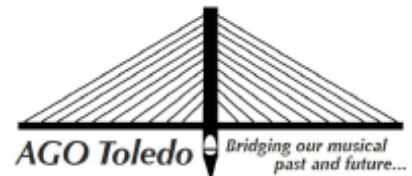


The Prelude



JANUARY 2012

NOTES FROM THE OVAL OPHICLEIDE

Happy 2012! The long anticipated holiday season is past and we look forward to an exciting new year. Here's hoping all your musical performances were received well by your congregations. Over the next few days and weeks the media airwaves will be filled with endless weight-loss commercials along with premature predictions of political winners and losers. Most of this is nothing more than "horse manure" disguised as "window dressing."

The new year gives us a real opportunity to renew ourselves and refresh our skills. Some would use the term "re-invent" to describe the process. Over the recent holiday break, I had the opportunity to visit a truly innovative and very successful home furnishings store. IKEA, a company that has re-invented the way many people shop, began in Sweden during the 1950's when founder Ingvar Kamprad decided to start a new business. Today, with more than 165 stores in 20 countries, IKEA is a major force in the home furnishings business. The stores are mammoth in size, with each store serving thousands of customers every day. Clever use of technology, low prices, and intelligent designs are all qualities of the IKEA brand. For many, shopping at the traditional furniture/department store is no longer attractive. I refer to this as another example where the "old way" of doing things may not be the only way.

Change is difficult for most of us, and embracing new ways of inspiring our congregations or students to participate in music is certainly a challenge. The AGO National Headquarters is holding a number of regional events to address the changing landscape of church music. The first is coming up on January 28th in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The day is to be filled with information geared specifically toward the "part-time" church musician. I believe this is an incredible opportunity for our chapter membership to gain valuable knowledge and support the AGO's innovative programs.

For any interested Toledo Chapter AGO member, (only one!) we will subsidize a significant portion of the travel and expenses to the January Jubilee in New Mexico. Contact me personally for details on this outstanding opportunity! Many wonderful chapter events are slated for the coming year; please make time to attend as many as you can. Take the initiative to make 2012 a year to "re-invent" ourselves both as a musician and as a member of the Toledo AGO.



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Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year

Dear colleagues,

Merry Christmas! And may God bless our lives and labors in this new year!

I do give thanks for each of you and for the Toledo chapter. For so many years, while I was raising my children, I was 'too busy' to be involved in AGO; at least, that's how it seemed. AGO meetings and programs do demand of each of us a commitment of time, energy, and planning, but they are well worth the effort. Sometimes our meetings are meant to teach and inform; other times they are meant to build community. I've been thinking about just how important that is...

Before I jumped back into involvement with the AGO, I could go from one end of the year to the other without ever hearing another organist play. Every Sunday found me on the organ bench, and opportunities to go hear a concert or recital were rare. Now I've been going to Conventions, and planning and participating in chapter events, with many opportunities for enrichment and musical interaction.

But most important has been the growing sense of community. I really appreciate all of you, my new-found colleagues. It's fun to get together and know we share some common concerns, celebrate similar joys, and speak the same language. Thanks for being there for me, and thanks for all you are doing in your musical lives!

Remember our January programs; there are two of them. One is for fun, and one is meant to be instructive. But I know the presenter, and I can guarantee: it will also be fun!



January 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Epiphany Games

Nancy and John Russell host in their home as board member Brian Bogdanowitz plans an evening of fun and fellowship. Got that post-Christmas exhaustion? We have the cure!!

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January 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Blizzard Anthems:

Ideas for Small Choirs with Limited Resources

Location: Sylvania UCC; Hosts: Sally Mossing & Joan McConnell



It's Sunday morning... You've been rehearsing an anthem that needs 20 voices, but only 8 people show up. You're stuck! Do you throw up your hands and go home? Play a recording and hope no one will notice? Or use the resources you have at hand - in your church hymnal!

Doug McConnell, composer and professor of Music Theory at Heidelberg University, will share ideas and techniques for creating choral offerings right out of the hymnal. Doug calls this the "instant anthem," a technique he's been developing for many years as a choral church musician.

I do hope many of you will come out for the workshop, as well as the party!



