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Spokane Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

A few updates since the December 2014 Newsletter.

A big thank you to Vince and Carla Roland for hosting the Epiphany Party at their house on January 2. Good food, good company, good singing.

The Calendar of events for 2015 is included in this newsletter. Please note that the next event will be the Movie Night at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on February 6th and 20th. Parts 1 and 2 of Monarchs and Music will be on the 6th; parts 3 and 4 will be on the 20th. Both will be at 6:30. Please see the December 2014 Newsletter for details of this exciting DVD series.

I am attaching Carolyn's report for on the First [Annual] Christmas Carol Walk, which was a huge success. I think we all are looking forward to an expanded walk next year to other neighborhoods. Carolyn sent out her report earlier, but I understand that not everyone received it.

Please see the notice of an organist position at Spokane Valley Baptist Church; please disseminate among your colleagues and friends.

Also, please note a correction in the calendar for the Spring Picnic at the Czoski's. Their correct address is 4802 W. Shawnee Ave.

Christmas Carol Walk Report

Our Spokane American Guild of Organists' First Annual Christmas Carol Walk held on December 26th, 2014, was a fitting addition to the Christmas celebration for the ninety folks who attended. The weather that evening was crisp and clear and perfect for walking the two blocks between churches. All ages from small children to older folks with canes and walkers came. Many comments reflected how much people enjoyed the event and that we must do it again next year.

They will come!

Organist at Central United Methodist Church was Taylor Geise, organist from the Cheney United Methodist Church and student of Janet Ahrend, who played lovely Christmas music and accompanied carols sung by the attendees. At Westminster UCC Chris Nelson was the organist and Verne Windham led the carol sing. The group then walked to Central Lutheran Church, where Alice Hostetter was organist and Paul Brueggemeier, carol sing leader. We enjoyed the warmth and hospitality in each beautifully decorated church and heard and sang favorite music of Christmas. A reception with cookies, coffee and hot cider concluded the event.

Many thanks to those who helped make this Christmas Carol Walk such a big success! We thank the three churches and their pastors who hosted, the three organists who played and the carol sing leaders and those who hosted at each venue, and those who helped with preparations and made it all happen. Special thanks to AGO member Nisha Coulter and to Sandy Fink from Central Lutheran for their work on the reception, to Kent Brockelbank for work on the Westminster organ, and to our Dean, Jim Holmes for help with publicity and encouragement.

One more person to thank is Michael Civiello from the Les Bois AGO chapter in Boise, who shared ideas and information from their experience. Boise has had a very successful Christmas Carol Walk for many years and was the inspiration for our event.

Thanks again. It was great fun!

Carolyn Payne

Organist Position at Spokane Valley Baptist Church

Walter Kroon has resigned his position at Spokane Valley Baptist Church. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact:

Linda Honn
Moderator
Spokane Valley Baptist Church

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- February 6 Movie Night Part I: Music and Monarchy; St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:30pm
- February 20 Movie Night Part II: Music and Monarch; St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:30pm
- April 21 The Cavaille-Coll Organ; Presentation by Allen Organ Co and Northwest organ; St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, 6905 N. Country Homes Blvd, 7:00pm.
- May 12 Music Fest, Organ Division; Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 9:00am
- June 14 Picnic at Floyd Czoski's, 4802 W. Shawnee Ave. 3:00pm
- October 10 Organ Master Class by Andrew Unsworth, 9:00am St. John's
- October 11 Andrew Unsworth Organ Concert, Cathedral of St. John's the Evangelist, 4:00pm
- December Second Annual Christmas Carol [not yet scheduled]

Jim Holmes, Dean

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