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NEXT EVENT IN THE CHAPTER

Year-End Celebration and Potluck

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 5 PM

at the home of Derek and Carolyn Redmore, 5646 Genematas
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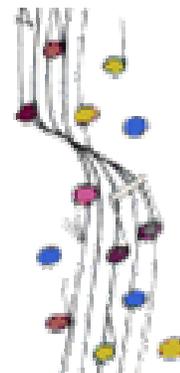
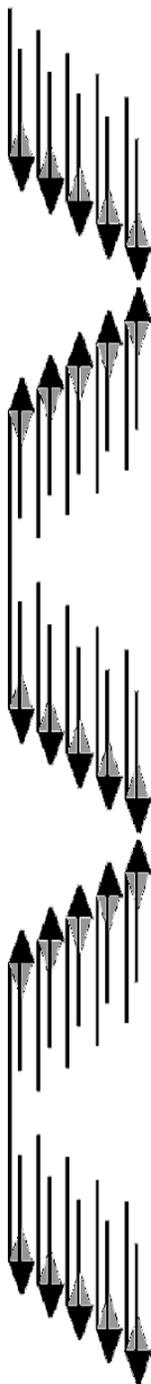
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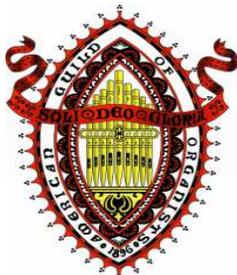
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I don't know about you, but I have found this year to be at once one of the most musically fulfilling, and at the same time, one of the most hectic in recent memory! I am indeed looking forward to some rest and relaxation, enjoying the company of family and friends, grilling outdoors, swimming, catching up on jobs around the house, and taking in summer concerts. I hope that you will take the opportunity to travel, and perhaps attend the AGO national convention. If you go, please consider writing a report for a fall issue of the "Cypher" to share your experiences!

As a "prelude" to summer activities, I would like to invite all of us to join in the fun on Sunday May 23, when the Redmore's have graciously invited us into their home, for the end-of-year potluck. Reservations are a must: Please contact Joyce Swinehart (207-0785, joycees@cox.net) before May 19 to ensure a spot. We will be honoring long-time treasurer Maxine Fifer, and greeting friends and colleagues.

You will be receiving your chapter membership renewal. Please renew early, and please consider bringing a new member into the fold! We need our colleagues to be a part of the Guild and its activities!

The new AGO board will be elected at this very important gathering. A slate of proposed officers will be sent to you shortly. The "new" and "old" board members will gather in June to brainstorm ideas for the next year's programming. If you have [continued on p.3]

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any ideas you would like to share, please email them to me, and we will certainly consider them (and you may be asked to head up the organization of said event!). I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members of the board who have served faithfully, and are now stepping down. We salute each of you, Garmon, Ken, Fern, Pat, Norene, and Maxine!

With all best wishes for a safe and not-too-warm summer!

Jeffrey Campbell

In Memoriam

James Gall, Program Chair 2002, Founder Reveille Chorus, Director at Rincon Congregational. 3/25/10, Fargo, ND.

Ken Saunders, Registrar for Pipes in the Desert, one of the Founders of the Las Vegas Chapter, 2/6/10, Tucson, AZ.

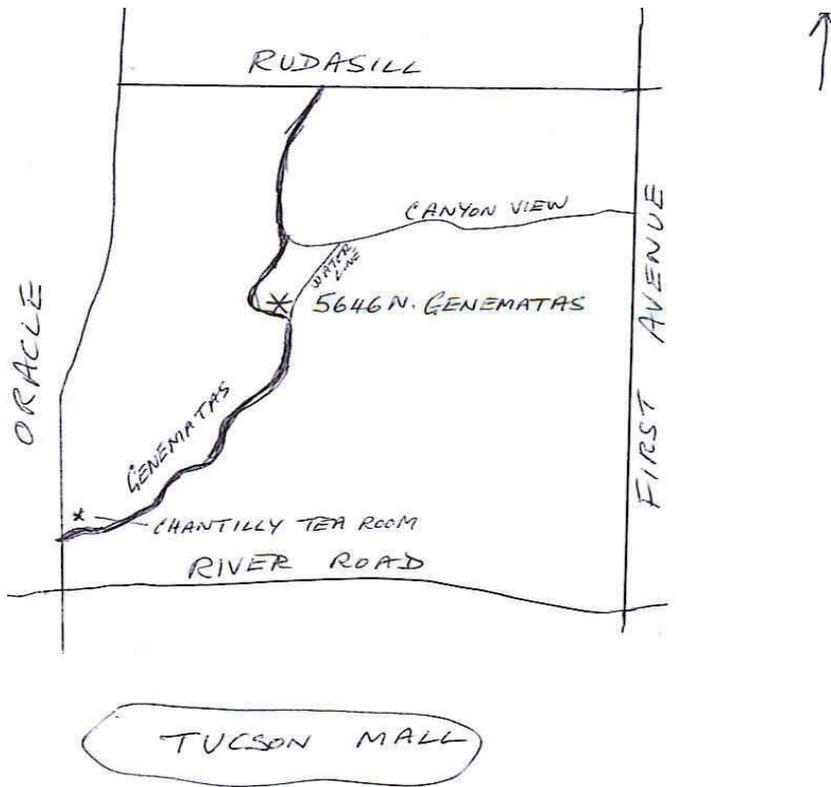
Isabel Mikelaitis, Organist/Choir Director 53 years at St. Augustine Cathedral, December 2009, Tucson, AZ.