Joan McConnell,
Sub Dean of the chapter

Random Pippings

Trinity Lutheran Church in Wauseon, Ohio, is searching for a new head organist. The position includes two services each Sunday and accompanying the Senior Choir as well as other special services. We have a beautiful 20 rank pipe organ and are committed to continuing our high level of musicianship in worship. Contact: Beverly Ernst, Organist Search Committee rbernst@bright.net

St. Peter Lutheran in Norwalk, Ohio, is looking for an organist to play every other Sunday. They have 2 services on Sunday - 8:00 and 10:30, and different choirs for both services. The person who fills this position will rehearse with the 8:00 choir on Wednesday afternoon at 5:00. Please contact: Pastor Fred Wiechers, 419-668-2856 or email to revfew@frontier.com

Martha Esbin will play the Wendell Castle piano in Gallery One of The Toledo Museum of Art on "It's Friday" from 7:15-7:45 p.m. on: January 20, February 3, March 2, March 30, April 27, May 18.

Gallery One is on the upper level just off the lobby. For those who want to go to the 8 p.m. Friday Classics Concert of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, just walk a few steps from Gallery One through the Classic Court and directly into the Peristyle. For information on concerts, or to order individual event tickets, call 419-246-8000. You can arrange to have tickets waiting for pick-up. You may also order tickets online at <http://www.toledosymphony.com/ticketinfo/ticket-information/>

From Anne Doerfler: A hard copy print out of our Toledo Chapter AGO Directory has been sent to all our non-email members. If anyone else wants a hard copy of this Directory contact Anne Doerfler by phone, 419-474-9143 or email, ad7440@sbcglobal.net. More copies will be available in February. I am printing them at my church at a cost of \$.70 each and will take orders for a second printing until mid-February. Mailing this directory costs \$.64 each. The complete revised Directory is now available on line at www.toledoago.org. Lets stay connected!

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership is open to all interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Anne Doerfler.

NEWSLETTER & E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have articles, news, concerts, or vacant positions, please submit them to: Kathy Rupp at krupp@wcnet.org AND Jack Gerding at: jackgerding@aol.com

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PROGRAM ROUND-UP: WHAT'S COMING IN 2012

GAMES NIGHT - January 7, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nancy and John Russell, 102 Carolin Court, Perrysburg. Master of Ceremonies: Brian Bogdanowitz. Relax and join us for an evening of post-Christmas fun.

BLIZZARD ANTHEMS: IDEAS FOR SMALL CHOIRS WITH LIMITED RESOURCES

January 23, 7:00 p.m. at Sylvania UCC. Doug McConnell, composer and professor of Music Theory at Heidelberg University, will give us his presentation on what he calls "Instant Anthems." Need something in a hurry? Is half of your choir snowed in? Can you just not find the 'perfect' anthem in the church files? Open a hymnal...help is on the way! This will be an enjoyable and informative session for all. Sally Mossing and Joan McConnell will host.

FAMILY 'POPS' CONCERT - February 26, 2012, 3:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bowling Green. Kevin McGill, Pam Davis, and Joan McConnell are cooking up a concert for 3 organs! This is an outreach to youth and families, with hands-on fun to follow. All in attendance will be encouraged to tour the St. Mark's organ and to play the instruments.

SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL - March 18, 2012, 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church

Even though we had no scholarship applicants this year, we still have a number of organ students affiliated with our chapter. This recital is intended to support and celebrate their work. All student organists are invited to perform: college and high school students, those youngsters who are just getting started, and even adult students! Help us spread the word, and, if YOU are teaching a student who would benefit from playing in this recital, PLEASE get in touch with Pam Davis for more information! Pam Davis and Marilee Jaskulski will host.

NOTES ON PIPES - We have a date for our April event: Monday, April 23rd. This will be a workshop by James Leek, organ builder. The venue is yet to be announced, so stay tuned for more information!!

ANNUAL BANQUET - May 11, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Commercial Building, 301 River Rd., Maumee. We plan to hold our annual banquet at the Degage Jazz Café! I believe the plan is to have the banquet and meeting in a private room, then adjourn to the café to enjoy the piano music of our own Eric Dickey. Thanks to Martha Esbin for working on this event; we'll have more information as we get closer!

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