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Chairman's Message

by Craig Darlak, Chairman

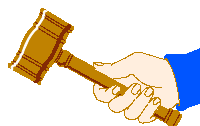
Summer is going by fast as the MBSI annual convention in Chicago draws near. I spoke with MBSI President Annie Tyvand via phone and e-mail to assure her that our chapter is going to extend the best "southern hospitality" to all members when we host the meeting in 2014.

I hope that those of our chapter who are going to the Chicago meeting got registered in time.

The future meetings of the Southeast Chapter are all looking great.

I hosted a group of Cub Scouts at my house to see and hear my collection recently. They enjoyed it and even earned a badge (MUSIC) to wear.

Keep the music playing.



We Need Your Help

by Craig Darlak

One of the more popular activities during our recent meetings has been the Dollar Raffle. In order to continue having these we need your help. When you attend the September meeting, bring some item(s) that you don't want or need or just think could be a good raffle item. In the past we've had books, wine, minor musical collectibles, and a wide assortment of other stuff. The fun comes in hyping the importance and value of insignificant items to bring in more dollars. The money goes to the chapter treasury.



Calendar of Events

MBSI 64th Annual Meeting
August 26-September 1, 2013
Chicago, IL
Co-hosts: Bob McKanna, Al Choffness, Marty Persky

2014 Trial Annual Meeting
September 27-29, 2013
Bonaventure Resort and Spa,
Weston, FL
Joint Meeting with Piedmont
Hosts: Carol Beck and Bill Griffin

Winter 2014 Meeting
January 24-26, 2014
Titusville, FL
Host: Wayne Finger

Spring 2014 Meeting
The Villages, Florida
Date Undetermined
Includes Band Organ Rally

Minutes of Sarasota and Bradenton Meeting

May 17-19, 2013

by Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary



The spring meeting of the Southeast Chapter was held in Sarasota, FL on May 18, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Craig Darlak at 9:00 a.m. Craig asked for a volunteer to act as meeting reporter; Vice Chair Mary Ellen Myers volunteered. Craig introduced new members Paul and Meryl Torin from Sarasota, Becky and Jeremy Stevens from Utah (not present) and James and Patricia Kracht from Miami (not present); he also introduced guests Richard Byrum, Rob Mallett and Ron Seigler.

Recording Secretary: Julie Morlock reported that the following paragraph had been omitted from the minutes: “**Future Meetings Report:** Vice-Chair Mary Ellen Myers reported that the spring meeting will be May 17-19, 2013 in the Sarasota/Bradenton area, with Rex and Ruth Burgett as hosts. The hotel is the Ramada Sarasota, a resort on the bay, and the rates will be available one day before/one day after the meeting (she noted that the Ringling galleries are free on Mondays). Our fall meeting will be Sept. 27-29, 2013 in Weston, FL at the Bonaventure Resort and Spa, the site of the 2014 Annual Meeting, with Carol Beck and Bill Griffin as hosts. Carol reminded members that we need as many people as possible to attend the fall meeting. Craig discussed the 2013 Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago, IL August 27-September 1; he reminded members to register as soon as registration materials are received to make sure they get on the tours. Craig then requested a host for the winter 2014 meeting; if interested, get in touch with him or Mary Ellen.” A motion was made and approved to accept the amended minutes. Craig reminded everyone that registration for Chicago was limited, so get your registration in as soon as possible.

Membership Report: Julie Morlock reported membership directories had been distributed and that as of May 12, 2013 the chapter had 130 members. In the last year nine members did not renew with National, six did not renew with the chapter, one member passed away, and there were ten new members. Julie also noted that Ceola Bristow had passed away in February; a motion was made and approved to send a memorial donation to the Endowment Fund in her honor. Craig Darlak asked

for a volunteer to take over as the chapter membership representative for National, previously held by Marilou van Zanten.

Treasurer’s Report: Clay Witt reported that as of May 15, we had \$6,835.52 between the checking and money market accounts. With the table favor costs of \$3,655.46 and \$2,000.00 deposit for the 2014 hotel counted as assets (the chapter will be reimbursed for these expenses) we have a total of \$12,490.98. We are \$150.00 ahead for the year, with no outstanding debts. We have \$11,876.49 in additional funds for the 2014 Annual Meeting, \$7,500.00 from National and \$5,600.00 in advanced deposits from chapter members. We’ve spent \$1,223.51; \$1,000.00 was for the hotel deposit but National will now cover the remaining hotel deposit. A motion was made and approved to accept the treasurer’s report.

