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## Dean's Message



Bravo to Michael Joseph, our new Cypher editor, on his great first edition!

Our trip to Spain was good, except for poor weather, mostly in the 30's, cloudy, snowy, rainy, and no sun except for the day we left!!! We enjoyed their Christmas custom of celebrating King's Day with our grandson: January 5 in the evening the 3 Kings arrive at the village on horseback preceded by torch-bearing pages.

At the Community center, each child had a chance to sit on a King's lap and tell what they wanted. The next morning there were gifts at the fireplace, followed by breakfast of roscon (a large oval sweet bread into which 3 little kings were baked),

plus hot chocolate. No organs this time, but two other musical events: an orchestral concert by a large Romanian symphony playing lots of Strauss waltzes. It was fun watching the soprano soloist as she changed her dress for each selection!

And another choice, a chamber concert string quartet and another, harpsichord, soprano with a program of Vivaldi, Corelli, and Pergolesi. This was held in a small Romanesque church now converted into an intimate concert hall—the plaque on the wall was dated 1470!

We returned in time to attend January 10 meeting, Celeste Hemingson's workshop, which I had been looking forward for many months. I was devastated to be struck down by the flu. Recovery has been slow; I even had to postpone the executive committee meeting. Now well on the way to feeling my best I look forward to seeing many of you at our February 7 meeting.

In the meantime, *Happy New Year to all—*

*Liz Black*

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## "FEBRUARY PROGRAM TO FEATURE LECTURE/ DEMONSTRATION ON "THE ANATOMY OF A MELODY" BY ORGANIST PAUL BORDELEAU

### On Sunday, February 7, 2010, 4pm

at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Manchester, NH, members and guests (public invited-free) will hear musical improvisations by Paul Bordeleau, assisted by pianist Jan Bordeleau.

Guild members, if they wish, may bring appetizers or desserts for a brief concluding social time at the church.

**ANATOMY OF A MELODY**, recently featured on BC Cable TV, is an entertaining presentation according to the four aspects of a melody - Tonal, Rhythmical, Formal and Emotional. All definitions and characteristics are introduced with musical examples.

PAUL BORDELEAU, longtime NHAGO member and well-known area performer, is Director of Bordeleau Keyboard Studios, Bedford, NH.

**DIRECTIONS** to St. Catherine of Siena Church, 207 Hemlock St., (corner of Webster St.) Manchester, NH

### FROM SOUTH-

- **Take 93 North toward Manchester**
- After passing Exit 5, bear left onto 293 North toward Concord
- Turn right onto Exit 6 and bear right onto Amoskeag St. past the Amoskeag Inn/Hart's Restaurant
- \*- Proceed over the Amoskeag Bridge in the left lane toward Rte. 3 North
- Turn left at the traffic light onto Elm St.
- Turn right at the next traffic light onto Webster St.

- Proceed in the right lane on Webster St. past the 5th traffic light (Maple St.)
- Church is 2 blocks ahead on the right at corner of Hemlock & Webster

### FROM NORTH-

- **Take 293 South into Manchester**
- area
- Take Exit 6 toward the Amoskeag Bridge
- Proceed in the left lane toward Rte. 3 Business District
- \*- Proceed as above

### FROM EAST-

- **Take 101 West toward Manchester**
- After passing Exit 1, proceed in the left lane at fork onto 293
- turn right onto Exit 6 and bear right onto Amoskeag St. past the Amoskeag Inn
- \*- Proceed as above

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MVAGO MINI-CONVENTION, Sat., Feb. 27, 2010 at First Calvary Baptist Church, North Andover, Ma. 8:30 AM - 3:15 PM, half or full day - \$32/\$48 incl. lunch. *PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED* - please contact Barbara Owen (978-465-2068; owenbar@juno.com) or Ruth Bowers (978-922-8137; RuthBowers@comcast.net).

## POE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

This year's Region I Pipe Organ Encounter is being hosted by the Greater Bridgeport Chapter and will be held at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield Connecticut, June 27 - July 2.

Each year, the New Hampshire Chapter awards financial assistance to one or two NH students wishing to attend a Pipe Organ Encounter. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of an audition. Further information and an application form will be included in the March issue of "The Cypher."

Gifts to the Scholarship Fund are always welcome and most appreciated. If you would like to make a (tax-deductible!) contribution, your check, payable to NHAGO ("Scholarship Fund" on the memo line), can be sent to Charles Blood, 188 Pickering Street, Manchester, NH 03104. Thank you for your support!

## Positions Available

*No new listings at this time*

*The Cypher*  
*NH Chapter, American Guild of*  
*Organists*  
*156 Little Pond Rd.*  
*Concord, NH 03301*

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**Positions Open Nearby**

**Courtesy of the Fairfield West Chapter**

**FREE !!!** - 300 copies of the Pilgrim Hymnal – looking for a good home. Contact Scott Turkington at [sturkington@optonline.net](mailto:sturkington@optonline.net)

**OPEN POSITION**

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Westport is seeking a full-time organist for Sunday services (10:00 a.m.) and Wednesday evenings (7:30 p.m.). Sunday services include prelude, three hymns, solo, offertory and postlude. Wednesdays prelude, three hymns, postlude. Salary is negotiable. We also need substitutes if you are interested in playing but can not commit to a full-time position. Please contact Jennifer Foster at [j.m.foster@att.net](mailto:j.m.foster@att.net) or 203-226-0673.

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