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A NOTE FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENT

(Patty Jennings)

*Two years ago I didn't know what putting on a
conference would entail.*

*But I had Jane and Susan on my team. I knew we
couldn't fail!*



We talked to other Conference Chairs. We got some great advice.

But when Brad Burnham said he'd help, we all agreed, "How nice!"

The list of things to do was long. The job at hand enormous.

Were we up to the task at hand? The job we had before us?

The site we chose was OKC. The college OCU.

So on our list of things to do, we had handled numbers one and two.

As the weeks and months flew by, we worked and got things done.

It wasn't easy. No sirreeeee. Hard work, but also fun.

There were some "bumps" along the way. We had our share of problems.

We'd do our best to work them out and find a way to solve them.

There were beautiful moments, meaningful worship, inspiring words for all.

We did our best. We worked really hard.

We hope you were blessed by it all.

We were.



At ADM Conferences, you'll always find.....



A Happy Group of ADMers!



ADMers who love to sing!



Peaceful places to worship!



The sharing of Communion!

And much more!

The Generosity continues.....

Special offerings were taken during the conference for each of the ADM funds which help underwrite each summer conference and provide scholarships for First and Second-Timers.

ADM Endowment Fund - \$362.00

Tom Wood Worship Clinician Fund - \$303.00

Music Clinicians Fund - \$668.00

Vera Enz Scholarship Fund - \$423.00

Additional contributions through a raffle, games, and final offering - \$875.00

If you would like to make an online contribution to the Endowment, Tom Wood or Music Clinicians Funds, go to www.christianchurchfoundation.org, click on Give and Donate Now. For the Vera Enz Fund, go to www.discipleshomemissions.org, click Donate, choose an Option and look for ADM Vera Enz Fund.

Comments from First-Timers.....

Ken Lowenberg shares, “On the first day I felt rather lonely and at sea, because I didn’t know a soul there except for Herb Buffington, and Herb was so busy that we didn’t have a chance to chat even briefly. However, by the second day I began feeling more at home and just started talking with more people! Thanks for putting on a very well-planned conference.”

Marilyn Merle says, “I had always felt that attending ADM would be a “stuffy” experience with nothing that could apply to small, rural church America. I discovered how WRONG I was. Though there were moments of a “higher” church setting, anything and everything I heard and saw could be usable for almost any church setting. Plus, everyone I met was kind, gracious, and inclusive. Thank you all! I would not hesitate to attend again.”



This and That from ADMers.....

Word from Sara Collins is that after her scare during the conference and a couple of trips to the emergency room, the doctors concluded that her symptoms were not heart related. After being given the “okay,” she was released and able to get herself home to Nebraska. She’s back to school, doing well, and will be representing ADM at the Nebraska Regional Assembly on November 16-17. Sara sends her thanks for the many expressions of concern and the prayers during and after the conference.

ADMer Ed Varnum was involved in a serious wreck about half-way to Oklahoma City this summer when an 18-wheeler moved into his lane of traffic, causing considerable damage to Ed’s car and forcing him off the highway. Luckily, except for some soreness, Ed was basically unharmed. He sent word that he missed being with everyone at OCU and plans to be at the 2019 conference.

We’ve received good news from **David Edwards** that after dealing with cancer for the past six or so months and having gone through chemotherapy and radiation treatments, his “anatomy appears to be normal.” David sends thanks for all the prayers and expressions of concern!

The Trustees of Phillips Theological Seminary, located in Tulsa, OK, continue their search for a visionary leader to serve as the school's next president. As the chief executive officer of the Seminary, the selected individual will be responsible for ensuring that the institution has the plans, personnel, culture, material assets, systems, and relationships necessary to fulfill its mission to achieve the excellence for which Phillips strives. The president will exercise strategic leadership for the Seminary while ensuring its continuing spiritual, academic, fiscal, and operational effectiveness. **Claire Meredith** who is leading the search committee, encourages you to let her know if you have someone you'd like to recommend. Claire's email is clmered@aol.com, and the PTS search website is <http://ptstulsa.edu/PresidentialSearch>.

If you are active with Facebook, you are encouraged to join the ADM Group. Search for **ADM-Association of Disciple Musicians** and request to join the group. You'll be connected to other members all year round and can ask questions and share neat tips and tricks. It's just another way to stay connected with your ADM Family!

ADMer, **Joan Martin**, sends word that her latest children's book was released in late 2017. Since it's about pipe organs, she thought several ADMers would be very interested. The goal of the book is to introduce children (or even some adults) to an instrument many have never seen. Joan has written four books for children since 2012. Three of her books (including the latest about pipe organs) are in the Murphy Series – stories about Murphy, a spider monkey who loves to help people. If you'd like more information, you can contact Joan at JMartin315@aol.com or at (765)478-5773. The publishing company website is www.kidsatheartpublishing.com.



Greetings from your 2018-19 Council President

With a joyful greeting, it is a huge honor to serve as President of this organization we love so much. I very much look forward to working with Council and my entire ADM family in the year ahead.

