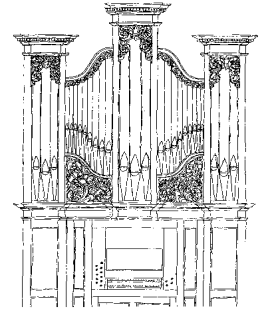


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QUARTER NOTES

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President's Message

I would like to extend my appreciation to all of you who participated in the Windsor-Essex RCCO Centre Annual General Meeting, Dinner and Service of Evening Prayer on June 5 in Kingsville. With attendance at the service well over 50 people, with 44 who stayed for the dinner and 28 people present for the business meeting, we should all be proud of the level of engagement of our membership, friends and supporters as indeed we can be proud of the activities and programs we offered over the last year.

I'd like to reiterate some of what I said in my comments to the AGM. We are not a big centre in terms of membership, but there is no doubt that we have made significant impact carrying out the RCCO Mission in Windsor and Essex County. Here are some figures and data not included in the annual report, which is representative of the quality and magnitude of our work.

Last year, we registered close to 250 participants in our various programs and activities – members, friends, families and the public at large.

Our executive committee met formally

9 times accumulating over 25 hours in meeting time, which does not include the individual time given to writing minutes, reports, preparing financial statements, doing correspondence, updating the website, giving advice to churches about their instruments and music programs as well as hosting or volunteering at events and activities.

We produced 62 pages of high quality newsletters in quarterly editions.

Our telephone committee made over 175 individual phone calls.

Our organ teachers gave over 100 hours of instruction to our students including the time volunteered for the master class and the auditioning process.

Our students, based on an average of practicing 3 – 4 hours a week, I am sure have devoted over 1,000 hours in individual practice time on the organ.

We sponsored a student in the London Organ Student Academy. We sponsored a candidate for the Joanne Quimby Bursary.



Paul Wharram

We raised over \$500 in offerings and the sale of slightly used music at our college recital and in the last year have received over \$3,500 in other donations and grants.

I think you will agree with me that we have a lot to be proud of and that we are indeed a viable, strong and active RCCO Centre.

I want to express my ap-

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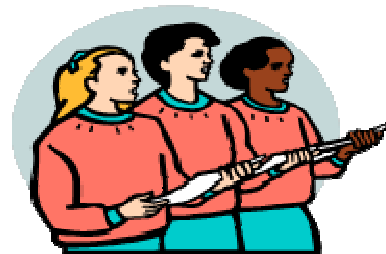
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Upcoming Event

*September 27, Spaghetti Din-
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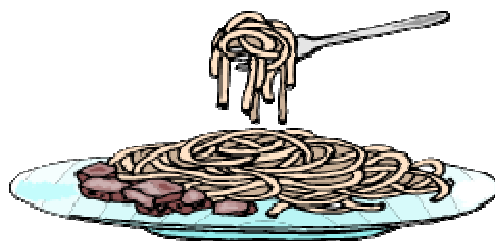
We will have the chance to play and lis-
ten to the newest organ in our Sunday,
September 27 – 3:30 pm



Workshop: Anthems that Work

Facilitated by Nancy Tapley and Paul Wharram

and the 24th Annual Spaghetti
Dinner



The workshop will also include
a glimpse at Church Choir Re-
sources available on the Inter-
net.

Renewal time

Submitted by: David Palmer, Membership Chair

It's that time again! Although we have just
passed the deadline for renewal of RCCO
membership, it's not too late to send in your
dues.



Online is the easiest way:

- ♫ go to www.rcco.ca
- ♫ enter your user name and password
- ♫ click on "Renew Your Membership".

Centre Friends, you can renew now by sending in your cheque for \$30
to Ben Schinkel, 103 Kimball Drive, Essex, ON N8M 0B7.

Thanks, everyone--renew now and let's continue the wonderful pro-
gramming that builds our centre.

