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COME AND SING WITH US !

April 5th, 6:00 p.m. Meet, Eat, and Sing. For the first time, the RCCO is presenting a Meet, Eat, and Sing, welcoming the choirs of the community to a potluck dinner, followed by an evening of fun and music, learning some new music and sharpening some of our choral skills. For this event, the RCCO is very proud to welcome **Dr. Rachel Rensink-Hoff** as our director for the evening. Dr. Rensink-Hoff is the new Choral Conductor and Professor at Brock University, as well as Artistic Director/Conductor of the Avanti Choir. Accompanying the music, we present Ryan Baxter, a current member of the RCCO Niagara, third year Brock University Music Student, as well as Organist at First Grantham United Church in St. Catharines. The location for this event is St. Giles Presbyterian Church , 205 Linwell Road St. Catharines. The church stands at the junction of Linwell Rd. and Howard Street and the parking lot is entered off Howard . Enter the church by the side door.

Each group of singers should arrange to bring enough food to feed themselves but all will be combined for all participants to draw from. Plates and cutlery will be provided as will coffee, tea and cool drinks. The music will also be provided and you will be able to take it home with you. A free will offering will be taken to defray miscellaneous costs.

Hearty (albeit belated) congratulations to David and Donna Cowan who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 16th.

They were married at St. John the Evangelist church in Thorold in 1968 by the Rev. Borden Purcell and the organist for the occasion was Peter Snyder!

Greetings to all in RCCO region 4!

Hamilton Centre is pleased to present another two-morning Tools and Techniques Course this spring. It will be held at MacNab Street Presbyterian Church in downtown Hamilton.

On April 28, there will be presentations on organ improvisation and hymn playing.

On May 5, the morning will be devoted to choral directing and vocal production.

A flyer and registration form are attached. (see page 3)

All good wishes, Chris Hunt For RCCO Hamilton

Pedals, Pipes and Pizzas

The Pedals Pipes and Pizza event on March 24 was enjoyed by all in attendance. While a larger group was expected, a few attendees were newcomers to the organ and appreciated the opportunity to learn and play the instrument. A powerpoint presentation took attendees through a brief tour of the RCCO, history of the organ, physical components, console and facade styles, pipes, and demonstrations of the organ's capabilities. James took the group up to the organ chamber while I stayed at the console in order to play some pipes that are visible and touchable from the entrance to the pipe chamber. We also discovered that if you play the organ loud enough you can get little chunks of the ceiling to fall down! Our pizza was well enjoyed with other snacks, fruit, and drinks.

A big thank-you to Queen Street Baptist Church, David Ruler, and John Clipsham for their assistance in promoting and facilitating the event. We all learned something about the organ, including myself.

Ryan Baxter

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Two Saturdays April 28 and May 5, 2018

9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail (please print very legibly): _____

I am a full-time school, college or university student YES NO

The course registration fee is \$60.00 for the whole course, or \$35.00 for an individual Saturday. The registration fee includes mid-morning coffee.

Full-time school, college or university students may attend free of charge, but registration is required.

Please indicate your intention:

◆ I wish to attend both Saturdays April 28 and May 5 (\$60.00) _____

◆ I wish to attend only the "organ Saturday", April 28 (\$35.00) _____

◆ I wish to attend only the "choral Saturday", May 5 (\$35.00) _____

POSTAL REGISTRATION Please mail this form and your cheque with the appropriate amount (payable to "RCCO Hamilton") to this address:

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