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SPAGHETTI DINNER

Welcome to the first event of 2012-13, the Annual Spaghetti Dinner! Believe it or not, when I looked back through old newsletters I discovered that the first one took place in 1990. Yes, this is the 23rd time Mama Boutini has spearheaded this event! There will be one change this year, and that relates to the anthem reading, not the dinner. At the suggestion of some of our members, the anthem reading will be conducted by several of our members instead of inviting a music store to bring music. In June I approached Ron Dossenbach,

Brian Sweetman, Margita Lange, Linda Shepley and Heather Cohen to look through their libraries and select some recent anthems which they have enjoyed using with their choirs. On September 30th we will find out what they have come up with. As a special treat, Dale Burkholder and the choir of Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church will also present a short program of their favourite new anthems. The anthem reading begins at 3:30 in the sanctuary at Riverside United Church. For the rest of the details please refer to the enclosed flyer.

Sadly, I must announce that this will

be my last year to serve as Mama Boutini. I love doing this event and I enjoy observing the enjoyment experienced by those in attendance. However, I have reached the point where my back pain is such that I simply cannot continue. It is my hope that someone will step forward to fill my shoes. I would be willing to help in any way I can, including making the spaghetti sauce, so if there is anyone interested in taking over please let me know.

Judy Boutin,

alias Mama Boutini

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Excitement and anticipation all generated by lots of ideas—this was the atmosphere at the first meeting of your executive this past week. It all promises a year which should energize us all in our respective choir and organ lofts.

As we eagerly await the opening of the refurbished organ at Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville on September 23, I am heartened by the activity among area churches in placing the organ at the forefront of their congregation's musical life. It made me think back to January and our panel discussion on changing ideals in church music. The panelists agreed then that the organ has an enduring function as an aid to worship. Harrow United Church and Bedford United Church have all benefited from the leadership of their organist-choir directors

and their congregations in spearheading the commitment to engender new sounds from their organs. And more may be in the works.

A major choral workshop in February with one of Canada's rising stars in the conducting field is in initial planning stages. We have agreed to sponsor this event, for Sunday February 3. Beginning planning is under way for another organ crawl, this time in Chatham in the spring. Getting to know our Chatham colleagues and exploring some fine organs there have stirred enthusiasm already in both centres.

As part of my function as Travelling Clinician this coming year, I will be offering a workshop on basic pedaling and registration on Saturday, December 1.

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Anthem Reading Workshop is al-



ways a highlight of our year, and gets us off to a good start, professionally and especially socially. It takes place Sunday, September 30 at Riverside United Church. Special thanks go to Judy Boutin and Margita Lange for their organizational work. Please find more information on this occasion on the front page.

I can't wait! It's going to be a stimulating season. See you on September 30.

Best wishes for a productive year,

David Palmer

PEDALLING AND BASIC REGISTRATION WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 1 WORKSHOP by David Palmer Harrow United Church

10 am - 12 noon (registration at 9:30)

Tips for Pedalling and Registration at the organ.

Hands working OK, but not the feet? How can I get the most out the stops I have?

We will look at techniques and exercises on coordinating feet with hands, developing posture and adapting hymn accompaniments for pedals.

Under registration, we will review categories of pipes and basics of registration.

RCCO Members: free Non-members: \$10

- 1. Sunday September 30th 2012 Spaghetti Dinner at Riverside United Church, Glidden St. Windsor– see flyer for more details.
- 2. Saturday November 3rd—Pipe Organ Encounter at Church of the Epiphany Kingsville For more details see "Epiphany's Pipes" page 5
- 3. Saturday December 1st. Tips on pedaling and Basic registration workshop by David Palmer at Harrow United Church registration 9:30, workshop 10am-noon.
- 4. Sunday February 3rd. Choral workshop with Dr. Julia Davids more details next issue.
- 5. Organ crawl in Chatham in March

<u>UPCOMING EVENT</u> <u>WELSH TENOR CONCERT</u> IN AMHERSTBURG

Back by popular demand- there will be a concert with Welsh tenor Gwyndaf Jones on Sundat October 28th at 7:30 pm.at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 129 Simcoe St. in Amherstburg as a choir fundraiser. Alde Calongcagong will be the accompanist and his daughter Emily will play the flute as well. This will be a great evening of varied music including classical, broadway, Welsh folk songs, popular sacred and secular selections—just a great evening's entertainment. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Please phone church office at 519-736-4972 or Nancy Tapley at 519-736-8452 for tickets.

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EPIPHANY'S PIPES

Further to the report in the last issue of Quarter Notes, work on the refurbishment and upgrading of the organ at the Church of the Epiphany (96 Main Street West) in Kingsville is nearing completion. A Facebook page has been created with pictures of the various phases of work. It can be viewed at: https://www.facebook.com/#!/EpiphanysPipes



A number of events have been scheduled to commemorate the upgraded organ.

Organ Rededication Service – Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. as part of the church's morning worship service.

Inaugural Recital – Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. with guest performer Angus Sinclair, first Affiliate Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. He will be performing, amongst other works, Marche Héroique by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, Menuet Gothique and Prière a Notre-Dame (from Suite Gothique) by Leon Boëllmann. A freewill offering will be received.

Pipe Organ Encounter – "Pipes, Pedals and Pizza" – Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. An interactive and hands-on exploration of the pipe organ, how it works and what sounds it makes for young people ages 10 to 17. A pizza lunch will be served after the workshop. This event is sponsored jointly by the Church of the Epiphany and the RCCO Windsor Centre. Pre-registration is recommended. (see below)

Christmas Open House – Saturday, November 17, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 18, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The church sanctuary will be decorated and local RCCO organists will be playing Christmas music and carols throughout both days. This is an opportunity for the public to visit the church and hear the organ. The event is in conjunction with the annual Kingsville Christmas House Tour. Watch for details of the Kingsville Christmas House Tour in local newspapers.

For registration to the Pipe Organ Encounter or for more information about any of these events, contact Paul Wharram at 519-712-8972 or Jane Ann Callow at 519-733-3975.