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DEAN'S MESSAGE

I really have nothing to say this month. Really!

The weather is gorgeous. I really should be taking advantage of practice time. But, I really have nothing to say.

By now, you all know from this column that I consider it crucial to our craft and art to take care of yourself wisely. By now, you all know from this column that I recognize we're all passionate about the organ in differing ways. By now, you all know from this column that I consider no opinion about organ and organ music too trivial or unimportant.

So, I really have nothing to say this month. Just get out and enjoy the sun each day, smell the roses, practice wisely for all those extra service duties, and for goodness sake, enjoy the organ!

Until next month's column,

Sincerely,

Melanie Cervi, Dean ♪

MAY CHAPTER EVENT

Sunday 17 May 2009 – 4 PM

Annual Meeting & Installation/Officers' Recital

April 2009 – No Event

Andrew Birling, Sub Dean. ♪

Slate of Officers for Next Year

1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

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It's Dues Time

Enclosed is this year's form for renewing your dues for next year. Please fill out the form and mail it with your check to our Treasurer Rebecca Harrison at the address at the bottom of the form.

May Chapter Event

Annual General Chapter Meeting and
Installation Meeting

**Where: Bethel Lutheran Church, 10181
Finch Ave, Cupertino.**

When: Saturday, May 17, 2009 – 4 PM

Contact: Andrew Birling, (650) 9063227.

Mark your calendar. This is a Pot Luck Event and everyone will enjoy themselves. More information next month. ♪

PHOENIX RISING, REGION IX FESTIVAL JUNE 22-25, 2009, Phoenix AZ

For Further information: www.agoinphoenix.org.

OPEN POSITIONS

Joint Venture Churches. Almaden Valley United Church of Christ and Episcopal Church in Almaden. 6581 Camden Ave. San Jose, 408/268-0243, are seeking an **Organist**. Part-time. Salary \$10-12,000, benefits negotiable. 2 Sunday services, 2 adult choirs (rehearse separate nights). State-of-the-art 3-manual Phoenix digital organ, one Sunday off per month, four weeks per year vacation. Email resume and references to: music_search@jointventurechurches.org by October 30. See www.avucc.org/music_search or www.eca-sj.org/music_search.

Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos. is seeking a part-time (22 hours/week) **Choir Director**. Requires Cover letter of introduction including your brief philosophy of church music, Resume or curriculum vitae, List of references including peer musicians, clergy, choir members, and professor/mentor, and Non-returnable video tape, DVD or web link of the candidate leading rehearsal and optional performance. Send the items listed above by May 31 to **Jeff Thompson**, 114 Colorado Ct, Los Gatos, CA, 95032
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LESSONS FROM THE GEESE

Milton Olson

1. – As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an “uplift” for the bird following. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

2. – When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the birds immediately in front.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will join in formations with those who are headed where we want to go.

3. – When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position.

Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership – with people, as with geese – interdependent with one another.

4. – The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging – not something less than helpful.

5. – When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow their fellow member down to help provide protection. They stay with this member of the flock until he or she is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation or to catch up with their own flock.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as the geese, we’ll stand by one another like they do.

from Joyce E. Rhodes, AGO North Coast District Convener)
(Leadership Meeting 1-31-09)

Board Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 14th April, 2009 at 7:30 PM, **Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 5825 Bollinger Road,**

If you would like an organ Substitute, contact Darryl Parker (408) 984-6608 or DarrylEParker@comcast.net



AFTERNOON AT THE ORGAN

Andrew Birling, organist

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2009 ~ 3:00 P.M.

