

Vice President's Report

I wish to thank all the members of the Executive Council for their efforts in accomplishing their tasks and making our musical year run smoothly. I also wish to thank our devoted group directors who help us each year to understand and play a little better the beautiful music that they share with us.

This year we have moved almost all of our activities to the Centre Culturel Georges-Vanier. I believe that you all appreciated this agreeable location, which is close to public transportation and easily accessible for those who have to go there by car, aside from being more easily affordable. The activities that moved there are Recorder for Fun, Flute en Suite, La Follia, the sight-reading sessions, our two evening meetings always followed by wine and cheese, and our Annual Concert. Only Flutissimo remained at CEDA. Only two people were interested in enrolling in Discover the Recorder; it is good to know that we never refuse anyone's request to enroll in that activity. Be the number of members one or five, we adjust the price and the location of the meetings accordingly. The beginners are our future concert performers and we value them.

We had a special sight-reading session that consisted of a single piece to learn as well as possible in the course of the evening and for which we received the music in advance in order to be able to practise it at home and be ready for the session. This formula seems to have pleased a great number of people; so we decided to continue this activity and to offer our various directors the chance to conduct it.

We have a web master who maintains our web site and who also offers us information relevant to the recorder. We encourage you to consult the site regularly and to see the surprises that it contains, especially since this year the site has been revised and is now easier to consult. Thank you, Gilles Brissette; I greatly appreciate all the work you have done and I know that the site is visited often.

Our concert ensemble, under the direction of Sophie Larivière, celebrated its tenth anniversary. In fact it was in January 1999 that Réjean Tardif and I asked Sophie to undertake the direction of this ensemble. I remember that she accepted without hesitation and with enthusiasm all the demands and challenges that come with this position. Bravo to Sophie and to all the members. They produced for the occasion a demonstration CD that is well made and pleasant to listen to; we can purchase it from members of the group.

For the mail that comes to you regularly by internet or regular post I want to thank Gabrielle, who does a Titan's job. Publicity and all sorts of information come to us from her. This year, this information included three bulletins and eight reminders about sight-reading sessions. I am certain, Gabrielle, that all the members and non-members who receive your mail thank you.

We have 64 members, of which 2 are in Discover the Recorder, 12 in Recorder for Fun, 14 in Flute en Suite, 9 in La Follia and 20 in Flutissimo. Seven of our members are enrolled only in the sight-reading sessions. This represents a slight decrease with respect to the previous year. All our members are assiduous in their groups, which makes our association very active.

The sight-reading session attract between 14 and 18 people each month, which is very good, but we would like more of you to participate in them because this is an excellent way to improve.

We have some holes to fill on the site, such as the definition of who we are and certain texts which, according to the site, are under construction. The members of the Council must hurry up and fill these holes. It is a long-term project. Each year we define some of our objectives. This year we have filled one of these holes by defining the work of the liaison with the international ARS in order to include on our site information that concerns us. Thank you, Mary McCutcheon, who this year served as the liaison with the American Recorder Society.

We also have the objective of starting to work on our archives because our Society has existed for about 40 years and there are things that would be interesting to conserve. We would like to form a team that would spend a few hours to do this job, which will be fairly simple since we have conserved and organized the information by year.

Have a nice summer and I look forward to the pleasure of seeing you all again in September.

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