

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Throughout the year I have received meeting notices from many chapters. The variety of activities and efforts some chapters make to reach out and spread the word about our collecting interests is great, but I know other chapters can do this, too.

In April, I received a signed petition from members of the Gateway and Heart of America Chapters requesting a merger of these two chapters. Since there is not a sufficient number of officers/board members attending the 2007 Germany/Holland convention to hold a Board Meeting, the merger was approved utilizing the AMICA Board Member's website.

The restored Wurlitzer DX orchestrion, AMICA'S Adopt-A-Piano, will be dedicated at a gala celebration June 30, 2007, in Nevada City, Montana. Thanks to Founding Member, Richard Reutlinger, for suggesting AMICA take on this project, Art Reblitz, who was in charge of the restoration, and the AMICA chapters who contributed funds for the restoration work. There were many others who made this project a success, including the Montana Heritage Commission and the Montana History Foundation.

AMICA is now on YouTube. Several years ago, the Sierra Nevada chapter made a video of automatic musical instruments narrated by chapter vice president, Doug Mahr. I sent the video to website manager, Karl Ellison, and he edited and made it into a YouTube presentation with a leader and follower screen plugging AMICA. The information is now posted on the AMICA Board Member's site and should also be listed on the amica.org site soon. Karl has also volunteered to do the same if others send VHS tapes of AMICA events.

This first year as President has given me the opportunity to meet and correspond with many AMICA members, as well as individuals outside of the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

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