



Report of the Annual General Meeting

Submitted by Nancy Tapley

The Windsor-Essex Centre of the RCCO held its annual general meeting and service on June 5th at Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville.

The evening began with a service of worship in which each of the scholarship students played a piece and a hymn and they all played extremely well. This was followed by a delicious meal presented by the church and then on to the business meeting.

Although we had much to report on the year's activities, one of the most important items that was approved by the membership was the name change of our centre from Windsor Chapter to Windsor-Essex Centre. It was felt that this would more aptly represent the strong participation of our county organists as well as the city organists in our centre.

Certificates of appreciation were given to Paulin Memorial Presbyterian church and Essex Christian Reformed church for allowing us to hold our monthly meetings there. A certificate was also given to ElderCollege for allowing us to team up with them to present the organ crawl and the "So you think you can sing" workshops.

Mr. William Upton then gave us a very interesting presentation on the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). There are many valuable resources available in chorister instruction, singing, and the examination levels available through this group. The talk was both informative and enjoyable and we look forward to teaming up with the RSCM in the future since our goals overlap in many areas.

Our centre president Paul Wharram, gave an overview of the upcoming events and has organized them according to their service to our membership in 3 areas: Building our RCCO community through education and skills development workshops, Profiling the organ to grow the appreciation for the instrument, and Drawing the circle wider to expand membership and attract youth.

The coming year looks to have many exciting workshops and recitals so be sure to mark your calendars for these events. See you there.

A Resounding Success

RCCO and ElderCollege Organ Crawl

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The RCCO in conjunction with ElderCollege held an organ crawl in Windsor on 2 Tuesday afternoons. 33 people registered with the ElderCollege and there were some RCCO members who took advantage of the opportunity as well. We toured 3 organs per day. There was a short presentation on the history of each instrument, a tour of the pipes "backstage" and then various organists played each instrument to demonstrate to all participants the differing sounds of each organ. It was a fun afternoon and the response was so enthusiastic that we may be planning another soon which will include a brief history of the churches as well.

Canterbury ElderCollege

Receives Certificate of Appreciation

Several years ago, a gentleman by the name of Gordon Gedes who lives here in Kingsville visited our President, Paul Wharram and introduced him to ElderCollege. Given the college's mandate and structure, the possibilities and the potential for working together were immediately evident. Our organizations' objectives complement each other and mutually facilitate the delivery of programs to the public.

Dr. Lloyd Brown-John has been the inspiration, guiding light and champion of ElderCollege since its inception. He wholeheartedly gives his enthusiasm, energy and commitment to the development of the college's courses and his interest in our organ and choral programs has cemented our working relationship. The RCCO Windsor-Essex Centre has developed a viable and solid partnership with ElderCollege, which we hope will continue to thrive for many years to come.

At the Annual Meeting on June 5, Dr. Brown-John and Canterbury ElderCollege was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation: "For its partnership and collaboration in enriching lives and cultivating community through the promotion of the pipe organ and choral music."



Certificates of Appreciation

Being a volunteer organization, all of our work is accomplished and made possible through the generosity of our members and friends. Everyone gives of their time willingly and contributes financially when possible, which facilitates our programs and services and covers the expenses of our activities and training.

Over the years, we have been very fortunate to work in collaboration with a number of partnering organizations and we are greatly indebted to them. Were it not for the support of our various churches, we would not have been able to host Pipe Organ Encounters, Pedals Pipes and Pizza events, our spaghetti dinners, organ crawls or our various workshops. We acknowledge among them The Church of the Epiphany, All Saints Anglican (Leamington and Windsor), Riverside United, Epworth United, Bedford United, Tecumseh United, the Church of the Ascension, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Harrow United, St. Johns Anglican, Ste Anne Parish, Leamington United, St. Paul's Lutheran, Essex United, the Morris Sutton Chapel and Holy Trinity Anglican as well as several other local and Chatham churches we've had the privilege of visiting. At the AGM, our President thanked them formally and acknowledged their organists and other personnel for their cooperation and contribution to our work.

There are two churches, however, which our Centre has used on an ongoing basis for several years, as meeting venues for our executive committee meetings. Alternating every other month, from September to June, we have had access to and availed ourselves of their facilities, relied upon their personnel to open and lock the doors, set up meeting tables and chairs, ensure that the heat is on and the parking lots are available. With the unanimous support of our Executive Committee, Certificates of Appreciation were presented at the Annual General Meeting to Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Essex Christian Reformed Church.



