

## Dean's Message for March, 2019



*Stephen Hamilton with host Dick Benedum and dean Nancy Siebecker  
after the February 10 concert at Christ Church, Bradenton*

You may be surprised to see the number of chapter and community events listed on our website (under the tab Local Events) and in our March newsletter. I count **32** in March, 11 in April and two of our chapter events in May: Nathan Laube's concert on Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 pm and our annual banquet on Monday, May 6 at 6:00 pm.



*Dick Benedum presenting an interesting and entertaining lecture on the opera "The Magic Flute" February 11 at Church of the Redeemer*

Further on in this newsletter you will see sub-dean Jim Walton's message about the last two chapter events of our season along with more details about our exciting **Festival of Sacred Music** planned for the weekend of **January 25-26, 2020** that will be led by master choral clinician and prize-winning improviser **Tom Trenney**. We will need help of all kinds, in person and through financial gifts in order to present this special weekend event.

Your executive board's February 12 meeting was long and productive. Not only did we accept the 2019 slate of officers and board from the Nominating Committee and approve the 2019-2020 budget, but we also heard reports from three separate project chairs.

Dwane Grace, chair of the Chapter Operating Procedures committee, presented several revisions to our present Procedures; your board approved the revisions, enabling the process to proceed to Regional and National for approval before we can adopt them, hopefully at our annual meeting at the banquet May 6.

A written report from chair Carol Hawkinson concerning the "Pass It On" used organ music project was presented and discussed. There are several options such as donating to a Regional Convention or Pipe Organ

Encounter. Meanwhile, there is interest at the National level to devise a giving method and for suggestions in the future. In any case, anyone wishing to donate music will need to scrutinize and catalog it before it can be considered for donation. Stay tuned.

Dr. Charles Wolf presented his research to date on our grant project/foundation project. A sub-committee will be formed to further investigate our best options for moving forward.

Nancy Siebecker