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# Annual Reports

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This has been a transitional year in many ways for the organization. At the annual meeting last year, it was announced that Treasurer Rob DeLand requested that he be replaced due to business and personal commitments. Due to a lack of time to find a replacement candidate, he was re-elected and the search for a replacement began. Mike Hamann agreed to become Treasurer and this was approved by the Executive committee and the transition began. At the end of 2000 and before the transition was completed, Mike found himself unable to take on the job and returned the books to Rob DeLand. Luckily for AMICA, Rob interrupted family activities and completed the necessary paperwork to verify the non-profit status of the organization and make sure that bills were paid. The search began again for a Treasurer and Wesley Neff agreed to take the job and was approved by the Executive Committee. He quickly assumed responsibilities, completed the AMICA tax return in time, and verified the financial status of each of the chapters. We owe a great deal of thanks to Rob and Wes for keeping us legal and solvent.

Another transition for the organization was that Past President Terry Smythe asked that he be replaced as webmaster and compiler of technical articles. Fortunately, Meta Brown, who had been working with Terry on the website, agreed to take over the website duties and has some great ideas for improving it and increasing its visibility when people seek player and reproducing piano information. Someone is still needed to compile the technical and historical articles.

The third transition, which is still in progress, is finding a new Secretary. Judy Chisnell recently asked to be replaced and I am in the process of finding a replacement. She will continue her duties as head of the Memorial Fund Committee.

Because the Convention was early in the year, we were in transition with financial data, and a number of chapter representatives and officers were not present, it was not possible to have a board meeting with the Convention. I proposed a mid-year board meeting in the central US, but there was not sufficient positive response to this idea to make it feasible. The business of the organization will be handled by mail this year and annual reports were submitted to me by mail and e-mail. Some reports submitted by e-mail were truncated due to differing word processor programs. When this was the case, I will forward the original e-mail to Robin Pratt so that the report is printed correctly. Approval of minutes of the 2000 meeting and any other business will be handled by mail for this year only.

Membership numbers have not grown to generate sufficient new revenue to put aside the recommended \$5000 a year to publish a new directory every three years. 2002 would be the expected publication year for a new directory. Postage costs have also increased. It has been two years since a dues increase and I propose that an increase of \$5 per year (to \$42 annual basic dues) be considered. Others have proposed an even larger increase and I welcome comments on the proposal. Leaving dues unchanged would cause a significant drain on funds if a directory is to be published on schedule. Alternatives, which I do not endorse, include delaying the directory or publishing a limited directory of names only (without collection listings).

The Leo Ornstein Literary and AMICA International Awards were not presented this year, as discussed at the board meeting in 2000. I did not want to miss the awarding of the President's Award this year and presented the award to Past President Robert Rosencrans. He did a great deal for the organization in the past, including assuming the duties of President early on the resignation of the President, facilitated the growth of AMICA during some challenging times, encouraged the participation of Honorary Members in Conventions, and was active in coordinating two Conventions. He continues to be an active AMICAn. I wish the presentation could have been made publicly and hope to re-announce this presentation at next year's Convention.

I am pleased to report that the Gateway Chapter has resumed activity, but concerned that the Southern Skies Chapter has not been heard from. I remind chapters that regular meetings and submission of activity reports for publication are required by the By-laws.

E-mail kept correspondence costs to a minimum and total expenses for the job of President, including the President's Award, were approximately \$110.

I want to thank chapters, board representatives, officers, and committee heads for the time and efforts in keeping AMICA active and viable. I particularly want to thank Robin Pratt for continuing to produce an outstanding Bulletin and to Wes Neff for ably handling financial matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Brown, President

July, 2001

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee was called upon to review and approve first Mike Hamann and then Wes Neff for the position of AMICA Treasurer on the request of Rob DeLand that a replacement be found and will be called upon to approve new AMICA Secretary as soon as a replacement can be found for resigning Judy Chisnell.

There was some concern that an MMD contributor was venting his complaints about AMICA on the MMD without attempting to resolve issues through the organization. It appears that the person had been contacting people he thought were official representatives of AMICA, but were not, and that inaction was perceived by the person as being ignored. Robin Pratt and Bill Chapman established contact with the person and it appears that the concerns have been resolved. The problem related to the person believing that he had joined AMICA, but that membership secretary Bill Chapman had never received the application or payment.

Chapters have done a commendable job this year in verifying that their members are also members of AMICA International. This has been a problem in the past and we need to continue the growth of AMICA through the chapters.

Mike Barnhart continues to work on the establishment of the IMFFO (International Forum of Mechanical Music Organizations) as a website. AMICA approved funds last year to facilitate this. Review Mike's report for further information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Brown

July 2001

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Vice President has only a couple of items to report for this meeting.

I have corresponded with all of the chapters on a couple of matters.

The first item was to ask each chapter to send to Bill Chapman, International Membership Secretary, a list of all paid Chapter Members. This was in response to reports at Sacramento that there still are Chapter Members who are not members of AMICA International.

The second item was to ask each chapter to make certain that copies of their chapter's activities be sent to me AND also to Terry Smythe, AMICA WebMaster, for inclusion on the AMICA International Web Page. I mentioned that chapter membership and international membership could be boosted by simply posting their activities on the site where prospective members throughout the world can view activities in their area

I also urged each chapter to make certain that an updated list of officers be sent to both Robin Pratt, publisher of the Bulletin, and also to Terry Smythe for inclusion on the website. I found that the two lists of officers did not agree with each other.

On a different matter, some seem to be taking place on the CITES/"Ivory across the Border" front. A recent (late June) transport of a piano from the U.S. side to the Canadian side with removed ivory keys elicited a response of "What happened to the Ivory Keys?" from the Canadian Customs Officer. Upon showing the officer two bags with old ivory removed, the officer responded something to the effect that that wasn't necessary anymore. They are only interested in instruments that are less than 30 years old. One of our chapter members is investigating this change, and will try to get a written document to attest this change. BTW, the ivories on the piano in question were in very poor condition and needed to be replaced.

Since the convention this year was in Australia, there was no business meeting, and as a result, the Leo Ornstein Literary Award, the AMICA International Award, and the President's Award were not given. I would assume that the awards will be made in 2002.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Walter

Vice President

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## PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2001

During the past year I have advised the President on a few matters of concern at his request.

I was appointed by the President to be the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to nominate officers to fill any positions that will become vacant at our next Annual Meeting. I will give further details in my report as Chairman of this committee.

My expenses for the year are so minimal that I have not billed the organization for them.

