

Message from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

This message is going to be short and to the point. “Many hands make light work.” “Get involve. You’ll meet more of your colleagues and discover new things, and not just about the AGO.” “Say ‘yes!’ and say it with conviction.” I don’t think you will regret your decision.

It’s that time of the year for members of the nominating committee to do their work. I know they are already in the midst of it. Should you be contacted and invited to help our chapter in some ways, please give it your utmost consideration. Any organization will not function well if it only depends on the energy level of a few. We need you to share your thoughts and ideas.

Our February program is a concert by students of our members. Please come and support these performers of varied ages with your presence. Former subdean Lothar Bandermann will also perform selections from his recent CD.

Happy Valentine’s Day to all.

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On Jan. 8 from 10-12, the San Jose Chapter, AGO hosted the 4th annual PPP at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Los Gatos. Twenty-three piano students, ranging in age from 6 to 14, were thrilled to get the chance to play pieces ranging from Christmas carols to Bach preludes on the three-manual Schantz tracker. Attending were over 50 people, including lots of dads and siblings.

Lothar Bandermann played pieces from his Fun and Funny Organ Music collection as the students gathered, giving them some background on the pieces he performed. At the end, each family was given a FFOM CD that Lothar donated.

Cecelia Lung brought her entire class of piano students, and Valerie Sterk brought students. Others attended after seeing the information on our Chapter website. Darryl Parker took photos of the gathering which you may view on the website. Dick Coulter played the opening rouser, and explained his organ. Cecelia, Melanie Cervi, Joyce Rhodes, and Pat Milstead demonstrated the families of stops and other pertinent features of the organ. Joyce and Pat played an organ duet to show off a small fugue (Quodlibet). Melanie, Dick, and Lynda Alexander pulled stops for the students' performances. Roger Inkpen loaned us pipes so the students could see them close up, and Tom Ingalz gave us his moral support by attending with his two grandsons.

Packets were handed out to each family containing Soderlund's *A Young Person's Guide to the Pipe Organ* (thanks, National), a model organ to construct at home, and a copy of Lothar's comprehensive *About the Pipe Organ*. Students voted on their favorite organ from a group of TAO covers. The students filled in a worksheet on basic organ information that we had covered. Pizza was enjoyed by 40 people in the social hall of the church

The cost of this year's PPP was sponsored by Lothar through his generous contribution of proceeds from his FFOP CD. Our thanks also to Dick Coulter and St. Luke's for their hospitality. Plan to participate in next year's PPP to see the enthusiasm of these young people.

Pat Milstead
Education/Resources

Brazilian Hector Olivera will entertain us with his organ wizardry and wit on Feb. 25-last Friday in February at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Los Gatos starting at 7:30 pm. Hector's stunning technique, showmanship, and use of MIDI have captured the admiration of audiences worldwide. FREE.

Saturday Feb 26 10-12 am

1st Presbyterian Church 194 W 25th Ave San Mateo

Workshop: USING THE MODERN ORGAN IN WORSHIP

Presenter: Dan Miller FREE

Sunday February 27 7 PM

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Dan Miller in Concert

OUR STUDENT RECITAL will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Campbell on Sunday, February 27, at 3 pm. there will be approximately 13 participants representing the studios of Lynda Alexander, Pat Milstead, Jim Welch, and Berdie Bowlsby.

The titles of of some of the pieces to be performed are: *A Mighty Fortress*, *Passacaglia in c minor*, *Apparition de l'Eglise Eternelle*, *Be Thou My Vision*, *Toccata and Fugue in d minor*, and *It is Well With My Soul*.

Lothar Banderman will be closing the program doing a few pieces from his CD of "Fun and Funny Pieces" for organ.

The membership is encouraged to attend to support our students.

BACK AT BACH. On April 10, at 3 pm, at Stone (Presbyterian) Church of Willow Glen, 1108 Clark Way, members will play for each other and then discuss registration and performance ideas. This is a repeat of the very popular program we held last year. **You are invited to perform one of the 8 Little Preludes and Fugues by J. S. Bach.** There is a limited number (8) of people who can perform.

Please call Dick Coulter (408-395-0909) to get listed. This is a fun, educational way to share ideas with each other.

Please call Joyce Rhodes (408-723-7884) to schedule a time for rehearsal on the organ.