Future Meetings Report: Mary Ellen Myers reviewed information about the restaurant for the evening and directions to her condo. She then reported the schedule for upcoming meetings: the 2013 Annual Meeting is in Chicago August 27-September 1 and our fall meeting (joint with Piedmont) will be in Weston, FL September 27-29. The winter 2014 meeting will be January 24-26 in Titusville, FL hosted by Wayne and Alice Finger; Wayne gave a brief description of the meeting. The spring meeting 2014 will be a band organ rally in The Villages, FL, hosted by Jack and Mary-Ann Hostetler to be held either the last weekend of April or first weekend of May. The Piedmont Chapter will host a joint meeting in the summer of 2014, and then we host the 2014 Annual Meeting in Weston, FL October 7-12. Craig thanked Mary Ellen for setting up the meetings, and then thanked everyone holding an open house for this meeting.

Registrars’ Report: Kay Simmons reminded members to let her or Paula Horton know if they would like to receive registration packets by e-mail to help save on mailing costs.

Librarian’s Report: Moe Goldy reported that he is currently reviewing the library list and will have a report at the next meeting.

New Business:

Joe Lambert asked for suggestions for use of the proceeds of the auction to be held following the business meeting; the final decision rests with the people who donated the items for the auction. Following much discussion, it was decided to suggest that the money be held by the Southeast Chapter until the 2014 Annual Meeting is over (in case we have

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unexpected expenses to cover) and then split whatever remains between National and the chapter. Craig asked Joe to thank the donors for this opportunity to raise funds for MBSI.

Dick Leis reported that he and Dixie are moving from New Port Richey, FL, and that their home (approximately 6,000 sq. ft.) and collection (including a Mortier organ, an Allen theater organ and two pianos) are for sale. He plans to advertise on several organization websites (he and Dixie have their own website) and asked chapter members to pass on the information to anyone who might be interested. A finder's fee is available. Interested parties should contact them through email only as no phone number is available.

Don Scheetz has an Ampico A piano, with several hundred rolls, for sale.

2014 Annual Meeting: Bill Griffin reported that we finally got the Olympia Theater to agree to a tour, so now we can arrange for tour buses. Carol Beck said that the schedule for the 2014 meeting will be available for members to review at the fall meeting in Weston. She passed around a sign-up sheet for members to help with the monkey organ rally following the First Timers' Reception. Martin van Zanten gave an overview of the table favor workshop to be held in the afternoon. Carol Beck asked for donations of musical items for door prizes, and discussed the idea of ordering Tervis Tumblers with the MBSI logo to be sold as a fund raiser. She also asked for items to be displayed in the Special Exhibit; Peter Klein and Steve Rosenberg will be sending out a letter about this, so please let them know if you have something to display. Carol noted that we are considering sending out the registration packet earlier than is currently being done, so people can make plane reservations. Carol requested that members contact her or Bill if they have any questions or suggestions about the meeting. Stephen Brittain and Dale Koehn showed the final cut of the promotion video they created; copies will be sent to all chapters, will be shown in Chicago, and will be placed on multiple websites, including YouTube. Craig thanked Stephen and Dale for their work on the video, and thanked Carol and Bill for their work on the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

MBSI Goes to The Villages!

by Wayne and Mary Ellen Myers. Special Exhibits Committee

Jack Hostetler, a resident of The Villages, has envisioned some great ways to introduce his fellow Villagers to our wonderful world of mechanical music and maybe recruit new members along the way.

First, the Special Exhibits Committee will kick off by presenting an organ rally in conjunction with the Southeast Chapter's Spring 2014 meeting. This is a prime time for the residents and their visitors to join us for our fun music of yesterday!

Further opportunities include a proposed Musical Boxers Club, open to all interested residents; a holiday venue in partnership with the Model Railroad Club; and intergenerational activities during June through August of 2014. Come to the September chapter meeting and learn all about it!

Actual School Excuses (spellings intact)

My son is under a doctor's care and should not take PE today. Please execute him.

Please exkuce lisa for being absent she was sick and i had her shot.

Dear school: please ecsc's john being absent on jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and also 33.

John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.

Photos from the Sarasota/Bradenton Meeting

Mary Ellen Meyers, photographer



At the Friday night open house at the home of Rex and Ruth Burgett, Ruth dances while wearing an African headdress.