My expenses for the coming year will increase due to the communication requirements as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. However, I do not intend to bill the organization for these expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bird

AMICA Past President

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## PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON 2001

As requested by the President, I have formed a proposed Nominating Committee to select nominees for the AMICA offices to be voted upon at the year 2002 Membership meeting. The following listed members have agreed to serve on this committee if elected to do so by the Board of Directors.

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Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bird

AMICA Past President

## 2001 AMICA INTERNATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000

And Fiscal Year 2001 Projection

Prepared by Wesley Neff

June 30, 2001

### INTRODUCTION

AMICA National had income in fiscal year 2000 of \$66,409.82, which was about 7% less than the average for the prior three years. The expenses \$68,609.31 were up 1% from the prior three year average, discounting the affect of the membership directory which was printed in 1999. Expenses in 2000 exceeded income by \$2,199.49.

The total AMICA International income (National and Chapters) in 2000 was \$79,233.28. Adding Convention income of \$46,342.82, the total income was \$125,576.10. the total of the national and Chapter income is essentially flat with 1999 income. Total AMICA International expenses (National and Chapters) in 2000 was \$77,690.87, plus Convention expenses of \$39,135.26, for total expenses of \$116,826.13. The total National and Chapter expenses were down about 13% from 1999 expenses of \$89,579.84. Total AMICA income exceeded expenses by \$8,236.25 in fiscal year 2000.

### INCOME (NATIONAL ONLY)

Total National Dues collected in 2000 was \$59,738.79, down slightly from 1999. The projection for 2001 dues is off a similar amount.

Income from bulletin advertising in 2000 was off 21% from 1999 levels. The projection for 2001 shows a further 40% decrease in advertising revenues.

Interest received in 2000 bounced back toward prior year levels, however, the projection for 2001 is off 40% due to depressed interest rates. At the end of 2000, there was \$30,593.18 in a money market fund earning 5.79%. The current money market rate is 3.91%. Investigation is underway to determine if there is another low risk alternative for the funds available for investment.

Memorial Fund donations in 2000 were \$329.00. The projection for the Memorial Fund in 2001 is about \$600.00.

There were no books or AV sales in 2000, and none are expected in 2001. A worthwhile project is needed to promote our hobby and provide income.

Total income for 2001 is projected at \$68,625, up 3% from 2000.

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## EXPENSES (NATIONAL ONLY)

Of the \$68,609.31 in expenses incurred in 2000, the largest single item is the cost of the "Bulletin" and associated reprints. Counting the costs of the publisher, printing, handling, postage, reprints and inserts, the "Bulletin" costs in 2000 were \$53,600.00 (about 78% of the total). This is expected to be about \$58,000.00 in 2001, or \$9,700.00 per issue. Publishing of this fine "Bulletin" is an essential part of maintaining AMICA's tax exempt status.

The second largest group of expenses include postage, copies, telephone and miscellaneous office supplies and equipment used by the officers. Telephone costs are falling rapidly due to electronic mail and reduced long distance rates used to conduct AMICA business. The total of these categories in 2000 was \$4,035.31, and is projected to be \$4,960.00 in 2001. No officer other than the publisher and membership secretary receives any fee for his or her time.

Convention expenses of \$3,116.37 in 2000 included \$2,116.37 to the Boston Area Chapter to offset the losses from the 1999 Convention, and \$1,000.00 seed money for the 2002 Springdale, Arkansas Convention. There are no expected Convention expenses in 2001.

### Other Expense Notes:

- The premium for liability insurance coverage continues to increase at an annual rate of 6% to 7%.
- Of special note are the bank charges. About two-thirds of the bank charges in 2000 are for credit card payment handling. Since dues payments by credit card are increasing each year, the bank charges are on the rise. They are expected to be about \$800.00 in 2001. AMICA is now banking with Fifth Third Bank of Northern Ohio, which does not charge banking fees to non-profit organizations, but we must continue to pay a charge for credit card deposits.
- No awards are in the budget for 2001.
- Maintenance of the AMICA web-site cost \$460.55 in 2000, and is projected at \$500.00 in 2001.

## MEMORIAL FUND

The Memorial fund account stood at \$7,311.17 at the end of 2000. During the year we received \$329.00 in donations and added \$548.78 in interest.

## CHAPTERS

At the end of 2000 AMICA had fourteen active chapters. Chapter income is mostly from dues and interest. The Founding and Sierra Nevada Chapters each had a net convention income from the Sacramento Convention of \$2,342.45. Expenses for the chapters are mostly related to printing, postage and supplies related to chapter meeting notices. Other expenses

of note include: the rebuilding of a player grand project by the SOWNY Chapter; an Organ Rally-Gateway Chapter; and a Thresher Reunion-Heart of America Chapter. The end of year 2000 balance for the chapters of \$54,938.72 is up 7% from the beginning of year balance.

## SUMMARY

AMICA International continues to have a sound financial base due to a steady income from membership dues, interest, and to a lessening extent - advertising. However, we are just meeting expenses and are not building a reserve for unexpected or unusual expenditures. There is no account growth to offset publishing of another membership directory.

AMICA International's 1999 Federal Information Return was audited during 2000 by the Internal Revenue Service. Their examination of the Information Return disclosed that the organization continues to qualify for exemption from Federal income tax. However, they noted that we have been incorrectly reporting the sale of advertising and income from book sales, reprints, etc. They are to be reported on a different line on Form 990, and an additional Form "990-T" was requested.

All required informational forms were filed in a timely fashion with the IRS, the California Franchise Tax Board, and California Registry of Charitable Trusts. Since the gross receipts for 2000 exceeded \$100,000.00 a different Federal Information Form was required than in the past. This longer form requires more information to complete than the "EZ" form used in the past. A note was sent to all of the Chapter Treasurers to collect this additional information for 2001.

My thanks to all of the Chapter Treasurers for their support in making this report complete. Thanks also to Rob DeLand for providing well maintained and detailed treasury records, and for helping me get through the transition of responsibilities. My apologies to the Chapter Treasurers for the eleventh hour drill that was necessary to complete the required informational reports by mid-May. Next year we will get off to an earlier start.

