

THE CLARION – June 2009

Supplemental Issue

Immediate Past Dean's Letter

Our final program of the year at St. Paul's, Troy, was a delightful recital that included three students, Alanna Wilson, Dominick Izzo, and Jonathan Denham. In addition, two talented new members of our chapter, Robert Richter and Maury Castro, performed for us. Our lunch and Annual Meeting were held at Lo Porto in Troy.

Our newly-elected officers are:

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| Dean: | Charles Jones |
| Sub-Dean: | Todd Sisley |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Brian Hoffman |
| Recording Secretary: | Edee Silva |
| Treasurer: | John Vernieu |
| Registrar: | John Vernieu |
| Auditors: | Gayle Hinsdill and Frank Boshier |
| Directors: | Ed Goodemote and Michael Ricchiuti |

I want to thank those who have served the chapter while I was Dean and those who will serve during the coming year. The chapter is in fine hands, and we all hope that our efforts during the International Year of the Organ have made new friends for the organ. Once again, many thanks to Charles Jones for a successful project.

Please encourage people to join and to attend our interesting programs.

It's time to renew your chapter membership. In order not to miss an issue of TAO, please send the form you received in the mail to John Vernieu.

Please remember to include a small donation to the chapter along with your dues. These donations can be earmarked for "King of Instruments" to help bring recitalists, or to "Scholarships." Also, please note that the category of "Friends" is for friends who are not active organists. If you are earning money as an organist, please join as a regular or special member so that you can receive TAO.

My final words are about my passionate belief in the work of the AGO Development Committee, which I chair. Please, please remember to support the Annual Fund, the AGO Endowment, and also consider joining the Clarence Dickinson Society by including AGO in your estate plans. Contact me if you have any questions about any of the ways you can support AGO above and beyond your dues.

I have been pleased and so honored to serve as your Dean during these past three years. Have a fine summer, and I'll see you at chapter events!

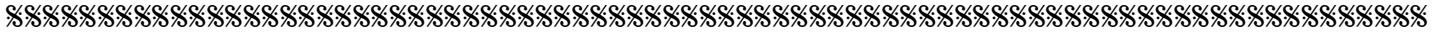
Barbara Adler

The guild would like to thank Barbara Adler for her hard work and dedication during the last 3 years as Dean. Thank You Barb!

Next Issue:

The next issue of The Clarion will be September, 2009. Please send your Concert Announcements, Job Listings, Articles etc. by August 20, 2009.

Mail to briansky@gotsky.com



INTERESTED IN A PRACTICE ORGAN?

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany's "Called to Be Church" parish planning process has made available and, over the next calendar year, will continue to make available a number of pipe organs and electronic and digital instruments. The agreed upon protocol calls for successor parishes to be given "first refusal" before other diocesan parishes are given an opportunity to express their interest. There promise to remain instruments for individuals to purchase. If interested, please contact David Vredenburg (463-4401, ext. 19, 664-3995, DvdVred@aol.com)

BUS TRIP, ORGAN RECITAL & DINNER AT WEST POINT

On Sunday, September 13, 2009, area organist Brian Hoffman will perform a recital on the 381 rank Moller organ at the U.S.M.A Cadet Chapel at West Point, NY. The recital is free of charge and open to the public. A package is available which includes travel by bus from Albany, a recital on the world's largest church organ, and dinner at the Thayer Hotel at West Point for \$70 per person. The deadline for reservations is June 5, 2009. For reservations and information, please contact Kathy Nolles at 456-1644 during daytime office hours. More information is available at www.brianhoffmanorganist.com