Watch for Membership renewals and ballots in your mail.

Of special note: National created a lifetime membership category this year. See <http://www.agohq.org/membership/> for more info.

**Come to the potluck on May 23 to meet the new Chapter Officers
for 2010-11**

Directions to Redmore's 5646 N. Genematas Drive: We are located at the intersection of Genematas and Waterline. Genematas is a winding road that intersects Oracle just north of River Road and Rudasill between Oracle and 1st Avenue. From 1st Ave turn west on Canyon View and then left on Waterline to Genematas. Coming north on Oracle turn right on Genematas at the Chantilly Tea Room and continue about 1 mile to 5646. Coming south on Oracle turn left on Rudasill and turn on Genematas, about ½ mile.



VOTE IN AGO NATIONAL ELECTION

Election of the 2010-2012 AGO National Council Is Underway Election Results to Be Announced at the Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

NEW YORK CITY-The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is holding the biennial election of its National Council for a term of two years, July 2010-June 2012. Voting has been underway since April 1. All regular, special, student, and partner members of the AGO are eligible to vote and encouraged to do so online at www.intelliscaninc.net/AGO/2010 or by using the paper ballot that was bound into the April issue of The American Organist Magazine. Biographical information about each candidate is available both online and in the Magazine. All ballots must be submitted electronically before midnight or postmarked by June 1, 2010. Ballots will be received and counted by an independent election management firm, Intelliscan Inc.

Voting for the members of the National Council is both a privilege and a responsibility of membership, and vital to the Guild's future. Eight officers and national councilors and nine regional councilors will be elected to serve as the governing board of the AGO, the largest organization in the world dedicated to the organ and sacred music profession. Results of the election will be announced and the new National Council installed at the AGO Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 2010, in Washington, D.C. Those elected will serve for a term of two years, July 1, 2010-June 30, 2012.

From Frances (Frankie) Nobert, DMA
AGO Region IX Councilor

MADER ORGAN-PLAYING COMPETITION

Application forms are now available for participation in the 2010 National Organ-playing Competition sponsored by the Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund. Finalists will compete for prizes of \$6,000, \$4,000, and \$2,000 plus transportation and lodging.

The competition is organized in two phases: a recorded (CD) preliminary competition from which three finalists will be selected, and a final event presented as a concert open to the public. The competition is open to all residents of the United States who will be under the age of 35 on November 6, 2010. Repertoire (30 to 45 minutes playing time) must include one required work: "October Interlude" by Clarence Mader.

Application forms and CD recordings are due by August 1, and finalists will be selected and notified by September 1. The final competition will be held on November 6, 2010, at the Claremont United Church of Christ, Congregational, in Claremont, California. The organ is a three-manual, 77-rank instrument built in 1998 by Glatter-Götz/Rosales.

Application forms and additional information may be obtained from Dr. Frances Nobert, 5023 Tierra Antigua Drive, Whittier, CA 90601; e-mail address: fnobert99organ@aol.com.

The Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1971 to honor the memory of two outstanding Southern California artists. In addition to sponsoring organ-playing competitions, the Fund has engaged in various projects related to the pipe organ, including commissioning organ compositions and funding organ-related research.

BACH ORGAN WORKS

The complete organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach, recorded by James Kibbie on original baroque organs in Germany, are now available as free internet downloads. The University of Michigan's Block M Records label is offering free downloads of all 270 Bach works in MP3 and high audio-quality formats at www.blockmrecords.org/bach. James Kibbie recorded the series on seven historic organs by Silbermann, Schnitger, Trost, Bielfeldt, and Hildebrandt. To date, there have been approximately half a million downloads from the site.

Dr. James Kibbie, Professor of Organ
The University of Michigan

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