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Pipe Organ – in a Barn!

Dayton Chapter April Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2013 – 5:30 pm

For the first time in many years our chapter will enjoy a meeting at the fascinating **Rieger's Barn**, know as "**Labarn**". We will begin about 5:30 with a carry-in dinner. It is suggested that (if possible) last names **A-G** bring desserts; **H-N** salads; **N-Z** main courses. (Complete directions follow later in this newsletter.) The evening will welcome visitors. Invite others.

The Dean's Letter:



Effie Sue
Kemerley, Dean

Any of us who have ever sung in a church choir (that's most of us, I assume) can recall the anticipation when the director passed out new music to sight read, and the thrill when a new anthem surpassed our expectations. I can still remember my first reading of Natalie Sleeth's "Joy in the Morning."

Members of our chapter were able to relive that experience at our anthem-reading program this month, hosted by **Terry Donat** in the organ loft at St. Paul's Lutheran. We read through a good dozen anthems of great variety that were moving or fun or glorious. We all came away with new titles for our church choirs or for our choir directors. We even had an audience on the church floor who joined us for a lovely reception. 'Twas another great meeting.

Seriously consider coming to **Rieger's Barn Saturday, April 6** for a delightful and highly unusual organ experience (as is the entire place!). Bring a piece from your classical organ literature, or let inspiration take you back to a favorite pop piece from your youth. I'm going to try out "Giant," from the movie soundtrack I fell in love with when I was learning piano. Potluck dinner is at 5:30. Directions are elsewhere in this newsletter.

You will be receiving a mailed ballot for new officers for AGO Dayton Chapter. Send them back to **Phyllis Warner** by the end of April. These good people will keep our chapter and its programs a worthwhile part of your musical life. Installation of the new officers will be at the Organ Academy Student Recital on May 19, at the Kettering Adventist Church.

As always, I enjoy being your Dean.

Effie Sue, Dean

Job Openings:

Please check the Chapter Web Site for latest listings

www.agodayton.org

Position: Organist / Pianist
Church: Sugar Creek Presbyterian
4417 Bigger Road
Kettering, OH 45440
Choir: Thursday evenings
Organ: Estey Pipe, 2 manuals
Kawai grand piano,
Yamaha DGX-640
electronic grand
Send resume to:
employment@sugarcreek.org

Position: Organist
Church: First Church of Christ
Scientist
Address: 105 Sawmill Rd.
Dayton, OH 45409
Choir: No Choir; a soloist.
Services: 1 at 10:30a
Organ: Hook & Hastings
Contact: Amy Houck
h; 937- 439-5300
amyhouck@woh.rr.com
Position Available January 2013

Church: St. Mary Catholic Church
Position: Organist / Director of
Worship and Music
Ministry (full time)
528 Broadway
Piqua, OH 45356
Contact: Fr. Thomas Bolte
937-773-1327
www.stmarypiqua.org

Church: The Episcopal Church of
the Ascension
Address: 2709 McGee Avenue
Middletown, OH 45044
Organ: Holtkamp, 2 manuals, 15
ranks (1928)
Services: 1 + weeknight rehearsal
Contact: The Reverend Elaine
Caldbeck
Church: 513-424-1254
Cell: 513-292-9942
Email: ecaldbeck@gmail.com
Job description available
upon request
Position: Organist/Choir
accompanist
Church: Fairview United
Methodist Church
Organ: Möller, 2 manual, 23
stops w/chimes
Contact: Barbara Wiechel, Pastor
bcwiechel@aol.com
Church: 937-274-2189 (church)
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Brief History of Labarn (from Rick Rieger)

The building was conceived and built by my father, Fred Rieger. Fred was VP of engineering for The Monarch Marking System Co. of Dayton. In 1967 Pitney Bowes purchased Monarch. Within a year of the purchase, most of the Monarch executives had left, Fred included.

