

A Letter From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Our program of music by composer Larry Visser was very mesmerizing I thought. From the very mystical sounds of the Paraphrases on Four Gregorian Themes of which our new member Jerry Jelsema played two, to the delightful pieces from the Biblical Sonata, The Creation, played by Hope College student Bethany Dame, to the highly creative Plague selections from the Biblical Sonata, Exodus, which Rick Van Oss treated us to, I was totally impressed with Larry's compositions. And then came the seven sections of Canonic Variations on Slane, which Rhonda skillfully played. This was followed by Four Chorale Preludes on Lobe den Herren (Homage to J.S. Bach) played by Larry himself. What an exhilarating finish to the program. The evening was rounded out by a major spread of treats prepared by Linda Fulton, including cupcakes in honor of J.S. Bach's 337th birthday. Thank you to Linda for her wonderful culinary efforts!

If you had to miss this evening, and wish to have a copy of the program and the published works by Larry Visser, contact Aaron Goodyke. We left some at Second Reformed with him.

We were so pleased to have Ruth Baker back with us from South Haven and Sandy Edewaard who was a member for many years until her recent retirement.

It was nice to get acquainted with Bryan Westra who attended the Larry Visser program. He has since joined our chapter. Bryan has a degree in electrical engineering design from Grand Valley State University, so that is his day job. He plays the organ at Southwest Protestant Reformed Church in Wyoming, where he grew up. Welcome, Bryan!

Another new member, Stephen Rumsler, is filling the position left by Steve Jenkins, at Grace Episcopal. His hometown is Mason, Michigan and he currently lives in Douglas, where he formerly played at St. Peter's Catholic Church. He has a degree in piano performance from Aquinas College. He also studied organ there with Larry Bisser. His inspiration to play the organ came from hearing Jonathon Tuuk perform. He also currently serves as an accompanist at Hope College. His hobbies include collecting vintage glassware and vinyls.

It is very heartwarming to have eight new members this year, many of whom qualified for the Young Organist guest membership.

Concerning the April meeting, there is going to be a postponement until fall due to a conflict with the Holland Symphony. The program was to be "organ pieces with instruments." Many of the performers were involved in a rehearsal the night of our meeting, which was sandwiched between Easter and the Tulip Festival. So changing the date did not seem like an option. Jane Bosko and Rhonda Edgington will continue to be in charge of that meeting.

So our next event will be the picnic on June 20 at the home of Judy Koeman, 5792 136th Avenue, Hamilton. Those of you who have been there, please offer some of the newer people rides. Fill up

your car. There is no sense in all of us driving. Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share with us. The time is 6:00 p.m.

I have received an announcement of a position for a part-time organist at the United Methodist Church in Grandville. Their organ is a three manual Moller. They are looking for someone to play one Sunday a month, plus three special occasions a year, including Christmas Eve. There is no choir. The pay is \$200 per service. The contact person is Keith Applebach at 616-299-1495 or kwap@outlook.com.

This is the time of year when nominations are in order for the coming year. Rhonda Edgington is the chair of the nominating committee. If you have any thoughts of wanting to serve on the board, please contact her at 616-422-5840.

Maybe by the time you receive this, the snowflakes will be gone, and the signs of spring will be evident. We are all ready for the change of seasons! May you find challenge and inspiration in the music of the Easter season.

With many WARM WISHES,

Julia Colingsworth,

Holland AGO Dean

| 2021-2022 Calendar | | |
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| Fri, Apr 22, 7:00 p.m. | Kelli Trudeau's Student Recital | Hope College Jack Miller Center Concert Hall |
| Sat Apr 23, 2.00 p.m. | Timothy Neuchta's Student Recital | Hope College Jack Miller Center Concert Hall |
| Mon Jun 20, 6:00 p.m. | Annual members picnic | Judy Koeman's house, 5792 136 th Ave., Hamilton |

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