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley Neff, Treasurer

**AMICA National 1996 thru 2000 Actuals and 2001 Budget**

**INCOME**

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 (plan)
advertising (bulletin)	7,197.10	8,070.00	6,690.20	8,968.80	8,150.80	1,865.00
advertising (directory)	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,830.00	0.00	0.00
convention fund	2,708.86	3,148.00	1,000.00	1,053.81	0.00	3,200.00
interest received	1,192.67	2,908.02	2,885.38	1,268.31	2,480.73	1,500.00
membership dues	47,032.00	63,452.14	61,654.38	60,304.23	58,738.79	59,600.00
memorial fund donations	100.00	4,342.50	85.00	322.00	329.00	600.00
sales (books & AV)	2,389.00	2,849.00	1,222.18	75.00	0.00	0.00
sales (bound bulletin)	346.00	354.00	130.00	6.00	282.00	1,400.00
sales (back and leaders)	788.00	0.00	134.80	318.75	413.50	600.00
miscellaneous	182.59	0.00	0.00	290.00	45.00	60.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>61,893.22</b>	<b>70,014.66</b>	<b>72,751.54</b>	<b>70,428.87</b>	<b>68,408.82</b>	<b>68,425.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 (plan)
AV			498.11	185.00	0.00	0.00
awards		93.80	516.18	613.86	774.86	0.00
bank charges	12.00	12.00	268.17	254.91	429.13	800.00
convention		2,000.00	2,000.00	298.12	3,116.37	0.00
donation (museum)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
handling: bulletin			1,411.00	2,133.00	2,840.00	2,870.00
handling: directory				448.00	0.00	0.00
insurance		1,675.00	1,626.00	1,730.00	1,909.00	2,100.00
Internet				394.14	460.85	300.00
legal & professional fees	38.00	45.00	55.00	20.00	20.00	35.00
membership sect. stipend	0.00	2,903.60	0.00	2,465.00	2,282.00	2,300.00
misc: copies			96.09	452.41	227.70	600.00
misc: office equipment	2,970.69	3,011.18	380.10	250.00	1,099.00	0.00
misc: office supplies	400.68	4,798.77	278.52	966.60	678.93	800.00
miscellaneous	1,695.27	336.00	0.00	730.80	1,919.00	500.00
postage: bulletin	732.04	709.20	4,997.96	7,922.61	8,394.80	8,800.00
postage: directory				1,482.77	0.00	0.00
postage: officers & misc			2,089.73	2,433.00	1,375.41	3,500.00
printing: bulletin	28,434.01	33,763.45	28,348.61	26,699.00	25,238.00	25,900.00
printing: directory	3,026.00			10,905.00	20.00	0.00
printing: inserts			7,696.69	9,087.72	3,370.43	1,000.00
printing: reprints		6,533.00	6,286.00	3,979.00	3,502.00	10,400.00
printing: stationery			184.00	1,124.15	73.00	160.00
printing: AMICA brochures			1,289.88	0.00	0.00	0.00
publisher fees	8,000.00	8,200.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	10,500.00	9,000.00
refunds	28.00	28.00	0.00	64.00	37.00	0.00
telephone	2,611.89	3,241.15	5,297.10	1,632.57	581.27	100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>46,039.38</b>	<b>64,748.85</b>	<b>72,128.97</b>	<b>65,846.28</b>	<b>68,608.81</b>	<b>68,182.00</b>
<b>NET GAIN (income - expenses)</b>	<b>15,853.84</b>	<b>5,265.81</b>	<b>1,610.57</b>	<b>-15,422.99</b>	<b>-2,199.49</b>	<b>-540.00</b>
						<b>4,568.14</b>

**AMICA International 2000 Income and Expense Summary**

	<b>National</b>	<b>Memorial Fund</b>	<b>Convention Sacramento</b>	<b>Chapters</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>					
advertising	3,150.80	-	300.00	-	3,450.80
convention income	-	-	-	4,694.91	4,694.91
events (chapters)	-	-	-	783.00	783.00
interest received	1,981.95	548.78	-	1,085.83	3,548.56
mail	-	-	185.00	-	185.00
membership dues	59,738.79	-	-	5,827.80	65,566.59
memorial fund	-	328.00	-	-	328.00
registrations	-	-	44,858.82	-	44,858.82
sales: bulletin	252.00	-	-	-	252.00
sales: tech and leaders	413.50	-	-	-	413.50
sales: misc	45.00	-	-	-	45.00
miscellaneous	-	-	1,018.00	681.82	1,699.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,632.04</b>	<b>877.78</b>	<b>46,942.82</b>	<b>12,823.49</b>	<b>125,576.10</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
awards	774.58	-	-	418.60	1,193.18
bank charges	429.13	-	-	44.43	473.56
convention expenses	3,116.37	-	35,135.28	1,110.24	43,361.87
events (chapters)	-	-	-	3,088.19	3,088.19
handling bulletin	2,840.00	-	-	-	2,840.00
insurance	1,909.00	-	-	-	1,909.00
Internet	480.55	-	-	-	480.55
legal & prof. fees	20.00	-	-	-	20.00
membership cost	2,283.00	-	-	-	2,283.00
memorial fund	-	-	-	250.00	250.00
miscellaneous	408.00	-	-	1,187.51	1,595.51
misc: officers	81.85	-	-	-	81.85
misc: copies	227.70	-	-	-	227.70
misc: office equip.	1,099.00	-	-	-	1,099.00
misc: office supplies	597.08	-	-	-	597.08
postage	9,730.31	-	-	1,544.14	11,274.45
printing: bulletin	25,238.00	-	-	745.98	25,983.98
printing: directory	20.00	-	-	-	20.00
printing: inserts	3,370.48	-	-	-	3,370.48
printing: reprints	3,502.00	-	-	-	3,502.00
printing: stationery	73.00	-	-	-	73.00
publisher fees	10,500.00	-	-	-	10,500.00
refund dues	37.00	-	-	-	37.00
supplies (chapters)	-	-	-	708.97	708.97
telephone	581.27	-	-	5.80	586.77
uncategorized	1,510.00	-	-	-	1,510.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,609.31</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,135.28</b>	<b>9,061.56</b>	<b>110,826.13</b>
<b>Account Balances</b>					
1-Jan-99	39,894.36	7,311.17	2,522.66	84,938.72	104,686.92
1-Jan-00	42,971.25	6,439.79	0.00	47,025.83	96,436.87

