



Newsletter of the Pacifica Chapter of the Viola da Gamba Society of America

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October Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Zion Church, 5201 Park Boulevard, Oakland, on Saturday October 12, beginning at 9:30 AM. Please bring your music stand and be ready to start tuning and playing by 10. Because of the tied vote on the question of large group playing (see below), we shall try the experiment of providing about half an hour of large group playing (at 10 AM) at this meeting. Please send in your reply cards as soon as possible.

Election of Officers

The previous Newsletter requested nominations for various officers of the Chapter. One nomination was received for each of the three offices: for President, Julie Jeffrey; for Vice President, John Mark; and for Treasurer, Joseph Kimbel. These three officers will commence their duties immediately. We extend a hearty vote of thanks to Julie (formerly Vice President, then Acting President) and to Alvin Roper, our treasurer for the past two years. We had hoped to add some competitive sparkle to this uncontested election, but in spite of the nomination of Peg d'Aube, N. Tune, and Beau Heyre for the above three offices, we were unable to obtain their agreement to serve if elected (sorry, Jaye Kaye!)

Large Group Playing

The result of the referendum on a large group playing session at our monthly meetings was a 7-7 tie. We have

therefore decided to try the experiment of providing a half-hour of this type of activity at some meetings, commencing with the October meeting, as mentioned above. Please try to allow a little extra time so that we can start promptly at 10 AM.

September Meeting

This, our first meeting of the season, was attended by ten people, sufficient for two groups. A pleasant morning ensued, followed by a reconvened, but smaller group at John Mark's home (thank you, John), where five-, and later, six-part music was played, including all of the Gibbons fantasias *à 6*. We also welcomed a new member, Cindy Share, to our Chapter.

Forthcoming Activities

Friday, October 4: SFEMS presents *Sex Chordae Consort of Viols* — John Dornenburg, Julie Jeffrey, Amy Brodo, Michael Sand, Farley Pearce with guest Phebe Craig, chamber organ — performing works by Schein, Farina, Legrenzi and others. All Saints Episcopal Church, Waverly and Hamilton, Palo Alto. 8PM \$20/17 Info: 510/528-1725. Free lecture at 7PM.

Saturday, October 5: Repeat of the October 4 concert at St. John's Presbyterian Church, College and Garber, Berkeley. 8PM. Lecture at 7PM.

Dues Sent In?

If you haven't sent in your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible, otherwise this will be the last Newsletter mailed to you! The renewal section is reprinted below.

VdGS/Pacifica Chapter Membership Renewal

Please give your name(s) (First) _____ Middle Initial _____ Last _____
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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Type of Membership: Playing (\$15) 2 Person (\$25) Newsletter (\$5)

Please give Instrument(s) and Playing Level (B, LI, UI, Adv., Prof.):

Pardessus: Level _____

Treble: Level _____

Tenor: Level _____

Bass: 6 string: 7 string: Level _____

Teacher? (check box)

Thank you: please enclose check for the appropriate amount, payable to VdGS/Pacifica.

Please mail this form, with your check, to Peter Ballinger, 963 Peralta Avenue, Albany, CA 94706