Works of:

Dietrich Buxtehude J. S. Bach Samuel Barber
Ned Rorem Robert Below Jehan Alain

CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1675 Winchester Blvd, Campbell CA, 408-378-3472

www.campbellunited.org Free Admission

2009 PPP A SMASHING SUCCESS

Pat Milstead and Valerie Sterk, Co-Chairs

On Saturday March 14th, the Chapter hosted a 3 hour **Pedals Pizza and Pipes** program at **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**. Twelve students attended, with 11 taking advantage of the opportunity to play on a ‘real’ pipe organ. The organ is a Balcom and Vaughan organ built in Seattle in 1986 with 38 voices and 54 ranks. Participant ages ranged from 8 to 17, and playing levels from 2 to 8. **Libby Codd** served as the registrar. Assisting with information presentations and demonstrations were host organist **Valerie Sterk**, Chair **Patricia Milstead**, **Elisabeth Pintar**, **Melody Bast**, **Libby Codd**, **John Chang**, and **Diane Keller**. All presenters answered some interesting questions of the students. **Melanie Cervi** and **John Chang** brought pipes, courtesy of member **Roger Inkpen**, for the students’ hands-on experience. Each student was given a packet which included a paper model organ to be assembled, a copy of Sandra Soderland’s “A Young Person’s Guide to the Pipe Organ”, a San Jose AGO chapter teacher list, and **Lothar Bandermann’s** publication entitled “About the Pipe Organ,” and copies of his newest CD entitled “Folk Music for the Organ”. Newsletter Editor **Kenneth Talbot** took a picture of each performer. **Valerie Sterk** organized and led the pizza party at the conclusion of the demonstration. The students, families, and attending organists enjoyed fellowship and further pipe organ chat over lunch.



From Left to Right: Phoebe S, Paul K, Gabrielle S, Connie M, Joel S, Karla J, Nicholas J, Peter V, Vincent L, Sergey G, & Kate B.

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Music Calendar

Locations

CSMA: Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco

GC: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco

* Chapter Member

Every Saturday & Sunday

Organ, 4 PM, Calif. Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco

Lincoln Ave, Oakland, free.
www.thesymphony.org

April

5 Sunday

Mauro Correa, Guitar, and the Latin American Chamber Music Society., **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

* **Andrew Birling**, organ,
Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Blvd, Cupertino. Works of J. S. Bach, Samuel Barber, Ned Rorem, Dietrich Buxtehude, Jehan Alain, Robert Below . **3:00 PM** Free admission

Mauro Correa, Guitar, and the Latin American Chamber Music Society., **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

Brass Bonanza! Oxford Street Brass, Music for brass quintet by

J. S. Bach, Scott Joplin and many more, **Congregational Church in Palo Alto**, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto, **4 PM**

10 Friday

Valparaiso Singers, James Welch, organ, Good Friday Concert, "O Love Divine", Valparaiso Ave., Menlo Park, Free, **7:30 PM**

12 Sunday

Angela Kraft Cross, organ, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

Jeremy Filsell, organ, **GC, 4 PM**

19 Sunday

Lesson & Carols for Eastertide GC, 3 PM

David Pickering (Graceland University, Iowa), **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

Congregational Oratorio Society, Celebrate 200th anniversary of Mendelssohn, **Joe Guthrie**, organ, **Congregational Church of Palo Alto**, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto, **4 PM**

26 Sunday

Paul Jacobs, organ, Works of Bach and List, **Davies Symphony Hall**, San Francisco, **2 PM**, Tickets start at \$20

James Welch, organ, The Music of Dale Wood, **St. Mark's Episcopal**

Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, CA, \$10 at the door, **3 PM**

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

May

1 Friday

Cameron Carpenter, organ, **St. Anges, Church**, 1025 Masonic Ave, San Francisco, **8 PM**

3 Sunday

Lois Holdridge, organ, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

10 Sunday

David Brock (Incline Village, NV), organ, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

17 Sunday

Bay Area Youth Harp Ensemble, **CSMA, 5 PM**

24 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

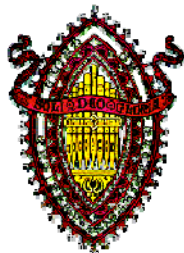
31 Sunday

San Francisco Sinfoniett, **CSMA 5 PM**

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San Jose Chapter

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