Prepared by Wesley Hall  
June 30, 2001

Chapter Name	2000 Income						
	Starting Balance	Dues	Interest	Conv.	Events	Misc	Total Income
Boston Area	2,059.06	480.00	8.70	-	-	-	488.70
Chicago Area	6,050.96	316.00	101.24	-	-	116.00	631.24
Founding	2,878.52	1,480.38	-	2,342.45	-	-	3,792.83
Gateway	3,862.07	72.00	48.41	-	783.00	-	903.41
Heart of America	6,402.61	385.00	125.00	-	-	12.00	632.00
Lady Liberty	1,786.35	224.00	-	-	-	-	224.00
Midwest	8,206.71	736.00	288.88	-	-	121.00	1,145.88
Northern Lights	622.69	20.00	-	-	-	-	20.00
Pacific Can-Am	2,780.80	206.42	100.72	-	-	22.00	329.14
Sierra Nevada	1,406.48	330.00	24.18	2,342.45	-	250.00	2,946.64
Southern California	7,768.07	777.00	208.99	-	-	43.00	1,028.99
Southern Blues	290.97	-	-	-	-	-	-
SOWHY	6,168.89	80.00	143.12	-	-	68.82	332.04
Texas	812.68	532.00	18.63	-	-	-	550.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,198.82</b>	<b>6,627.80</b>	<b>1,065.63</b>	<b>4,684.81</b>	<b>783.00</b>	<b>681.82</b>	<b>12,829.48</b>

Chapter Name	2000 Expenses											
	Printing	Postage	Telephone	Supplies	Awards	Conv.	Events	Merch	Fad	Misc	Total Expenses	Ending Balance
Boston Area	26.89	180.98	-	7.71	-	1,110.24	-	-	-	175.82	1,500.12	1,065.59
Chicago Area	63.00	180.13	-	45.87	-	-	-	-	-	329.99	598.99	5,066.90
Founding	107.48	180.98	-	-	108.89	-	-	-	-	-	404.04	8,285.31
Gateway	4.81	14.40	-	25.00	-	-	888.69	-	-	-	934.00	3,862.48
Heart of America	108.80	-	-	480.00	-	-	184.25	150.00	-	-	873.05	8,081.45
Lady Liberty	38.43	85.38	5.50	8.50	-	-	-	-	-	381.43	508.22	1,602.13
Midwest	-	379.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200.00	579.54	8,772.05
Northern Lights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160.00	160.00	482.69
Pacific Can-Am	30.84	100.19	-	71.68	-	-	600.00	-	-	-	732.71	2,417.25
Sierra Nevada	-	35.00	-	40.60	282.01	-	-	-	-	10.00	318.61	4,026.89
Southern California	213.63	205.87	-	88.81	79.00	-	-	-	-	-	686.33	8,227.73
Southern Blues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	280.37
SOWHY	85.93	-	-	-	-	-	1,484.25	-	-	-	1,569.18	4,827.75
Texas	85.27	188.70	-	15.00	-	-	-	100.00	5.00	-	401.87	1,081.14
	745.88	1,544.14	5.50	708.07	418.00	1,110.24	3,088.19	250.00	1,231.94		9,081.58	54,938.72

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# MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

July 1, 2001  
Bill Chapman

## New Members

Both the web site and the brochures are effective in catching the eye of the public. The brochures account for more than the web site. Many inquiries are made to the Membership Secretary regarding instruments for sale indicating that there is some exposure on the web. However, searches on "player piano" are not pointing to the AMICA web page.

Only a few Directories remain. It is suggested that the next Directory begin as early as permitted by current By-Laws. New members frequently ask for a Directory.

## Membership

As of July 1, 2001, there are 1,455 paying members. The response to year 2001 Membership Renewals and subsequent Reminder Letters was somewhat less than the previous year. The renewal of memberships was concluded March 31. Late renewals are a large part of the Membership Secretary's workload and fairly expensive to the organization. An extra reminder was posted in the March/April Bulletin. This had mixed results: 56 people paid in response to the pink flyer (the return envelope usually included the pink flyer). Of these, 47 resulted in duplicate payments. Most of these duplicate payments were returned, although a few members agreed to be credited for the year 2002. The membership is about 50 fewer than the previous year.

## Non-Renewals:

As of March 2001, 248 members had not sent their payments. Approximately 300 reminder letters were sent out but some 50 payments received in the meantime. Postage for the overseas reminder letters is usually \$1.00, Canada \$.55, and US \$.34. The total cost of the reminder letters, not counting my trips to the office, gasoline, electricity, computer, is about \$310. The principal costs are Xeroxing, postage and envelopes. A self-addressed envelope is included in the mailing. Late bulletins mailed from Santa Rosa, California now cost \$1.81 each for US locations, and range much higher for foreign members, but the late foreign members are a small part of the budget. I do not have a solid figure for late foreign make-up mailings.

A proposal is that AMICA increase its membership to cover the costs involved for the Membership Secretary Office. If the board wishes to lower these costs, a second proposal is to increase the dues by a few dollars. If the dues notice were stated e.g., "2002 dues \$37 if paid by January 31., \$40 if postmarked after January 31. The increase in cost is due to the higher postage costs when Bulletins are not mailed directly from the publisher. This occurs when dues are paid too late to inform the printing company."

If the board is to consider this change, serious thought must be given to the issue. The costs of reminder letters could be explained in a Bulletin article. I would be willing to put together such an article.

Reasons for non-renewal. More than usual members responded with written notices and emails that they did not intend to renew. About 35 responses occurred but these were lost in the moving. One theme did emerge and that was loss of interest in the field due to age, new hobbies, family changes. Death claimed a few members. Broadening the scope of AMICA to include midi and computer related preservation of music may be a method of attracting new members.

## Some statistics:

Paying members:

.....1,455 at conclusion of renewal reminder letters

Paid-ahead members:

.....16 (revenue already included for 2001 and 2002)

Affiliates:

.....16 (free Bulletins, reciprocal; non-revenue mailings)

Dual households:

.....50 (listed in Directory, but a single Bulletin is mailed)

Free bulletins:

.....4 (for archives, research; non-revenue mailings)

Founding Members:

.....5 (non-revenue mailings)

Honorary Members:

.....7 (non-revenue mailings)

## Mail Categories as of July 1, 2001

Foreign Members: 45

Surface: 35

Bulk Mail: 1,276

Canada: 36

First Class: 87

Total: 1,479

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# CONVENTION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Submitted by Frank Nix

2002 - June 26-29—Springdale Arkansas - Will be a very interesting and highly enjoyable meeting in a wonderful part of the country. Wonderful collections, picturesque early resort town of Eureka Springs. Lots to see and do.

2003 - August 20-24—Portland, Oregon - Being well-planned out in a beautiful setting. One week before MBSI meeting in Long Beach, Calif. with a scenic train ride from Portland to Long Beach for those who wish to avail themselves of both meetings.