Upcoming Event

October 31, *Voice for life Workshop*
10:00 am – 12:30 pm, Harrow United Church,
45 Munger, Ave. E., Harrow, ON

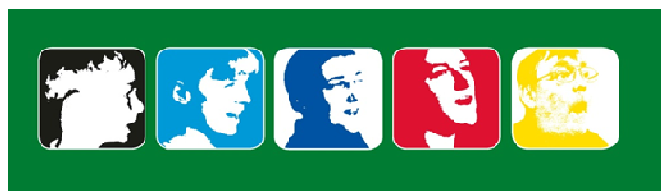
An in-depth and practical look at the Voice for Life program for singers and choristers from the Royal School of Church Music facilitated by William Lupton, Chair of the RSCM Canada Niagara-Huron Branch. The Voice for Life program exists to support and promote singing in churches, schools and other communities. It provides a range of training materials, repertoire, courses and tips on training choirs that will enable you to encourage and develop a singing culture in your community; whether a church, school or in the wider community. The 'train-the-trainer' approach is suitable for choir directors, choral section leads, choir assistants and mentors.

Workshop Outline

- ♪ Introduction to Voice for Life
- ♪ Explanation of levels
- ♪ Level One – application
- ♪ Use in Choral Warm-ups
- ♪ Use with Children / with Adults
- ♪ Other Resources
- ♪ Guide to Musicianship
- ♪ Choir Trainer's Guide

Registration for this event is required in advance by October 5th to ensure that materials are on hand and available for you to take home. There is a \$10.00 non-refundable registration fee.

For those interested, a BYOL (buy your own lunch) will follow at Oxley Estate Winery in Colchester (only 10 minutes from Harrow).

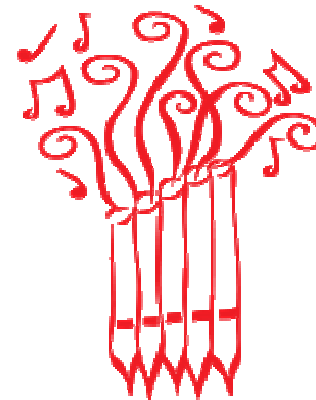


The next RCCO

Convention...

Winnipeg Organ Festival July 4 - 9, 2015

- ♪ Organ and Saxophone Recital
- ♪ Bach and Poetry
- ♪ Shawn Potter recital – 2013 RCCO Organ Competition winner
- ♪ Choral Concert featuring Canzone
- ♪ Visit to the new Canadian Museum of Human Rights
- ♪ Gala Concert with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (works of Dupré, Vierne and Poulenc)



There is still time to register:

<http://winnipegorganfestival.ca>

Upcoming Events

Here are the events we are looking at for 2015-2016. As you see the dates, location, and details are yet to be determined.

- ♪ December—A Christmas Concert
- ♪ February—A social event
- ♪ March—Pedals, Pipes and Pizza
- ♪ April—A workshop of using the Psalms during worship
- ♪ May—Organ Crawl
- ♪ June—Our Annual General Meeting in Windsor

Upcoming Events

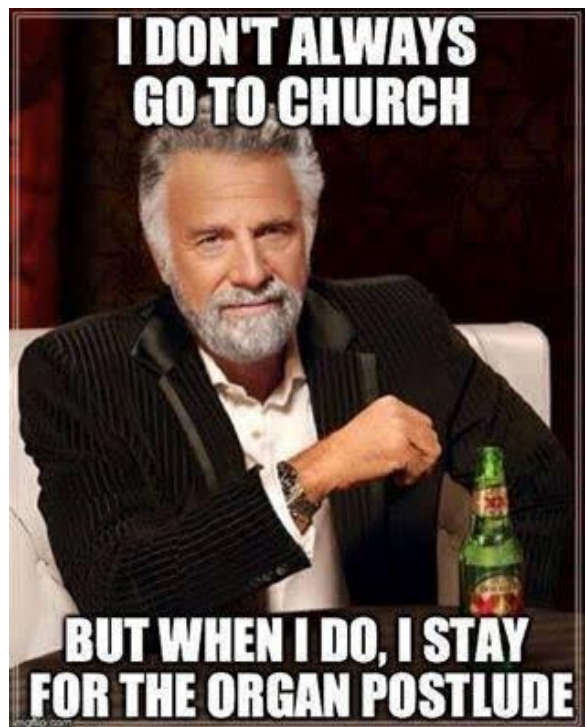
Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday November 29, 7:00 PM, Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church will present their annual Lessons and Carols. Freewill offering and dessert reception to follow

