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From the Dean

Hello all,

I am writing this the night before the Graham Schultz program at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. Since the concert has not yet happened, I can't tell you how wonderful it was—but I can tell you how excited I am about hearing Graham, and how I am looking forward to seeing all of you tomorrow night and visiting with you.

So let me skip on to the May program. It will be my pleasure to host the May program here in Conway. The concert will take place at Greene Chapel on the Hendrix College campus, and the dinner will be held at my church, First United Methodist here in Conway. Please make every effort to attend; I realize that out-of-town programs can be difficult to attend (hey, I do it every month! And so do our other members who live outside of Pulaski County), but it will be worth it to hear this program on this fine Nichols & Simpson organ.

Oh yes, I am hosting an "Afterglow" following the concert at my house; please come—I love to have friends over to celebrate good music and good times! My address is 2310 Charlie Dayer Drive here in Conway. I will have directions available at the concert.

On to another subject—in another part of this newsletter you will find an

explanation from Jess Anthony about the ONCARD system of renewing membership. The most important thing to remember about this is that there are options—you can renew on line, if you choose, or you can send in a check as you have always done. In my particular case, my church pays my membership, and they do not use a credit card. Therefore, as long as I am employed at FUMC, my membership will be paid by a check, mailed to the CACAGO treasurer. When I am no longer employed here, and am paying my own membership, I'm sure I will go on line. My point is, you will have a choice!

A new Dean will be elected for CACAGO at the May meeting (another reason to attend). That means this is my last Dean's letter. Over the last three years I have come to appreciate the opportunity I have had each month to share with you some of the things that are on my mind concerning our chapter, AGO, the weather, whatever it may be. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to discuss with you some of my concerns.

And make your dinner reservations for the May program!

Betty Cohen
Dean

Season Finale

Friday, May 8

Adam Pajan, *organist*
Greene Chapel
Hendrix College
Conway, Arkansas

MAY MEETING

Friday, May 8, 2015

Adam Pajan, *organist*

Punchbowl — 6:15 P.M.

Dinner and Meeting — 6:45 P.M.

Program — 8:00 P.M.

Dinner & Meeting

First United
Methodist Church
1610 Prince Street
Conway, Arkansas

Recital

Greene Chapel
Hendrix College
1600 Washington Ave.
Conway, Arkansas

DINNER RESERVATIONS: The cost for dinner is \$15.00. For dinner reservations, contact Robert Lindley via e-mail (robert@stjames-umc.org), or phone (501) 217-6735, or complete the reservation form on the chapter website.

**Dinner reservations are due by
noon, Wednesday, May 6!**

TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip transportation from Little Rock to Conway will be provided. If you would like a ride, please contact Wayne Simpson via e-mail (wes@nicholsandsimpson.com) or phone (501) 231-8835.

PARTY: Stephen and Betty Cohen will host an “afterglow” party at their home, following the recital. 2310 Charlie Dayer Drive, Conway, Arkansas.

Nominating Committee Report

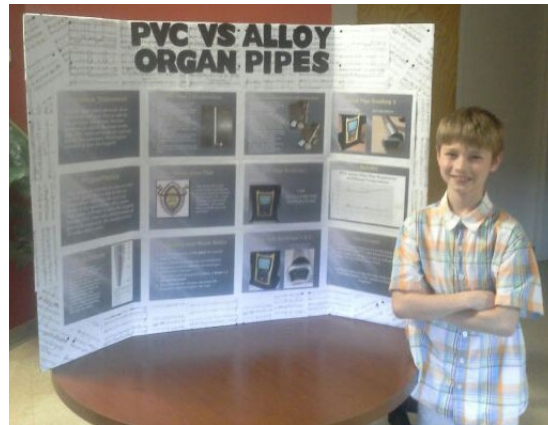
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Dean: Mike Metzler	Executive Committee (2018)
Sub-Dean: Wayne Simpson	James Cathey
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Treasurer: Jess Anthony	

The election of officers will take place at the May meeting.

Austin Lallier Wins First Prize in Science Fair

CACAGO member Austin Lallier was awarded top honors at his school's science fair. His project, "PVC vs. Alloy Organ Pipes," won first prize for 4th graders. Nichols & Simpson, Inc. Organbuilders provided a metal flue pipe for the project, and Austin built a flue pipe out of PVC. He will represent his school at the Dawson Educational Cooperative Science Fair at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia on May 18th.



Biography of Adam Pajan



Called "a rising star definitely worth watching" (Michael Barone, *Pipedreams*), Adam Pajan is Instructor of Organ and Shop Technician at the University of Oklahoma's American Organ Institute. He received the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in 2014 under John Schwandt following studies at Furman University and Yale University, earning the Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees under the tutelage of Charles Tompkins, Martin Jean, and Thomas Murray respectively. His performing career has taken him across the United States and to Germany twice, where he will embark on a five-concert tour in the summer of 2015. Dr. Pajan has been recognized as the first prize recipient in three US national competitions (Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition USA, Arthur Poister Competition, and Ruth and Clarence Mader National Organ-Playing Competition) and received the Firmin Swinnen Second Prize in the inaugural Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition in 2013. An enthusiastic church musician, he serves as Organist and Choir Director at St. Mark the Evangelist in Norman, Oklahoma.

Adam's program will include works by Gjeilo, Bingham, Bach, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Howells, and Eben.