2004 - Date not established yet, but will be in Denver, Colorado Preliminary planning is going on, and this one should be another winner.

We are in process of scouting for 2005 & 2006...Chapters should consider hosting these Conventions or giving us ideas where they would like to see a Convention.



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## MEMORIAL FUND

The AMICA Memorial Fund is gradually gaining interest among our membership. Each year, our donations have increased. In the year 2001, we added \$329.00 in donations and \$548.78 in interest to the account. That left us, at year's end with a balance of \$7,311.17.

The even more encouraging news is that we have already received \$322.00 in the first 6 months of 2001. I see this as being, in a large part, due to the addition of a spot for members to "round up" their dues payment and include a small donation to the Memorial Fund.

Sadly, some of our donations over the past couple of years, reflect the loss of cherished members. We appreciate those donations and offer our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends who made a contribution in the name of their loved one.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Chisnell, Memorial Fund Chairman

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## 2001 TECHNICALITIES REPORT

The only activity in the Technicalities Department this year was generated from the internet. Some inquiries were sent to me directly to my e-mail address. Most questions were from members about whether their old player piano had any value, and if it did, were there any repairmen in their area. Naturally, I referred them to AMICA people. In every case I told them their piano had value and not to junk it.

The internet also lists my address on the AMICA web site. The mail I received from this site was mostly from non-AMICA members asking for help on restoring their player piano, along with enough information to get started. I send them the name of any AMICA members in their area. Also, I suggest they join AMICA.

We used to get inquiries on where to buy reproducing rolls but, with the internet auctions such as E-bay constantly posting rolls on their site, this has all but stopped.

On the technical side, the only reported items were a few members' problems that could be traced to leaky valves. There has been a renewed interest in upright reproducers. It seems a premium has been placed on living space and an upright piano takes up less space than a grand. Refinishing costs have risen in certain urban areas around the country. Look for more out of town case restorations and do it yourselves.

Restoration supplies appear easy to obtain. New and used rolls are constantly being advertised in our Bulletin. Our hobby is flourishing and will continue to do so.

Hal Malakinian

Technicalities Chairman

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## 2001 AUDIO-VISUAL REPORT

There has been no activity in the Audio-Visual Department this year. It seems all interested members now own video cameras and recorders and make recordings on their own. At all the meetings I have attended over the years, those interested in a record of sights and sounds have made recordings for themselves.

The library of recordings we have were taken years ago and are outdated. They were taken in the 1970s and 1980s with equipment no longer manufactured. I have not seen a Sony U-matic video camera or recorder in 25 years. The camera uses 3/4" video tape, a format that went the way of 8-track tapes. A few of our members have sent me a copy of a video tape of their collection for our library.

There have been newspaper and magazine articles written about automatic musical machines and those who collect them. These articles usually describe these items as antique oddities instead of the fine musical instruments that they are. I would like to see this trend reversed.

Hal Malakinian

Audio-Visual Chairman

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## PAST CONVENTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The 8 day Melbourne Australia Convention was a great success with 108 registered with me and an additional 11 Australians registered with John Ham. John and Jan Ham were outstanding chairmen and we had many memorable experiences including home visits to Harold and Beverly Ball and Frank and Dora Freedman. The Ham's were assisted by Steve Rattle and John Semmons. 95 attended the 2 1/2 day extension to Sydney which was handled by Ian Savins and he planned visits with Craig Robson and the Master Touch Piano Roll Co. 92 went on to the North Island of New Zealand which I arranged. We visited the member homes of Michael and Gillian Woolf, Jonathan White, Leslie and Bert Watchorn, Rod and Helen Cornelious and Lloyd and Joan Whitaker's Musical Museum.

To make sure all expenses would be covered, I built in to the budget some contingency money and promised a refund if it were possible. Consequently, everyone who attended all 4 venues (Melbourne, Koala Trip, Sydney and New Zealand) received a refund of \$225. Lesser amounts were given back to others who only participated in some of the 4 venues.

AMICA International will receive back the \$1000 seed money and an additional profit. Almost all of this profit was because of undercharged events and special courtesies to AMICA. I will be sending the 2001 Melbourne, Australia Convention Financial Report to Wes Neff, Treasurer, when all checks are cashed and I can close the bank account.

Liz Barnhart

Past Convention Coordinator: 1985-2001

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## HONORARY MEMBER COMMITTEE

We have six Honorary Members presently on the AMICA membership list. Since the last Annual Meeting, we have lost Honorary Member Ramsi Tick, who passed away at the age of 75 on October 31, 2000.

No new Honorary Members have been named since our most recent Honoraries, Emmett Ford and Larry Givens, in 1996.

Since offering to take over as Chair of the Honorary Members at the Sacramento Convention in 2000, I received the "archives" of members from Mike Walter that was compiled by Dorothy Bromage over her 16 years of service as Honorary Chair. I have read through the information and cleaned-up the files, and updated the listings of all current and past Honoraries.

I received an inquiry from Terry Smythe regarding Leo Ornstein, which I attempted to research a bit. I have no current address for Mr. Ornstein, and can only assume that at 106 years of age he has probably passed on. Does anyone know if he is still alive?

I have also written Hi and Marilyn Babit. Judy Chisnell told me Marilyn is recovering from a heart attack and I thought a "get well" wish from AMICA would be welcome.

I had also written Michael Hamman after Ramsi's death.

Please keep the lines of communication open. If you hear of any news about our members which might be of interest, please pass it on.

I would also request that the Board might consider the future of the Committee, i.e. adding any new Honorary Member, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Albert

Chairman

### AMICA HONORARY MEMBERS

Six on Membership List as of June 2001

Herman ("Hi") Babich ("Babit"), born Nov. 1917

Emmett Ford, born 1895

Larry Givens, born May 7, 1937

Max Morath, born Oct. 1, 19??

