

MIXTURES

THE ORGAN OF THE BINGHAMTON CHAPTER, AGO

MAY 2009



DEAN'S LETTER . . .

It is now May and and a beautiful, bright day. The flowering trees seem to be at their peak, and I sit here contemplating what to write. First and foremost is a great big "thank you" to Roberta for having brought to us Michael Luby, his impressive voice and his practical pointers. Using his "choir" voice rather than his "operatic" one, he would be a great asset to any group.

Last month I wrote lots about anticipation, and now much of what we were anticipating is about to happen. This Sunday we are privileged to attend and partake in a workshop on "Handbells in Worship." Ellie Rugg and Carolyn Blake have put in lots of thought and effort for the program, and I anticipate (there's that word again) a large turnout.

Although I wrote about it last month, do keep in mind our program on June 7 at 4 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Come prepared to show some music that strikes your fancy and that you think might be of interest to your fellow members. Remember, this is not a recital--just a fun gathering of playing informally for each other. It might be a good idea to call Bob Peterson (648-4667) to make arrangements to look at the organ.

And after about 6:30, we'll gather at the Spot Restaurant on Upper Front Street for our year-end banquet and installation of officers. Please call Laura at 722-3039 for dinner reservations by Thursday, June 4.

Enclosed with this newsletter are two extremely important pages. The first is the ballot with the slate presented in its new configuration. You will note that this year we are presenting co-deans, a trend that I have noticed in other organizations. At the last meeting the board voted to have a slate of five members-at-large to serve two-year terms. Ellie Rugg and Gloria Larson will be completing their terms and the other three will serve the first of a two-year term. Please return your ballot by May 31.

Page No. 2 -- Membership Renewal, do it now-- or by the very latest, June 30. Perhaps you would like to bring your completed material to the June 7 Annual Meeting.. That is just fine, but get it done before June 30. Stragglers make it difficult to produce the roster in a timely fashion.

I look forward to seeing you in Greene on May 17 and in Chenango Bridge on June 7. In the meantime, enjoy Spring.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Laura

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, **May 17 - 4 - 6 pm**
Handbells in Worship at First
Congregational Church, Greene NY;
reception to follow

Interested in carpooling to
Greene on May 17 for the
handbell workshop? Contact
Jean Henssler at 748-7285

Sunday, **June 7**

4 pm Music Sharing
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
River Rd., Chenango Bridge
6:30 pm Annual Dinner Meeting &
Installation of Officers
Spot Restaurant, 1062
Front St., Binghamton



JOB OPENING

Saturday, **June 13 - 9:30 am** - Board
Meeting to begin planning program
for coming year

Organist - for United Methodist
Church. Call 724-4836 for
information.

July 1-4 Region I and II Joint
Convention - Boston. More informa-
tion at www.agoboston2009.com.

First Congregational Church
Greene, NY
Handbells in Worship
(led by Ellie Rugg and Carolyn Blake)
Sunday
May 17, 2009
4-6 pm