
HOLLAND A.G.O. NEWS

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A Letter From the Dean

Dear AGO Colleagues,

Our January meeting is coming right up, so I am sending this now. Please put it on your calendar. On Monday, January 8, 6:15 p.m., we will gather at the home of Linda Fulton, 957 Songbird Lane in Holland, 49423. Linda will prepare two kinds of soup. If anyone wants to bring another soup, that is fine, she says. Other sides are welcome...salad, breads, or desserts. This celebration of Epiphany has become a tradition. Linda needs a head count of course, so please let her know if you are coming (linda946@frontier.com) and what you are bringing. This will be a relaxed evening to sit and gab.

A happy announcement: Audrey and Michael Gorman had a baby boy, Dominic, somewhat early, on November 19. He weighed in at 4 1/2 pounds. Amazingly he was allowed to go right home from the hospital. He is now a month old and has gained a pound. Congratulations to the new parents! Audrey is the Director of Sacred Music at Our Lady of the Lake, R.C.C. in Holland.

At the same time, it is good to know that Alex Cross has recovered from a fairly serious episode in November which took him to the hospital. We are thankful that you got the care you needed and at the right time, Alex.

On December 4, you should have received a notice about the fact that the national office wants us to obtain permission to print personal information in the membership directory. At the last count there were still about half of you who had not responded. I have contacted you. At some point we will go ahead and publish the directory with information from whoever has responded. (See note and link below, ed.)

It is not too early to start thinking what you would like to play for the membership recital on Monday, February 5 at Second Reformed in Zeeland. Aaron Goodyke is organizing this, so speak to him if you would like to play. The emphasis is on newer service music for Lent and Easter.

Speaking of Aaron, thanks are in order for his part in organizing our last meeting at Pillar Church. The Holland Bach Society gave a wonderful concert following a Q and A session by the director, Scott Vandenberg. We had quite a number of members present and we were able to enjoy fellowship between the Q and A and the program.

Your board members wish you a meaningful Christmas season and a Happy New Year. We hope to see you at the Soup Supper.

Cordially,

Julia Colingsworth

Membership Directory Permissions

I know this is a busy time, but we need for you folks to respond to this ONCARD form ASAP. This is so we can put together this year's membership list. The deadline is long past, but I didn't want you all to be left out of the directory. Per AGO guidance if you want your information printed you must "Opt In" by supplying the information in this link:

<https://forms.gle/RqcHKBGXZnU8ajuh8>

Julia

2023-2024 Calendar		
Jan 8, 6:15 p.m.	Epiphany Party	Linda Fulton's house, 957 Songbird Lane, Holland
Feb 5, 7:30 p.m.	Members' Recital featuring new service music	Second Reformed Church, Zeeland
Mar 11	Virtual Home Pipe Organs	Sander Owens' Home
Apr 15	Introducing and Playing New Hymns	Location TBA
May 13	Workshop with guest composer Michael Burkhardt	Location TBA
Jun 17 (tentative)	Annual potluck picnic	Location TBA

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