Leo Ornstein, born Dec. 11, 1892

Victor Zuck, born Jan. 29, 1908

### AMICA HONORARY MEMBERS

Clarence Adler 1886-1969

Pauline Alpert (Rodf) 1912-1988

Louis Alter 1902-1980

Robert Armbruster 1896-1994

Herman ("Hi") Babich ("Babit")	1917- *
Edythe Baker (Kane)	-1997
Alan Bier	-1973
Robert W. Billings	1899-1985
Ruth Bingaman-Smith	1896-1996
Eubie Blake	1883-1983
Alexander, Brailowsky	1896-1976
Elmer F. Brooks	-1987
Julius Burger	1897-1995
Adam Carroll	1897-1974
Julius Chaloff	1892-1979
Abram Chasins	1904-1987
Wilbur Chenoweth	1899-1980
Shura Cherkassky	1911-1995
Jan Chiapusso	1890-1969
Zez Confrey	1895-1971
J. Lawrence Cook	1899-1976
Charles Cooper	1888-1971
George Copeland	1883-1972
Emse Dawson	-1977
Ursula Dietrich Hollingshead	1886-1985
Frederic Dixon	1895-1923
Lyle Downer	-1979
John Duke	1889-1984
Jose Echaniz	1905-1969
Edgar "Cookie" Fairchild	1898-1975
Ted Fiorito	1900-1971
Emmett Ford	1895- *
Rudolph Friml	1879-1972
Rudolph Ganz	1877-1972
Adam Gawlick	1903-1995
Larry Givens	- *
Joe Gold	1894-1953
Gitta Gradova (Cottle)	1904-1985
Ferde Grofe	1892-1966
William Haeseler, Jr.	-1994
Richard Hageman	1882-1966
Francis Hall Ballard	1899-
Eddy Hanson	1893-1986
Myra Hess	1890-1965
Clarence N. Hickman	1889-1981
Johnny Honnert	1908-1995
Elmer H. Hunholz	-
Gertrude Huntley Durand	1888-1987
Johnny Johnson	1876-1979
Herman Kortlander	1900-1987

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## AMICA HONORARY MEMBERS cont.

Frank Laffitte	-1982
Carl E. Lamson	1897-1966
Henry Lange	1895-1985
Ethel Leginska	1886-1970
Edwin Lester	1895-1990
Edwin Link	1904-1981
Matilda Locust Hart	-
Vincent Lopez	1894-1987
L. Leslie Loth	1888-1975
Dr. Mana-Zucca	1894-1987
Flora Mora	1894-1987
Max Morath	- *
Mieczyslaw Munz	1900-1976
Conlon Nancarrow	-1997
Elly Ney	1882-1968
Ray Noble	1903-1978
Guimar Novaes Pintot	1895-1979
Erwin Nyiregyhazi	1903-
Leo Ornstein	1892-
Wilfred Pelletier	1896-1982
Gray Perry	1898-1995
Genevieve Pitot	-1980
Leo Podolsky	1891-1987
John Powell	1882-1944
Vera Richardson	-1978
Claire Rivers Moody	1893-
Douglas Roe	1903-1994
O. Fred Rydeen	
Domenico Savino	1883-1973
Carl I. Schneider	-1976
Germaine Schnitzer	1889-1983
Leonard Smith	1901-1993
Sigmund Spaeth	1885-1965
Ernest L. Stevens	1884-1982
Reginald Stewart	1899-1984
Alexandre Tansman	1897-1986
Ramsi Tick	1925-2000
Donald D. Voorhees	1903-1989
Pete Wendling	1888-1974
Maurice Roy Wetzel	1895-
Isabelle Yalkovsky Byman	1906-1981
Victor Zuck	1908- *

## BOSTON CHAPTER REPORT

The Officers for the year 2001 are: Ken Volk: President, Dorothy Bromage: Vice President, Ginger Christiansen: Secretary, Karl Ellison: Treasurer, Sanford Libman: Board Representative.

Meetings in the last 12 months have been held in Hopkinton MA, Lexington MA, Southboro MA, Concord MA, and Middleton MA . Our next meeting will be in August 2001, co-hosted at two locations in Salem MA. Our Christmas meeting will involve dinner at a restaurant with perhaps some form of entertainment. We are actively meeting at new locations, though options for 'spectacular' venues are limited in the Northeast.

As of this report, the club has \$1028.00 in the bank, with 65 'paid' members. The club project to restore an upright player-piano for the Charles River Museum of Industry has been on hold for want of a suitable, affordable, restorable instrument. Those pianos that avail themselves to -date are either "too far gone", too far away, too expensive, improperly restored in the past, etc. The search continues. Vice President Dorothy Bromage has offered the use of her barn in Billerica MA to house work once started.

Submitted by

Karl Ellison

(By proxy from Sanford Libman, Board Representative)

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## HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER REPORT

This year the Heart of America Chapter continued to be active, with good attendance at all meetings, and enthusiasm shown by all. Over Labor Day weekend we held a band organ rally at the Old Thresherman's Reunion in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa which was well received. Except for a great deal of dust this was an ideal place for us. It was their 50th year, making it one of the oldest gatherings of old tractors, farm machinery and related items. They even had a steam operated carousel.

The first weekend in December found us in Kansas City Mo. for the Christmas meeting. This began at the Schoeppner's on Saturday afternoon, followed by dinner at a church and entertainment by a group of members calling themselves the Heart of America Thespians. Sunday morning it was back to the Schoeppner's for brunch and the annual gift exchange. Then we slipped in a business meeting before going home.

The last weekend in April found us in Manhattan, Kansas. We gathered at the Musical Museum of the Thomas's for lunch and then left for Abilene to visit a museum and have dinner in an interesting restaurant. Sunday found us back at the Thomas's for brunch and a business meeting. This also gave those of us who had gone to the convention in Australia a chance to bore everyone with travel stories.

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Our convention committee has held several meetings during the year to prepare to host the 2002 convention. We are very aware of the fact that Australia is a very tough act to follow and we don't have a whole week to work with as they did. Still, we think we will be offering an outstanding convention that no one will want to miss. I will not go into detail here as you are about to be bombarded with information in the bulletin.

We continue to be an active and successful chapter and are determined to bring you a great convention in 2002.

Submitted by Ron Connor, Chapter Representative

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## LADY LIBERTY CHAPTER REPORT

President: Bill Maguire

Vice-President: Keith Biggers

Secretary: Richard Karlson

Treasurer: Ira Malek

Board Members: Dianne Polan and Marvin Polan

Membership: 54 paid up members both National and Chapter

Meetings: We have five meetings a year. Meetings are held in the following areas:

Long Island

New York

New Jersey

Eastern Pennsylvania

Southern Connecticut

At our meetings, in order to fulfill the AMICA non-for-profit status, we have workshops at each meeting. This year the meeting were held April 1st, June 2. There will be meetings on September 30th, August 19th and an end of the year meeting probably in November or December. We also have a picnic.

If you need more information about our Chapter let me know soon. Also please forward to me a summary of this e-mail meeting. Marvin and I will be leaving for France on the 12th of July and returning on the 28th of July.

