



Voices

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Spokane Chapter,
American Guild of Organists

Dean's notes...

May is here, or so the calendar says. While the appearance of things contradicts the date, spring is happening, if with agonizing slowness. A quick trip to Walla Walla just this Monday confirmed that there is hope. Lilacs in full bloom, soil warming, winter wheat up strong and intensely green. Think positively: tomatoes in soon!

Indeed, tomatoes soon if our schedules will allow it! Although Easter is past, most of us are still challenged by springtime celebrations of various sorts: special programs for spring concerts, Mother's Day, graduations, and more. I hope this is manageable for you, and that you have at least begun to think of some summer distractions and enrichments. Speaking of which, don't forget the AGO Regional in Seattle at the end of June. It looks like a really fine event, with the promise of professional refreshment and ample opportunity for the real reward of these gatherings – quality "downtime" with colleagues. Check below in the newsletter for a reminder of registration details.

Speaking of quality recreational time with colleagues, it's for sure time to do a most necessary thing: plan our end-of-year picnic. Early June will be the time; you can be the host. Let me know by return e-mail or phone if you would like to take on this happy task.

Finally, it's time to plan our next year together. I'll soon set a board meeting date to which all are invited to help set the schedule. Thanks to all who have made suggestions already.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 10 May, 3:00 PM: Whitworth University Choir, Marc Hafso, director, St. Augustine Parish Church in a performance of their South American tour program. Donations suggested.

Don't forget to submit your concert or other special activity info to the AGO Newsletter!



Who's the mystery organist?

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Something interesting...

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 Ministry of Music Awards honoring outstanding church music leaders throughout the country. Sponsored by the National Religious Music Week Alliance, the awards are a part of the celebration of National Religious Music Week, September 20-26 .

"We urge all congregations to take this time to honor talented and dedicated music leaders for the work they do at the church level," said Paul Thoms, chair of the awards committee. "Expressing thanks to the men and women who provide music for worship throughout the year is an important part of our Music Week program."

Check out details at <http://www.religiousmusicweek.com>

Vince Roland reminds us that he has been working on posting photos of Chapter events on Flickr. You can check out his efforts and relive (or experience for the first time) some of the great times we've had this year at:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/wvr_spokane/

Thanks again, Vince!

Convention connection...

The Seattle Regional is approaching quickly. Get schedule and other info at <http://www.agoseattle.com/sagoconvention.html>

Want to share transportation, lodging? Let me know and I'll try to get an online bulletin board going.

Quiz question answer:



Floyd Czoski celebrating his birthday in a unique way!

Need shoes?

Janet Ahrend reports a student who has a shoe dilemma. Here are details: Men's OrganMaster shoes, size 10 1/2 Medium, slightly used (too big for student). \$50.00 or best offer. John Beyer, 509-521-6261, or Janet Ahrend, 624-5627.