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DEAN'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we begin a new year and a new decade, I'd like to draw your attention to the article on page 6 of the January issue of TAO entitled "AGO Announces New Focus Upon the Part-Time Church Musician". A good portion of the last board meeting centered around the article. We believe this initiative presents a great opportunity to learn from each others' experiences. Look for announcements.

MEMBERS' RECITAL - JAN 31, 3:00 PM - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, METUCHEN

We have quite an eclectic program planned. From Bach to Vaughan Williams to Purvis to Stokes; from Czechoslovakia to France to England and the US, we will cover the gamut. Please join us as we play some of our favorite pieces. You won't be sorry!

ROAD TRIP - Saturday April 17 am & LUNCH

Have you ever dreamed of playing your favorite Vierne or Messiaen or Langlais piece on a real French organ? You can have this opportunity on Saturday morning at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church in Plainfield. Ron Thayer, Minister of Music at CAPC has graciously agreed to guide us on a tour of the church's 4-manual Cavaille-Coll-style organ designed and built by Gilbert Adams in 2002. Full Montre, harmonic flute and reed choruses on 3 of the 4 manuals, plus mounted cornets, an echo division, two 32's all guaranteed to knock your socks off!! Many thanks to Brenda Day for making these arrangements!

If you'd like to car pool, or caravan we will meet at 9:30 at First Pres. Metuchen and go from there. Lunch will be provided by the chapter

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to two member to the chapter:

Sheldon F. Eldridge, Jr.

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Sheldon and I were classmates at Westminster many years ago. He recently left his position of Organist/Director of St. Mary's Tuxedo and returned to NJ. He had been active in the NYC chapter for many years. He is currently AVAILABLE for substituting.

Reid Masters

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Reid is another Westminster grad (BM & MM), currently Music Director at Corpus Christ Church in S. River. He is also Artistic Dir/Conductor of the NJ Chamber Singers, and Asst. Conductor of the Kinnara Ensemble.

2010 AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION July 4-8

Just a reminder - Early registration discounts are in effect thru Feb. 14. Every effort is being made to keep price increases to a minimum for all amenities, including hotel accommodations and city transportation (Metro and bus). The convention officially starts on July 4, although pre-registration will begin July 3. See details in the current issue of TAO, or go to <http://www.ago2010.org>.

SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

- John Plesniarski, janmusik@optonline.net 732-662-3357 after mid-January
- Se-Eun Lim, selim129@yahoo.com 732-317-8725 (h) 323-472-0676 (c)
- Sheldon Eldridge, sheldoneldridge@verizon.net 201 788-1898

CLASSIFIED

Piano for sale - FREE! Buyer to remove. Vintage 1970's Knabe spinet piano. Sounds beautiful when in tune. Needs some action re-work. Owner got tired of having it tuned every year. Contact Bill Kistler at home (732-494-5135).

Bill Kistler, Dean
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