

A Letter From the Dean

Dear Friends and Colleagues of Holland AGO,

Summer, glorious summer has arrived, and with it the Pillar Church organ recitals at 12:15 to 12:45 on Wednesdays, between now and July 27th. I attended the first one last week and heard Caron Farmer, our outgoing Regional Councillor of the Great Lakes Region. Especially delightful were a piece she commissioned by Stephen Paulus, *A Refined Reflection*, and Rachel Laurin's *Flight of the Hummingbird*. I encourage you to take advantage of these free recitals.

It is heart-warming to know that organ recitals are gaining in popularity. Rhonda's recital during Tulip Time was a sell out.

Please plan now to attend our end of the year picnic at the home of member Judy Koeman on June 20 at 6 p.m. The address is 5792 136th Ave., Hamilton. Please bring your own table service and a generous dish to pass. We appreciate your generosity, Judy. This group has put on some pretty tasty meals, and I'm sure this will be no exception. We will be voting on officers for next year. Aaron Goodyk is willing to replace Linda Fulton, who would like to have a rest. All others are willing to plow ahead. If there are any further nominations, contact Rhonda Edgington or Jane Bosko.

It was unfortunate that due to scheduling conflicts we were unable to have the April meeting. It will be on the docket for fall. In the meantime, our new member Jerry Belsema from South Haven is trying to arrange for us a special session to hear the carillon at Allendale, on which he performs. That would be sometime this summer and is still in the works. Stay tuned.

The last I knew, there was a job opening at All Saints Episcopal Church in Saugatuck for the 10:15 Sunday service. If you are interested, the contact person is Sally Rietveld at office@allsaintssaugatuck.org or call 269-857-5201.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

With warm wishes,

Julia Colingsworth, Dean
Holland AGO

Update on Summer Organ Event (SOE)

After a few very busy weeks we got started with lessons on June 6th. Towards the end of enrollment we had eight students, a new record. Then we got three more, all with superb piano experience: I could not let them go! So, we created a second "chapter" in Holland MI for the three students from that area, along with the eight from Grand Rapids/Kent County. The Grand Rapids instructors are Norma de Waal Malefyt, Chan Jang, and Matthew Jakubisin; the two instructors for Holland are Rhonda Edgington and Elizabeth West, who both teach organ, one at Calvin, the other at Hope, respectively, as well as having extensive organ performance credentials. Five instructors, eleven students. What a

year!

We will have two recitals, **one on June 21 at 7 PM at First Reformed Church on State Street for Holland students**, and one on June 30th at 1:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Andrews for the Grand Rapids students. That's a lot of fun and pride for the parents, and a lot of work for everyone else involved. We encourage our AGO friends to attend and help cheer these young organists on their way! There will be light refreshments served afterwards.

Additionally, it is our goal to choose one (or maybe two, since there are now two teaching centers!) student(s) who would benefit from continuing lessons. We have a small scholarship fund established just for this. We've done this twice in the past, with great success, and I hope we can make this a yearly tradition.

Hope to see you there!

Bob Houskamp

Think your Keyboard Instrument is Loud?

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, Children of all ages,

The merriest, magical moments of musical melody are coming to the Circus Hall of Fame in Peru, Indiana on Friday June 17th and Saturday June 18th.

This is a once in a lifetime experience for the entire family as there will be bounce houses for the children, the soothing sweet sounds of Band Organs, street organs, grinder organs and even a musical instrument made from a huge chunk of Granite.

There will be the airblasting sounds of the American made air calliopes being played by hand and being operated by player rolls. The Peru Circus Festival Band will be giving a live concert on Saturday at 11 am on top of the former Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Bandstand wagon. Music hasn't been played on this wagon since 1956.

The biggest part of this amazing event will be the screeching cacophony of the American made Steam Calliope. Not just one but four of them will all be in the same place at the same time. You will never have the opportunity to see this anywhere in the world. The Riverboat the DELTA QUEEN will have their magnificent whistles here along with the Indiana University Steam Calliope, the Circus City Festival's Gentry Bros. Steam Calliope and the recently rebuilt Morecraft Family Steam Calliope.

Make your plans to come to Peru, IN. on June 17th and June 18th for the event of a lifetime. Rooms are being booked in Peru, Kokomo and Logansport already.

Food will be available all day. The Circus Hall of Fame Museum will be open for tours and of course the Gift Shop will be open as well.

Get your tickets ahead of time on the Circus Hall of Fame website at [Circus Calliope and Mechanical Music Festival | International Circus Hall of Fame](#)

We Hope to see you there. This will be a huge event. Come and stay for the day.

2021-2022 Calendar		
Mon Jun 20, 6:00 p.m.	Annual members picnic	Judy Koeman's house, 5792 136 th Ave., Hamilton

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