Christmas with the County Classic Chorale

A Choral Christmas Card, Saturday November 28 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, November 29 at 3:00 pm. Venue to be confirmed. For more details see www.countyclassicchorale.com

Your event can go here—contact Dale Burkholder at gangalf@live.com with the event details. Our next deadline is Septem-



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preciation to all of you, members and friends alike, for your enthusiastic engagement in our programs, for your personal commitment and contribution to work of the Windsor-Essex Centre. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our executive committee members: Heather, Ben, Dale, Ron, David, Judy, Nancy and Jane Ann. Thank you.

A special thanks goes to Jane Ann Callow who is retiring from the executive committee this year. She has been a hard-working, committed member of the committee for a number of years, serving as our secretary for most of her time on the committee. In spite of a couple of surgeries in the last little while, she persevered attending meetings and helping out whenever and wherever she has been able.

In this newsletter, you will read about some of our program plans for 2015-16 and we hope that everyone will participate fully. The executive committee agreed upon three objectives to guide our planning:

- ♫ To build our RCCO community – through education and skills development workshops
- ♫ To profile the organ – growing the appreciation of the instrument, and
- ♫ To draw the circle wider – expanding our membership and attracting young people.

Two additional themes will overlap these objectives:

- ♫ Collaborating with the Chatham Centre – jointly organizing and co-sponsoring events
- ♫ Strengthening relationships with our partners: Canterbury ElderCollege and the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM)

I hope you will enjoy this edition of Quarter Notes. Stay safe and healthy this summer and I look forward to seeing you all at our first event in the fall – the ever delicious spaghetti dinner and anthem reading – September 27.

Paul Wharram, President of Windsor-Essex Centre RCCO

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Submitted by Dale Burkholder, webmaster

One of the most popular pages on our website highlights the organs in Windsor and Essex County. Unfortunately we only have 4 organs listed. By my count there are at least 23 other organs that aren't listed. My summer project is to add more organs to the list.

I will be contacting you to arrange a visit. This visit will take about 2 hours where I will be asking about the history of the organ, taking pictures, and (hopefully) making a short recording of the organ.

This is a great opportunity for your church and organ to be highlighted at no cost or obligation to you.

Update on Scholarship

Programme for 2014-15

Submitted by: Judy Boutin, Scholarship Programme Coordinator

The Scholarship Programme promises to be active again in the coming year.

To begin with, we have four new students, two young enthusiastic teenagers, Catherine Andary and Felicity Cincurak and two mature students, Rachael Watson and Alex Leigh. The four have in common their eagerness to learn.

Continuing from last year as second-year students we have Ashley Allen, the musician at the Christian Reformed Church in Essex, and Josh Palmer, who is active in the music programme at Campbell Baptist Church in Windsor. Ashley wants to improve her playing and build up her repertoire and Josh is eager to improve his hymn-playing through improvisation.

As third-year students we have Jonathan Kaberuka and Anita Sehra. Both want to increase their ability to play more of the church services and there is the possibility that Jonathan will be playing services in another church. He is already available to do supply.

We also expect to have a new applicant for the Quimby Bursary for the coming year. In case you have forgotten, this bursary is available to any organist who is playing in a church without significant training.

Overall, in my opinion, the Windsor-Essex Centre has a Scholarship Program to be envied by any other Centre in the RCCO!



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