

From The Dean



By Glenn May and Charles Faverio, Jr.

Those of us who attended the recent Annual Meeting and Chapter Picnic will long remember the Evening Song presentation that commenced the activities at the Lutheran Church in Red Bank.

Designed by our host Peter Isherwood with many Sacred Hymns and recited words taken mainly from the Book of Common Prayer, the Service was enchanting, and set the stage for our Chaplain, Rev. Jane Price, to administer the rite of Installation of Officers. This was chosen from the Fourth Installation Version suggested by National, more spiritual than the others. Every elected Chapter Officer was present: Ken Clayton, Deputy Dean; Marilyn Brace, Secretary; David Timidaiski, Treasurer and Registrar; and Glenn May and Charles Faverio,

Co-Deans. Some newly elected members of the Executive Committee were also installed, and

more will be said about them and Chapter Bylaws in the near future. We are very grateful to Peter and the Pastor of the Church for this splendid setting.

The Annual Meeting was well attended and high in spirits, helped along by a sumptuous pot luck dinner.

The members expressed its gratitude for the work done by Steven Russell as Editor of the Fanfare for so many years. His increasing work and fame as a Choral Director have led him to other work. He will continue as Organist at St. Thomas More Church. Shirley Norby chose for him as our Chapter's tribute an AGO pin and credit at his favorite Restaurant. We send him our thanks and very best wishes.

The plans for the next Academic year's monthly presentations were discussed with vigor and captivating ideas. The close to final decisions included a study and sharing of Sacred Hymns,

a Clergy and Musicians Banquet, the Members Recital, an Epiphany Party, a Bus Ride to St. Thomas Church in New York City for Evening Song, and the Stammtisch, which in German means a "regular get-together." An intense discussion centered on the idea of sponsoring a nationally known organist, and also the value of instruction by our Chapter members.

We remembered as an example the superb lecture on Improvisation in this past year by William Todt, as well as the movie filmed to celebrate the Year of the Organ, brought to us by John Stokes.

With the recent heat wave, we accepted the summer had arrived. Many of us have turned to gardening and relish many plants, including the bright yellow of the Yarrow, the blue of the Lavender (with its classic fragrance), the reds and whites of roses and peonies, and the bright multicolored flowers of Impatiens.

Summer also brought to us the AGO National Convention in Washington, D.C. If you attended, would you let us or the Editor of the Fanfares know.

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This issue of the Fanfare introduces a new Editor, Mimi Mansky. She has poured many ideas and much effort into the work of preparation, and would welcome hearing from you. Send your ideas, you own plans for the coming year, any musical presentation by you or persons you know, and what your work entails. We all share an interest in our Chapter members and their lives and careers.

You have our warm best wishes, but perhaps during this warm season we should instead say, in today's fashion, stay COOL!

