

Spokane Chapter AGO Newsletter, September, 2016

The summer is almost over, and it's beginning to feel like fall. And with that comes a new program year for our AGO chapter.

Your board has been meeting through the summer and has some exciting plans for the coming year.

First off is "**Come, Listen and Sing,**" a program developed by Nisha Coulter and Germaine Morgan and co-sponsored by All Saints Lutheran Church and our AGO chapter. It will be held at **All Saints, 314 S. Spruce St., (Browne's addition) on Saturday, September 10, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.** It will include instrumental selections and hymn singing involving both chapter members and outside musicians. I've seen the program, and it will be featuring a wide variety of music and will be enjoyed by all.

Last in our series of "Year of the Organ" is the concert by the nationally known recitalist **Todd Wilson, on Sunday, October 23, 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Cathedral.** He will be playing works by Bach, Widor, and Durufle and ending with an improvisation on a hymn. This will be an exciting program and well worth the \$15.00 admission. Promotional materials will be forthcoming to the membership.

Preceding the Wilson concert, on **Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m. (St. John's Cathedral),** Todd will be leading a **master class.** So we are looking for students willing to participate, but it will be a great learning experience for all of us.

We are most grateful to member Tom Jefferson for his hard work and financial support in bringing this great organist to our community for these two events. Thank you, Tom!

Other program events tentatively planned for the year:

- November 13 (Sunday) - Movie night (or afternoon, time TBD) Video on Robert and Clara Schumann and their life together.
- December 26 (Monday), Third Annual Christmas Carol Walk.
- January 6 (Friday), Epiphany Party at the home of Vince and Carla Roland
- February TBD
- March, Program at Community United Methodist Church, Coeur d'Alene, featuring their newly "reworked" organ by Marceau & Associates, Mark Haberman hosting

- April, perhaps a member recital
- May, movie night, video on the rebuilding of the organ at St. John the Divine in New York City
- June, annual picnic

An exciting new development for our chapter is the creation of a new website. We are having a professional web developer do this for us with a lot of input from the board as to appearance and content. It should be up and running soon. Our many thanks go to Bob Collins for having taken care of this in the past.

The chapter's board consists of me, Byrl Cinnamon, as dean; Jim Holmes, sub-dean; Marlys Meece, treasurer; Mark Haberman, recording secretary; Vince Roland, corresponding secretary; and members at large Floyd Czoski, Chris Nelson, and Carolyn Payne. I am very grateful -- and you should be too -- for all the hard work they do on our behalf. I especially appreciate all the time and effort spent by Jim Holmes in providing publicity for the upcoming Todd Wilson recital and in providing other help to me. Many thanks!

Hope to see you all on September 12.

Byrl Cinnamon, Dean