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Message From the Dean

Greetings!

When I was young, it seemed my days and weeks were absolutely endless.



Whether during the summer or the winter, it seemed to me there was always time to do one more thing, time to play one more game, time...

Of course, we all are aware that our days seem to shorten considerably with each passing year, and, we have to make daily choices as to what to accomplish and what to let pass by our attention, and, with the advent of whatever the latest electronic device is, it seems even more difficult to separate oneself from the race of time and clamor of events vying for our attention!

One event I hope you will find time for this coming month is the **December Carol Sing-A-Long, Monday December 13 @ 7:00 pm.**

Hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, 210 7th St. South, Moorhead, this event is being organized by our fantastic program committee, Carolyn Hensrud, Dawn Pappenfuss, and Sally Harmon. They have put together an wonderfully varied and interesting program that combines a broad range of carols and readings. Additionally, they have managed to secure the voices of more than **60 children**, the **MHS Carolers**, and the **BELLissimo** Handbell Choir to join us for the evening.

Now, if that isn't enough to peak your interest, then how about, as per tradition, the carols being led by members of our chapter? When you add the opportunity to support the Local Food Pantry with your monetary gifts; this becomes one of the most important musical events in the FM area of the holiday season! Mark your calendars, invite your friends and neighbors and join in the caroling!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Peggy

First Friday Luncheon

Who Everyone is Welcome!

When First Friday of the Month at Noon

Where Fryn' Pan
302 Main Ave, Fargo

Happy Holidays!



Chapter Officers

Dean: Peggy Johnson

Sub-Dean: Anna Goodin-Hayes

Secretary: Robyn Vinje

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Board Members at Large

2011: Anna Goodin-Hayes

2012: Michael Olson, Marty Baumgartner, Lance Johnson

2013: Ruth Discher

Remember to get
your content in
by the 25th of
each month!

Board Meeting Notes

November 8, 2010: The November meeting of the board was called to order by Dean Peggy Johnson at Boulger Funeral Home. Other members present were: Anna Goodin-Hayes, Ruth Discher, Ruth Strawn, Michael Olson, Lance Johnson and Robyn Vinjie.

The minutes of the October meeting were previously distributed via email by Michael Olson, secretary, pro-tem.

Under old business, we discussed the recommendation of the program committee to give Nikki Tolliver \$50 for the work she has done for the Brahms program which has been postponed from October to March. Lance Johnson moved and Michael Olson seconded, that we do this. Motion carried.

Peggy distributed the outline for the Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long from the program committee. Anna moved, seconded by Robyn, that give the following honoraria proposed:

Trinity Lutheran Church—\$100

Bellisimo—\$100

Moorhead High Carolers—\$75

Motion carried.

Peggy will talk to Carolyn Hensrud about what to do for the Trinity's children's choirs....pizza party? Money for music? She will report at the next meeting. Robyn moved, seconded by Ruth Strawn that we purchase two black and white ads in The Forum for about \$200.

Publicity for the event is being handled by Carolyn, Ruth Discher and Robyn.

Ushers will be Michael, Sonja Carlson, Peggy and possibly Anna.

Under new business, Michael reported on the available dates and fees for recitalists Christopher Houlihan and Chelsea Chen. Chris is available for several dates in September and October 2011. His fee is \$2500 (includes airfare) plus lodging and local ground transportation. Chelsea's fee is \$2900 (includes airfare) plus three nights lodging and local ground transportation. After some discussion it was decided that we would like to have Chelsea in 2011 and Chris in 2012. Michael will check with them regarding the possibility of a master class. He will also check with the symphony, the opera company and Homecoming at the three local colleges to minimize the possibility of conflicts.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 6 at 11:30am. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME.

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn Vinje

A Season of Hope

Bring your best voice to the Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church. This special night will feature Trinity's own *Joyful Noise* and *Celebration Singers*, Peter Nygaard, the



Moorhead High School Carolers, the community handbell choir *BELLissimo*, and of course, our area organists.

This is a perfect family event with music for everyone. There is no admission. Monetary donations will be received for the Fargo/Moorhead Food Pantry. For more information, call Carolyn at 280.2189.

Keeping the PIPEDREAMS Alive

Following a motion approved by the AGO National Council, the AGO Committee on Professional Networking and Public Relations is pleased to forward the following letter from Pipedreams host and producer Michael Barone to all AGO members.

To all AGO Chapter Deans and Newsletter Editors:

Plenty remains for us all to do to celebrate and promote awareness of the King of Instruments. Please forgive the 'mass mail' format of this communication. I would like to offer a suggestion that I encourage you to share with all of your AGO chapter members.

Though we might imagine that, after 28+ years on the air, American Public Media's PIPEDREAMS is a known quantity to everyone, in reality it's not. And even though the internet offers a convenient, time-independent access point for online PIPEDREAMS listening (18,500 discrete users monthly), the largest audience by far is reached through radio broadcast transmissions (over 220,000 weekly).

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Thanks for your help!!

Michael Barone
PIPEDREAMS host/producer
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Upcoming Events

Monday, December 13, 7:00 pm

Carol Sing-A-Long, Trinity Lutheran Church,
Moorhead

Sunday, March 27, 7:00 pm

Bellabration—Fantastic Favorites! Nativity
Catholic Church, Fargo

Saturday, May 7, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Open Console, Fargo Theater
(Lunch following at a nearby restaurant)

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