Respectfully submitted:

Dianne Polan, Board Representative

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## MIDWEST CHAPTER REPORT

On Aug. 12-13 the Midwest Chapter met in Dayton, OH. Members were invited to bring Monkey Organs which we played at Carillon Park during the annual German Festival. We went to Liz and Mike Barnhart's for the evening. Sunday morning we had breakfast and our meeting at Lawrence and Margaret Frazer's where they were personally presented the AMICA President's Award, since they couldn't attend the 2000 Sacramento, California Convention..

Oct. 14-15 we held a joint meeting with the Chicago Chapter at Bennet and Barry Leedy's in Coloma, MI. The

Leedy homes are next door so members could walk back and forth to enjoy the pianos. A violin recital was also presented. After a Lion's Club barbeque, we were back at the Leedy's for a tour of Bennet's restoration shop. Sunday morning the meeting was at Barry's.

Dec. 3-4 our Holiday gathering began at Robin Pratt's shop in Sandusky, OH. We had a live performance of 2 violinists and a cellist accompanied by Robin. During the evening at Bev and Jeff Brabb's in Norwalk we were entertained by 2 soloists and a musical gift exchange. After our Sunday meeting, we toured the former home of the AB Chase Treasurer and Comptroller. Later, we visited new member, Mark Reddaway's home in Huron.

March 17-18 we met at the new home of Shawn Fox in Delaware. Dinner was downtown and back to Shawn's to party. Our Sunday meeting was at Vince and Sue Ricca's in Columbus. We were also invited to open houses at Norm Dolder and Bill Griffin and David Graber.

May 11-13 we traveled a long way out of the US to visit the Bed and Breakfast of Ken Vinen's in Stratford, Ontario, Canada. Ken had planned a 1 price for the weekend similar to Conventions. On Saturday evening we attended the Shakespeare Festival performance of "12th Night" Sunday morning Ken cooked a hot breakfast and we held our meeting.

Our next meeting is Sept. 16-17 at the homes of Wes and Sherri Neff in Findlay, OH and Terry and Joan Haughwout in Bloomdale, OH.

I have the list of Midwest Chapter members and am waiting to hear from Bill Chapman to assure that all are members of AMICA International.

Liz Barnhart

Midwest Board Rep

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## PACIFIC CAN-AM CHAPTER REPORT

### CURRENT OFFICERS:

President - Kurt Morrison

Vice President - Don McLaughlin

Secretary - Halie Dodrill

Treasurer - Beverly Spore

Chapter Representative to the Board - Carl Dodrill

### MEMBERSHIP:

Our membership consists of 78 individuals who come from 48 households. In many cases, two members from a household are both actively involved in our chapter.

### TREASURY:

As of the end of June, 2001, we had \$528.38 in our savings and checking accounts. We also have a certificate of deposit for \$1,890.31 which is due primarily to the profit from the 1994 AMICA convention in Seattle and which has accrued interest since that time.

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## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

This year has proved to be a busy one for our chapter. Each year we have four meetings with 25 to 50 people in attendance, and occasional special activities as well. It is fair to say that there is a great deal of enthusiasm for automatic music among our members. Our meetings occur on Saturday or Sunday afternoons. Members and visitors come to the hosting home at around 2 PM and there is approximately two hours of visiting with other members while the instruments in the home are viewed and played. This considerable period of time for interaction with other AMICAns has proved to be one of the most valuable features of our meetings, and people become well acquainted with others during this time. At approximately 4 PM, we have our Business Meeting and show and tell time. At roughly 5 PM, we share our potluck meal together. This schedule works very well indeed.

We recognize the importance of getting automatic music into the view of the public in general, and several activities this year recognize this importance. One of our members, Bill Masterman, completed the rebuilding of a Wurlitzer band organ so that it could be played at our largest state fair in Washington state, the Puyallup fair. The organ was placed near the fair's carousel and was played there. Hopefully, it will be played each year while the fair is open.

A considerable amount of work has gone into planning another activity, a band organ rally. Spearheaded by two of our members (Norm and Sally Gibson) and assisted by a committee of other members, a band organ rally of some size has been planned for Labor Day weekend in Ocean Shores, Washington. Band organs have been committed from a considerable distance, and a number are expected. The rally will take place at the Ocean Shores Convention Center, and it will include not only band organs but several other types of automatic musical instruments. The public will be invited to experience these instruments and AMICA membership brochures will be made available. Members from other AMICA chapters are encouraged to attend.

A major activity started this year was the taking on of the 2003 AMICA Convention. This is to be held in Portland, Oregon from August 20 to 24, 2003. Portland was picked for several reasons including the fact that neither AMICA nor MBSI had ever been there, favorable hotel rates could be obtained, and there is a nucleus of AMICAns already in the Portland area which might eventually form the basis for a chapter. Working especially with Frank Nix and Liz Barnhart, Carl Dodrill assumed the position of Convention Chair. Al Menashe from Portland will serve as Convention Co-Chair. John Moto-Ros provided considerable additional information about details of the Sacramento meeting. A committee was assembled which consisted of persons from the state of Washington (Dan Brown, Halie Dodrill, Carl Kehret, Dean Randall, Beverly Spore) and also from Oregon (Nathan Bello, Bruce and Juanice Cartwright, Bill and Marilyn Englund, Don McLaughlin, Al Menashe, Ann Smith). The first full Convention Committee meeting occurred in Portland in November, 2000, and the unanimous decision was made to

undertake holding the convention. Four committee members then toured three possible sites in Portland in December, 2000, and the decision for one of the sites (Doubletree Hotel, Downtown Portland) was made in January, 2001. Very favorable terms were obtained. The Committee then met in April, 2001 for a major planning meeting where many tasks were assigned and a great deal was accomplished. The theme of the convention is to be City of Roses. The major guest artist will be Nathan Bello, an Oregon resident who recently won an international piano competition. Nathan is a member of our chapter and is only 15 years of age. Many will remember his playing at the Sacramento convention. He is in the process of composing the Rose City Rag which will be on the convention souvenir roll. Major steps have been taken towards planning the touring events. A major publicity effort is planned for the Arkansas meeting. Overall, the plans for the convention are proceeding well. The Committee is very open to input from anyone to help make this convention an outstanding one.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl B. Dodrill

Chapter Representative to the AMICA Board

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## SIERRA NEVADA CHAPTER REPORT

The Sierra Nevada chapter has 16 members. The Chapter meets six times per year and has met three times in 2001. We usually have one joint meeting with the Founding Chapter each year. This year it will be September 8 at Don Ellison's in Palo Alto - a real AMICA affair!

