conclude rehearsals with the February 21 program.

Eleven ringers will be needed; positions will be assigned on a priority basis to interested AGO members. Please call Pat Unkenholz at 232-1435 to reserve a position.

### ARTS CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sept. 22: St. Paul Chamber Orchestra  
MSU Series for Perf. Arts

25: Count Basie, 8:15 PM  
NDSU--Perf. Arts Series

Oct. 4: Roger Martin, Flute  
FM Symphony, 7:30 PM

6: Cologne Chamber Orch., 8 PM  
Concordia Cult. Events Ser.



TWIN CITIES CHAPTER HOSTS 1989 REGION  
VI CONVENTION

A.G.O. CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL

Plans are underway for this special event coming Sunday afternoon, April 24, 1988. Letters have been sent to area directors of children's choirs.

Our clinician will be Charlotte Trautwein, Associate Professor of Music Education and Child Development at NDSU. She has directed children's choirs in several states, and brings experience plus enthusiasm to the choir festival.

Musical selections will include:

"Sing Alleluia"	S.E. Page
"Praise, Rejoice & Sing"	A. Pote
"Ezekiel Saw the Wheel"	R. Thygerson
"Daniel"	M.E. Caldwell
"Nature's Carol"	Sebastia
"O Jerusalem"	J. Horman
"I Never Touched a Rainbow"	
	R. Artman
"Sing a New Song to the Lord"	
	N. Sleeth

Each complete set: \$7.25

Registration Deadline: Sept. 30, 1987

Due: \$15 towards music

To: AGO CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL  
c/o Susan Clambey  
311-16th Ave. S.  
Moorhead, MN 56560

For further info call: 235-7389

Michael Olson  
1st Lutheran Church,  
Fargo, ND

We are looking forward to having many choirs participate.

Susan Clambey, Chairman

This newsletter was assembled for mailing by the Developmental Work Activity Center, Fargo.

The following questions have been submitted by the Twin Cities Chapter of the AGO in anticipation of their hosting the Region VI convention in 1989. If you wish to respond, please forward your suggestions as soon as possible to Program Committee Chairman, Stephen Hamilton, The Church of St. Patrick, 6820 St. Patrick Lane, Edina, MN 55435.

1. What recitalists within Region VI would you like to hear?
2. What workshop topics would you find most helpful & interesting?
3. What repertoire would you enjoy hearing (organ, orchestral, instrumental, choral)?
4. What other ideas would you like to offer to the committee?

PIPEDREAMS on KCCM (91.1 FM)

Sunday, Sept. 6, 9:30 PM: SOME WOMEN WHO COOK! Works by Bach, Desmessieux, Vierne, Couperin, Widor, Reger and Rheinberger performed by women ONLY—men may listen too!

Sunday, Sept. 13, 9:30 PM: Swedish soloist Hans Fagius performs at the Gustaf Vasa Church during the 1985 Stockholm Organ Festival.

Sunday, Sept. 20, 9:30 PM: REFLECTIONS OF REFLECTIONS. Robert Noehren and Judith Hancock play Near, Respighi, Diemante, Saint-Saens, Brahms, Adler, Langlais & Willan.

Sunday, Sept. 27, 9:30 PM: COMES AUTUMN TIME: Music of the American composer and teacher Leo Sowerby.

CHAPTER SPONSORS INTERNATIONAL ORGAN CRAWL!!

The organ crawl to Winnipeg, Canada, has been rescheduled for Friday & Saturday, October 2 and 3. Members of the Winnipeg Chapter of the Royal Canadian College of Organists will



serve as our guides. In addition, we are inviting our fellow members from the Bismarck and Minot Chapters to join us in this adventure. Spouses and friends are also welcome.

We will depart late Friday afternoon from Concordia College, have a late supper and social time in Winnipeg, and begin the crawl after breakfast on Saturday morning, visiting 4 or 5 instruments during the day with a break for lunch. After an early supper we will return to Fargo-Moorhead by 10 p.m. A more precise itinerary will become available as plans are finalized and will be published in the September Newsletter.

A deposit of \$10 per person will reserve accommodation and pay for transportation. Accommodation costs will be the responsibility of each participant, but reservations will be made according to your instructions on the form below. Deposit/Reservation deadline will be our meeting on Sunday, Sept. 20. Subdean George French will be there to detail the arrangements for us and to answer any questions. The sooner deposits are received, however, the more readily plans can be formulated. Therefore, please complete the following form and return it with your check, made payable to RED RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER--AGO, to:

Winnipeg Organ Crawl  
Red River Valley Chapter--AGO  
P.O. Box 2223  
Fargo, ND 58108

American Guild of Organists  
Red River Valley Chapter  
P.O. Box 2223  
Fargo, ND 58108



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Enclosed is my deposit of \$10 per person to reserve \_\_\_\_\_place(s) for the Winnipeg Organ Crawl. (After Sept.20 a deposit of \$15 per person will be required).

Please make accommodation reservations for \_\_\_\_\_person(s).

Check one: \_\_\_\_\_Single Occupancy  
\_\_\_\_\_Dbl. Occupancy, share with \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## PLACEMENTS

### POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 670-4th Ave. N., Fargo, requires an organist: one Sunday service at 11:00 a.m.; accompany adult choir at Wednesday evening rehearsal. For more information, call 235-5591.

### TRANSITION

Joan Bystol has taken the organist position at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fargo.

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