Fred was an extremely skilled machinist and engineer, and wanted a big workshop to allow him to pursue those interests in his retirement. And so, Labarn was born. Fred wanted the building to look like a barn, but that's the only association with an actual barn. The building was to be situated on the side of a hill. Fred realized that he could have ground level entrance on both floors because of the hill location. Fred also wanted a place to construct a pipe organ so he could listen to the Estey punch-paper player rolls he inherited from his grandfather.

Construction began in 1969 and was mostly completed that year. During the early 70s Fred outfitted the building with tools and equipment. He also hired a master organ builder (**Julian Bully**) and began work on the pipe organ. Labarn's pipe organ was constructed of parts from 16 dismantled pipe organs. Many churches and some theaters were getting rid of their organs at that time. Fred got many of the organ pipes for free, which otherwise were probably headed for the dump.

In the mid 70s Fred and his wife Kay began renting the facility. This went on for about ten years, until Fred was informed that his homeowner's policy wouldn't cover claims. Also, the frequent use of the facility created wear and tear and required Fred and Kay to be there during the events. Beginning in 1985, Fred restricted the use of Labarn to family, friends, certain groups (like old car clubs), and charities. He stopped charging rent. We have maintained this policy to the present day.

The origination of the name **Labarn** is interesting. During the building's construction, Fred and Kay were taking French lessons. "La barn" (or more correctly "le barn") came out of that. Also, Fred had a "company" Rieger Labs. It was not a real business, but he did occasionally do some work for people. "Lab barn" came out of that. Later, "La barn" and "Lab barn" were shortened to **Labarn**.

Directions to Labarn:

Directions from Dayton/Centerville

Follow Spring Valley Pike/Centerville Road east to US Rt. 42.
Turn right (southwest) onto US Rt. 42 for approx 1.4 mile.
Turn left (east) onto Roxanna New Burlington Road, and proceed 0.9 miles to Houston Road.
Turn left (northeast) on Houston Road approx 0.7 miles to driveway on the left.
Turn right on driveway at 3395 Houston Road.

Directions from the North

Follow US Rt. 42 south to W. Spring Valley Paintersville Road.
Turn left on W. Spring Valley Paintersville Road (at flashing light after Rt. 42 goes from a 4-lane road to a 2-lane road).
Proceed 0.5 miles southeast on W. Spring Valley Paintersville Road to Cornstalk Road.
Turn right (south) on Cornstalk Road for 0.8 mile to Houston Road.
Turn right (southwest) on Houston Road for 0.9 mi.
Turn right on driveway at 3395 Houston Road.

Directions from the South

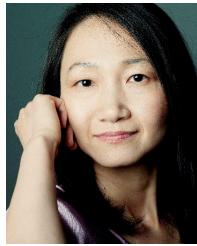
Follow US Rt. 42 north past Waynesville to Roxanna New Burlington Road.
Turn right (east) onto Roxanna New Burlington Road, and proceed 0.9 miles to Houston Road.
Turn left (northeast) on Houston Road approx 0.7 miles to driveway on the left.
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Church: Southminster
Presbyterian Church a
500 member
congregation
7001 Far Hills Avenue
Dayton, OH 45459

Position: Director of Music
Ministries (This is not an
organist position)

Contact: Eric Pasanchin Pastor /
Head of Staff
937-433-1810

Within our Chapter



Chapter member and past Dean **Yun Kyong Kim** is playing an organ concert **Friday May 3** 12 noon to 1 pm at First United Methodist Church, 120 S. Broad Street Middletown, OH 454044 as part of their **First Friday @ First Methodist Concert Series**. It is a free concert. The church is handicapped accessible. Questions: please contact **Mary Ellen Clinard**. First United Methodist Church. Middletown, OH 513-423-4629.

Some good news: The ballot is now complete! **Carol Horn** has agreed to fill the remainder of **Joan Crafton's** term as a board member of the 2015 class. Carol has previously served on the board. The slate of board members for the term ending in 2016 are **Trudy Faber, Effie Sue Kemerley** and **W. James Owen**.

***Watch for your ballot in
the mail soon!***



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