Two Successful Courses with ElderCollege

In March, in partnership with ElderCollege, we hosted a three-session workshop entitled: *Sing? Yes You Can!* The course, held in Kingsville, covered the basics of vocal production, an introduction to elementary music skills and sight reading, as well as a discussion about and exercises for the healthy maintenance of our singing voices as we age. Over 20 people from across the county and from Windsor participated; several have pursued their interest in singing further by signing up for voice singing lessons and/or joining a church or community choir.

In May, again in collaboration with ElderCollege, we hosted a 6-church organ crawl featuring the organs at Bedford United Church, St. John's Anglican Church, Church of the Ascension, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, St. Anne Parish and Tecumseh United Church. Over 30 participants registered for this event, including several of our own members and friends. A special word of thanks is extended to Nancy Tapley, Ron Dossenbach, Yvonne Quinn-Chittle, Bob Langlois and Henry Boon for facilitating and demonstrating the organs.

College Recital

Sunday, May 3, 2015

From the quiet sounds to "Kum Ba Yah" to the glorious singing of "When in our Music God is Glorified", we were all treated to 8 different local organists playing the newest organ in our area the Van Der Stadt organ at Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The program included

- ♫ Dale Burkholder showed off some of the "unique" features of the organ, including it being played by a laptop and the Zimbelstern.
- ♫ The Paulin Choir presented "Sing Praise to God" as an introit.
- ♫ Joshua Palmer played his own arrangement of "As the Deer" featuring the melody in the pedals.
- ♫ Jonathan Kaberuak played the Prelude in C from the JS. Bach Little Preludes.
- ♫ Cameron Adams played Trumpet Voluntary (Henry Heron) and Flights of Fancy (Gilbert M. Martin).
- ♫ Paul Wharram played Denis Bedard's Prelude Funerbre and Masque
- ♫ Ron Dossenbach played Tocatta in E minor (Pachelbell) and Elegy (Robert Lau)
- ♫ Nancy Tapley came out of retirement to play the Processional in C Major by Hal H. Hopson
- ♫ We learned a new hymn "With pipes of tin and wood make known." with David Palmer playing

It was a wonderful way to hear our current organists and future organists sharing their talents with us.

Musicque Fantastique

This year's "gently used" music sale "Musique Fantastique" held on Sunday May 3rd at Paulin Presbyterian Church was a wonderful success. We had a wide variety of music donated and we raised over \$400 for the Windsor RCCO Scholarship Fund. We thank those who generously donated music and supported the sale.

The organ music and religious piano music collections will be held for future fundraising music sales.

We do need to clear out the non-organ music items (see list below) immediately or they will have to go for recycling.

If you know of any students, teachers or anyone who could use these, please contact us before July 15th.

(Any donations to our scholarship fund would be appreciated in exchange)

Items to clear out –

- ♫ Classical piano, piano duets, two or more keyboard music
- ♫ Classical vocal books (in excellent condition) and sheet music
- ♫ Instrumental music (all instruments)
- ♫ Improvisation, keyboard harmony, score reading books
- ♫ Hymnbooks
- ♫ Many orchestral pocket scores

In Memoriam Marian Johns

Long-time honorary Centre Friend Marian Johns passed away April 22 at the age of 94. She was predeceased by her husband Professor Malcolm Johns, a former member of the Windsor-Essex Centre and a professor emeritus at Wayne State University.

Marian was born in Winston-Salem, NC and attended both Salem Academy and Salem College for Women, where she graduated summa cum laude.

She served as Choir Director at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, and as Assistant Choir Director at Assumption Church in Windsor when Malcolm (Mack) was Music Director. They both founded the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus. She was also Church Archivist at Christ Church in Detroit, and created the Medieval Consort, a recorder group that performed at Noel Night and in various nursing homes throughout Detroit. Her life-long interest in Moravian music let her to be appointed an honorary trustee of the Moravian Music Foundation.

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Do you know your hymns?

Contractor's Hymn... The Church's One Foundation
Dentist's hymn..... Crown Him with Many Crowns
Optometrist's Hymn

Open My Eyes That I Might See

The Golfer's Hymn..... There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Gossip's Hymn..... Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn..... Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn..... Sweet Bye and Bye
The Politician's Hymn..... Standing on the Promises

For those on the road

45 mph..... God Will Take Care of You
55 mph..... Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
65 mph..... Nearer My God To Thee
75 mph..... Nearer Still Nearer
85 mph..... This World Is Not My Home
95 mph..... Lord, I'm Coming Home
Over 100 mph..... Precious Memories

