

Report from the Executive Secretary/Treasurer

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BELOVED HONORARY MEMBER DIES

Karl Öhlberger, bassoonist, teacher, and a true gentleman, died on Tuesday, October 9, 2001 after a long illness. His career in the Vienna Philharmonic and the Vienna State Opera orchestra spanned from 1936-1975. He was the esteemed professor of bassoon at the Hochschule fur Musik in Vienna. He was very proud to be an honorary member of the Society and treasured his many friends in the organization.

It was my great pleasure to be able to correspond with Professor Öhlberger from time to time over the past few years. I am sure he will be missed by his many friends, students, and colleagues throughout the world.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our new officers **Terry Ewell, president**; **Nancy Ambrose King**, vice-president; **Stephane Levesque**, 2nd vice-president; **Martin Schuring**, secretary; and **Carolyn Hove**, at-large member, who will be taking their places at our executive committee meeting in January. I'm sure they will continue the tradition of fine leadership in our Society. I look forward to working with them. Our Society continues to grow and expand its vision

I'd also like to extend my thanks to **Eric Ohlsson** and **Andrea Merenzon** who served on the executive committee so well over the past four years..

PLEASE CHECK UNIVERSITY ADDRESSES

For those of you who have university addresses, please make sure there is a street address and not just the name of a building or a box number. With the new automated bar coding on mail, the systems demand a street address, or who knows what zip they might put on your label.

INTERNET HELP

I receive at least one email every day asking for help accessing our website. Up until about a month ago, I wasn't much help. But, thanks to **Yoshi Ishikawa**, our webmaster, I've learned a little more about gaining access. Here are a few hints for all of you who are not computer gurus. First, you must sign up for the IDRS-L in order

to access the rest of the website. If you don't wish to receive all the messages that the list generates, you can change your preferences to "digest" format. Or, if you're not interested in the discussions on the list, click "postpone" and you won't receive any messages, but you will be able to get into the website.

Next, if you use more than one email address or have changed your address, you must change it on the website to be able to log in. You cannot log in to the website from an address other than the one registered.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Yes, we're all wondering how it got to be so late in the year, but it's time to pay your dues again. As I sit here talking to my "trusty" computer, I can't help but wonder how many of you will pick up the dues notice, which was mailed in mid-November, and send it back immediately.

This year I've tried to make it easier for everyone. Once again you'll receive a notice that includes a return envelope. Just put the flap inside with your check and mail it. You don't even have to fill out anything unless your information has changed.

If you don't want your issues sent by airmail or priority mail, you don't need to pay the additional \$30

You can charge your dues on Visa or MasterCard by filling out the charge card information.

I'm hoping that all 4,159 of you will have your dues in by the time the first issue goes to print, so I don't have to tell anyone that the issue is all gone.

HOLIDAY WISHES!

Here's hoping that your holidays will be spent with loved ones and friends and you will have time to enjoy them; between performances of *Nutcracker* and *Messiah*.

All the Best for the New Year!