The Chapter's goal for 2001 is to concentrate on advertising AMICA to the most interested people. What we have done so far may not produce instant results, but we hope it will promote long-term public interest. For two months (April and May), we had five instruments at the Heidrick AG History Center in Woodland, which is 15 miles from Sacramento. Chapter members took turns on weekends playing the instruments and handing out older AMICA Bulletins to interested people. We also had AMICA membership brochures on display, and more than 200 were picked up.

Our Chapter also came up with a new idea: membership cards. These cards introduce the member as an AMICA member. A copy is enclosed for your information. Each year Chapter members will receive 20 cards with additional cards available upon request. I have already handed out more than 50. The total cost to make the cards for all of our members was about \$5 as Sonja Lemon, Chapter Vice President, already had a computer program to do this. Each year, when members pay their dues, they will receive 20 cards. This also gives each member something to show they have paid their dues.

John Motto-Ros, President

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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER REPORT

### OFFICERS:

President - James Westcott

Vice-President - Jackie Porter

Treasurer - Ken Hodge

Secretary/Reporter - Shirley Nix

International Board Rep - Frank Nix

This chapter has had a busy year. August 12th and 13th we had a meeting at the home of Jay Albert and Brian Meeder in Santa Barbara, who own both a Duo-Art and an Ampico reproducing piano plus a very impressive roll collection.

From Santa Barbara we traveled to Lompoc and the home of Jim and Caroyl Westcott for a tech session on their new Allen Organ, plus time to enjoy the rest of their instruments. After the meeting we went to a park for a catered barbecue. The next day we traveled to the home of Doug and Audrey Mussell and their collection of piano orchestrions.

The next meeting was October 22nd, when we visited the restored Victorian home of Terry and Reese Banister. Their music room contained several makes of finely restored reproducing pianos, and we were able to see the difference in the different systems.

The December meeting was at the home of Frank and Shirley Nix. Dinner was held prior to the meeting at the Sagebrush Cantina, a restaurant owned by new member Bob McCord. Bob brought in 3 or 4 instruments to entertain us as we ate.

February took us for that long plane ride across the ocean to the Land Down Under to enjoy the unforgettable, tremendous hospitality of our friends in Australia and New Zealand. This was a really wonderful Convention.

Ervin and Betty Canada hosted our April meeting in their lovely home in San Bernardino. The house is filled with clocks and musical instruments.

In June we went to the home of Richard and Beverly Ingram, a special house designed and built by Richard. They have three pianos and many rolls.

Our next meeting will be in August at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Denerson, who own two pianos and over 7,000 rolls.

Our chapter has been involved with five organ rallies this past year with three more lined up in the next six months.

Our Treasury is solvent, and we have about 100 paid members. We have had some interesting, informative tech sessions at the meetings and a few good marts. We are looking forward to another good year.

## S.O.W.N.Y. CHAPTER REPORT

The S.O.W.N.Y. Chapter of AMICA has been active for the past year. We have held 7 meetings in both Canada and the U.S. Trips to Niagara Falls, Canada, Ottawa, Canada and Erie, PA are scheduled for the near future. Our membership is at 26 members. A number of members have left the chapter due to time constraints and the age factor. A few new members are on the horizon, though. Activities in the chapter have included the restoration of a Weber Duo-Art Grand. This piano, once restored, will be sold, and the proceeds will be added to the chapter treasury.

One possible use of these funds might be a cooperative effort with the P.T.G. to establish a better understanding of the player piano mechanism by attendance of player piano workshops at the P.T.G. Convention. If we can get attendees to agree to attend these workshops by underwriting the registration fee for the P.T.G. Convention, we might be able to persuade those not too calloused by years of work that the player piano IS worth the time and trouble to restore properly.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Walter

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## TEXAS CHAPTER REPORT

The Texas Chapter now has 71 members, Haden Vandiver and Alan May being the latest additions. The current membership roster is attached.

This year, we tried something new for us. We put together a trip way over to Boca Raton, Florida to see the fabulous Milhous collection May 23rd. There were 10 members that went to Boca Raton, and all just raved about the collection they saw. The Milhous brothers gave a 3 hr personally guided tour and were most gracious. This is a fabulous musical instrument and automobile collection which is open only to associated groups of up to 30 people on an invitation only basis.

Just being able to organize this trip and carry it off successfully marks a strengthening of The Texas Chapter. The Chapter is active and growing and having regular meetings throughout the year. We're quite optimistic that the Texas Chapter will continue to get stronger.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Merchant

Texas Chapter Rep.

## PUBLISHER'S REPORT INFORMATION FOR AMICA BULLETIN YEAR 2000

Bulletin	# Pages	Printing	Envelope	Label - Insert Sort - Bundle Del. to PO	N-Focus Labels Cass Certified	Postage
Jan-Feb	68	4650.00	262.00(2 color)	268.00	_____	1519.13
Mar-Apr	72	4800.00	139.00	268.00	_____	1248.14
May-June	60	3624.00	140.00	268.00	_____	1051.83
Jul-Aug	56	3133.00	141.00	268.00	_____	1350.47
Sept-Oct	80	4452.00	142.00	268.00	95.00	1214.77
Nov-Dec	56	4040.00	142.00	268.00	75.00	1210.70
		24699.00	966.00	1608.00	170.00	7595.04

### Membership Applications

	Print	Insert
Mar-Apr	58.00	
Sept-Oct	58.00	60.00
	116.00	60.00

### Reprints

	Qty.	Printing	Insert
Wurlitzer Catalogue	2000	1818.00	288.00 (RR Museum, Town Auto,
Popular Science	2000	199.00 (stapled in center)	Sacramento Magnet)
New Violano Music card	2000	222.00	120.00 (By-Laws, New members list)
Comp. List of Music Rol	1750	739.00	60.00 Violano insert
The Reproducing Piano	1750	1149.00	180.00 Baldwin insert
Baldwin	1750	336.00	80.00 Ampico Book insert
Chickering	1800	2690.00	728.00
Ampico Book	1800	2112.00	
How to Play the Player	1800	1158.00	
		10423.00	

### Convention

	Printing	Insert
Australia		
& Sacramento	161.00	
Sacramento	106.00	
	267.00	

### Bill Chapman

	Qty.	Printing	Freight
Letterhead	500	73.00	6.00
Directory Disk	1	20.00	4.00
		93.00	10.00

### Miscellaneous

Bind 1999 Bulletins	98.00	
200 Brochure Holders	409.00	137 Holders remaining June 18, 2001
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