Arts Calendar

Thursday, April 30 – 7:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus
Trinity United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Friday, May 8 – 8:00 P.M.

CACAGO: Adam Pajan, organist
Greene Chapel, Hendrix College
Conway, AR

Saturday, May 9 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Pops: Ashley Brown, soprano
Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, May 10 – 3:00 P.M.

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Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, June 13 – 7:00 P.M.

Little Rock Wind Symphony
MacArthur Park
Little Rock, AR

Treasurer's Report

INCOME		EXPENSES	
REVENUE		ADMINISTRATIVE	
Dues	\$4,563.00	Dues to National	\$3,047.00
Ad Sales	\$1,000.00	Catering/Reception	\$3,801.98
Meals	\$3,643.00	Marketing/Public Relations	\$0.00
Carry Over (FY14)	\$7,428.72	Remaining Expenses	\$1,855.45
Reception/Postage	\$12.00		\$8,704.43
	\$16,646.72		
SUPPORT		ARTISTIC	
Individuals	\$17,800.62	Artist Fees/Housing	\$16,583.88
Other (ACH)	\$882.34	Remaining Expenses (ACH)	\$460.00
Endowment	\$603.00	Tech/Production	\$75.00
	\$19,285.96		\$17,118.88
TOTAL INCOME	\$35,932.68	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$25,823.31
		BALANCE	\$10,109.37

Organ For Sale

Roughly 20 year Allen TC-1 model electronic organ with 27 stops and AGO standard peddleboard. 2 manuals and audio system/amplifier for connecting speakers. Has original bench.
 Dimensions: 49" H, 59" W, 51" depth with peddle board.
 Sell for \$500 OBO. Call 501-786-1789
 Craig and Marian Berry



Organ Recital

Friday, May 15, 2015 • 7:30 P.M.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 224 N East Ave
 Fayetteville, Arkansas

Beau Baldwin, organist. Admission is free.

Position Available

First United Methodist Church Bryant, Arkansas

Position: Part-time Organist

Compensation: Negotiable and commensurate with qualifications

Job Description: First United Methodist Church in Bryant, Arkansas seeks a part-time Organist to assist with the traditional music ministry. Primary responsibilities include (1) Sunday morning worship at 8:30 a.m. and (2) occasionally accompanying the Chancel Choir, which would require attending some Wednesday evening rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. Vacation is included. Our organ is an Allen digital computer organ (3 manual and AGO specs). Please send resume electronically to:

Shaun R. Popp
 Director of Traditional Music
 Phone: (502) 931-0682
 E-mail: popps@hsu.edu

Membership Renewal

CACAGO Members:

As the time to renew AGO yearly membership approaches, our chapter was approached again by AGO National to consider setting up an ONCARD process to facilitate dues payments and online record keeping. After discussing our options at a CACAGO Board meeting April 13, the decision was made to institute an ONCARD program as the best method of dealing with National's process and sorting out our own preferences.

Our Chapter's previous decision had been not to set up an online program due to a reluctance to go to online registration and dues payment through National. This meant that this year I have continued to collect dues as before, and send National its portion through the method of sticking individual mailing labels with member's addresses onto invoice sheets and attaching a check. Typically I have to do this six or seven times before all the memberships are paid. I also have to reconcile the online data National keeps on membership by sending spread sheets for them to reconcile membership records. This information is entered by them only as quickly as they are able.

When I was asked what we wanted to do this year, I decided to look at the alternatives. In terms of data entry, an online membership list offered a lot of advantages, in my opinion. It would allow more than one person to be able to edit the information, and it would let our chapter have a current membership list, as well as up to date information entered directly online.

Although we didn't have an ONCARD system in place last year, we still had a couple of members who went ahead and joined online without going through me. Their membership information was entered directly, and our Chapter received notification and a check for our portion of the dues payment. I couldn't see that this presented any problems for our Chapter.

In view of these considerations, I approached National with the idea of having a "hybrid" version of the process where I would still send dues payments for our members who didn't want to use the online method. They said that several chapters were also doing that, and that it wasn't a problem. Members who wanted

to use the online method could continue to do so, with our portion of the dues payment coming to us a month after they paid online. I would collect the information from the other members, enter the data online directly, and then send just National's portion of the dues as previously.

The only wrinkle will be a more definite deadline for renewing membership. For all those with membership cycles that begin in July—which is most of the country—the deadline for renewal is now September 1. One change they instituted is a rolling membership cycle for new members. For them, the year membership begins whatever month they join. If someone misses renewing his or her July cycle by the September deadline, the member will have to rejoin with a different membership cycle.

In view of what seemed minimal changes as far as the CACAGO membership is concerned, the Board voted to go ahead with setting up the ONCARD process. We will still collect dues from those who don't wish to go online, and National will send you two reminders before the deadline, either by email or by snail mail, your choice. Your payments still are transacted primarily during the summer, so any time lag in money coming back to us is not a factor in terms of our operational resources. Anyone who wishes can also go online directly and pay their membership through National.

Everyone is able to go online and look at our ONCARD program. To access the ONCARD login screen, go to www.agoHQ.org/oncard and then log in with your user name and password. The user name is the first letter of your first name plus your last name—JSmith. Your password is your five digit AGO member ID, which is located on the label of your AGO magazine on the top line, next to the date for your membership period.

I hope these comments will resolve any confusion you may have about the ONCARD process. If you have other questions, I'm happy to answer them.

Jess Anthony,
Treasurer