HARD WORK PAYS OFF IN THE FUTURE. LAZINESS PAYS OFF NOW.

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More Photos

by Mary Ellen Myers



Chapter chairman Craig Darlak served as auctioneer during the auction of donated mechanical musical items.



Above, from left, Elayne Goldy, Warren Officer, Howard Wyman, and Ruth Burgett work on some of the 2014 annual meeting favors.



A necessary step in favor-making is adding labels to things. Here Bob Smith, Rex Burgett, Moe Goldy, and Ken Whiting use their peel-and-stick skills.

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An Open Letter to Members

Dear Chapter Members,

We are making an appeal for door prize donations for the 2014 Annual Meeting in Weston, Florida. We are taking a different approach this time, instead of appealing to businesses. We are looking for door prizes which would be small treasures that have been collecting dust in a forgotten corner, and would be treasured by someone else, like small music boxes, piano rolls, records, whatever type of items that are related to our organization's member's interests. They should be in good condition, clean, and desirable. We also thought it would be nice if the donor wrote either a little note about it or just a nice welcoming note to the "winner." This might add a nice personal touch and invite new interactions and friendships.

We would like to start receiving items as soon as possible so we will know how many we actually have. Any members who are interested in making a donation should send the item and/or a letter of explanation to:

Carol Beck
6110 Lackland Court
Norcross, GA 30092

PLAN TO BE SPONTANEOUS TOMORROW.

Catholic shampoo

Two nuns were shopping at a 7-11 store. As they passed by the beer cooler, one nun said to the other, "Wouldn't a nice cool beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?"

The second nun answered, "Indeed it would, sister, but I would not feel comfortable buying beer, since I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout stand."

"I can handle that without a problem," the other nun replied, and she picked up a six-pack and headed for the check-out.

The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two nuns arrived with a six-pack of beer. "We use beer for washing our hair," the nun said, "Back at our nunnery, we call it Catholic shampoo."

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks, and placed them in the bag with the beer. He then looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled, and said: "The curlers are on the house."

Membership Contact Change



Please add the following new members to your 2013 membership list:

James and Patricia Kracht
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Miami, FL 33176
Phone: (305) 251-6983
e-mail: jkk48@bellsouth.net

Jeremy and Becky Stevens (rejoined)
464 W. Creekside Lane
Kaysville, UT 84037
Phone: (801) 510-3495
e-mail: jgstvns@aol.com

Paul and Meryl Torin
3624 Torrey Pines Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34238-2827
Phone: (941) 927-6654
e-mail: paultorin@verizon.net



Please make the following e-mail change to your 2013 membership list:

For John Hostetler: johnhostetler90@gmail.com

Please make the following address change to your 2013 membership list:

Diana L. Ryan
712 Ocean Drive
Juno Beach, FL 33408
e-mail: dryan88@hotmail.com

MONDAY IS AN AWFUL WAY TO SPEND ONE-SEVENTH OF YOUR WEEK.

Save the Date!

9/27/2013 - 9/29/2013

Southeast Chapter's Trial Meeting

for the Southeast Chapter-sponsored MBSI
2014 Annual Meeting.

Hyatt Regency Bonaventure
Weston, FL

Your help and support is needed!

Collection Viewing Etiquette

- ◆ Always ask the host if photographs or video may be taken. If you intend to publish these photographs/videos, please get the host's permission to do so and ask whether the host wants the collection identified.
- ◆ Do not smoke inside the home and ask permission before smoking outside the home.
- ◆ Do not bring food near the instruments. Be careful where you set plates and drinks.
- ◆ "Hands off" is the best policy. Beware of belt buckles and other objects that could cause damage. Never try to adjust or repair an instrument unless asked to do so by the host.
- ◆ Do not play any instrument unless given permission by the host to do so. It is always best if the host turns on the instrument as some of them can be pretty finicky.
- ◆ Do not ask the host or instrument owner the value of an instrument or how much it would cost to purchase one.
- ◆ Meeting hosts generously open their homes and collections to members and go to a great deal of trouble to accommodate our group. Be sure to introduce yourself to them and sign any guest book.
- ◆ Remember you are a guest in their home. Be courteous and keep your comments to yourself. Thank the hosts when you leave and a thank you note would be most welcome.
- ◆ When instruments are being played, please refrain from talking as many instruments have a soft voice.
- ◆ Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times and follow these courtesies.

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