First off, I have to tell you what a great experience it was to be with you all again this summer at Oklahoma City University. We participated in challenging discussions about worship, theology and service. We sang, played, cried, rang, rehearsed, laughed and performed as Christ's body. Thank you to planning team members Patty Jennings (past-president), Susan Cusenbary, and Jane Willmert, for providing us with an outstanding conference.

Like so many of you, ADM has blessed me with much professional and spiritual enrichment, and I am betting that most of you place trusted – and in many cases long-time – friendships at the top of your “why I love ADM” list.

It's those cherished memories and friendships that sustain and rejuvenate me each year. Beginning with my first ADM conference in 2001, I have rich and treasured memories, not only of the enriching and thought-provoking conference offerings, but of the little things (often funny) that make me smile and give me a warm feeling every time I think of ADM. There are way too many to mention all of them, but please indulge me while I share just a few:

- Aside from long-time member, Rachel Archer, who introduced me to ADM, the very first person I remember is Brad Burnham, roving with his camera, making sure we got daily conference news, making sure first-timers were welcomed and included, keeper of the banners and candles, and so much more...a large part of the people-glue that binds us together still today.
- Three Blind Mice instantly evokes Vera Enz, whose mission it was to share her beloved ADM with as many people as she could, to include the First-timers Scholarship that continues in her memory.

- I can still recall organ clinician Janette Fishell's concert at Independence Boulevard Christian Church in Kansas City, with the flickering organ light that an elderly lady came stomping up during intermission to "fix" by hitting it as hard as she could. She almost upstaged Janette . . . almost (not)!
- Many of you were there at Anderson University, singing with Andre Thomas, ringing with Cynthia Dobrinski, and being led in worship and study by Ron Allen and Linda McKiernan Allen (who will be our worship clinicians again next summer). And if you rang handbells, you got to see the famous Warner Sallman collection of paintings of Jesus every day in your rehearsal room!
- Libby's Cabaret for a dose of Broadway favorites when we gathered in Atlanta.
- At Illinois Wesleyan, we were treated to Shakespeare at the Theatre at Ewing on a re-creation Globe Stage, complete with open-air amphitheater; and later in the week, a splendid Madrigal Dinner. Then at the close of the conference, we all pulled together when choral clinician, Paul Oakley, could not be at the closing concert, because he fell and broke his wrist.
- And then there is the multi-talented Pat Crenshaw who was active in ADM for many years. Her captivating style of shtick, knack for theatre and drama, and truly dry wit, made her simply inimitable.
- And though I could keep on and on, you'd stop reading because it would take up pages and pages, so I will conclude my memory list with a mention of the many "Follies," scripted so cleverly by Katrina Cochran. From the first-timer skits, the perennial appearance of the "Little People" presented by Dee Dee and Randy and Dale (and me), clinician roasts, and in recent years, the double entendres and wry wit of the delightfully funny character Lola, brought to life by Dana Lobaugh, "Follies" has always been a lighthearted highlight of the week that helps to draw us all closer together as an ADM family.

Now, as long as my indulgent recounting is, there are twice as many or more people and places that keep me – and, I hope, you – coming back to and actively involved in ADM. And, yes, this is my not-so-subtle segue into talking about member involvement and member recruitment.

My charge to you as we look ahead to the 2019 Conference and beyond: If you have not done so already, ***find your own unique way to be a positive, energizing force within ADM***, becoming a cherished memory for other members. Stay connected, through our Facebook page, Committee and Conference participation, and so many other ways, including ones you may establish and champion.

Likewise, recognize that these memories, and the synergy and the collective value of our organization, relies on reinvention and growth. Share your own brand of ADM excitement with friends and colleagues. You can do that at any point throughout the year, and now there is an added incentive to bring first-timers to the 2019 Conference.

Beginning right now, and leading up to the 2019 conference, for each first-timer who registers and attends the conference and credits you for bringing them, you will receive \$50 off your own registration, up to the full cost of your registration. And, in addition, there will be a prize for the ADMer who brings the most first-timers to be with us in Webster Groves (St. Louis). Rachel Archer brought me to ADM, and I bet someone did the same for you. So, reach out to your friends and colleagues in ministry, and bring them to ADM. You'll hear more about this exciting incentive program, but I wanted to let you know about it right now. Each of us knows someone who could benefit from attending ADM. Who will you bring to next year's conference?

I appreciate your past and continuing involvement in and support of this wonderful family called ADM. ***Pause when you have a chance and share your ADM memories and ideas with me.*** I am overjoyed to be able to give back to the organization that has given so much to me, and thank you for the opportunity to work with you during the exciting year ahead.

Yours in music and fellowship, *Herb Buffington*



Herb is joined on the 2019 Planning Team by (l to rt) Lisa Cripe, Sheryl Lane, and Claire Meredith.

Looking Ahead to 2019.....

It's not too early to be making plans to be with the ADM Family when they gather at Webster Groves Christian Church in Webster Groves, MO next July 7-12. As your church plans its budget for next year, encourage them to include Conference attendance funding for you and anyone else in the ministry program. More Conference details will be included in future newsletters and always on the ADM website, www.adm-doc.org. The 2019 Planning Team has pulled together a fabulous group of clinicians!



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