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DEAN'S CORNER

I recently read *Step Back from the Baggage Claim: Change the World, Start at the Airport* by Jason V. Barger. As someone who dislikes airline travel, I wasn't sure about cracking open this book at first. This quick read consists of reflections during Jason's continuous 6,548 mile air travel experience through 7 airports at all four corners of the United States, without stepping foot outside any of the airports. Starting in Columbus (the author lives in Hilliard), Jason ate and slept in the airports for 7 days, observing his fellow travelers and his own feelings about various situations. (I can't even imagine spending 40 days in that wilderness!) Humorous airport metaphors ended in suggestions about traveling gracefully through life, sharing compassion, celebrating creativity, and acting on gratitude. The author stresses the importance of even fleeting relationships, such as with the people we might meet in airports. It would be amazing to see how the world could be changed if a large number of people decided to "step back from the baggage claim" and view life through a different lens.

I wonder what a parallel study would reveal about the lives of Columbus AGO chapter members as they proceed through the whirlwind of Holy Week and Easter. This season can be a high-stress intersection of high expectations and juggling many types of relationships. Organists may be interacting with long-time colleagues and church members, as well as encountering brief relationships with strangers or distant acquaintances. Many times, we are not even aware of how influential we are in others' lives.

We all have opportunities in the AGO to build relationships. This edition of the *Guild* includes short biographies of several chapter members who are election candidates. Please view this as an entrée to greet these folks at an upcoming chapter meeting and thank them for their willingness to serve. We also have an opportunity to celebrate the organist-clergy relationships at our chapter dinner on May 4th. Clergy and guests are welcome to join us at our final chapter event for the International Year of the Organ.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura J. Silva".

*Laura Silva, CAGO
Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO*

CANDIDATES FOR 2009 COLUMBUS CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Dean - Julia Parker has been active in the Columbus chapter of the AGO since arriving in Columbus a dozen years ago. During that time she has served as an Executive Board member and as secretary to the Executive Board. Currently, she serves as sub-dean of the Columbus Chapter. Julia holds master's degrees in Music Education from the U of South Carolina, in Theological Studies and Church Music from Trinity Lutheran Seminary. In addition, she holds CAGO certification. Julia is the college liturgical musician at the Pontifical College Josephinum and the organist/director of music & liturgy at St. Edward the Confessor Church in Granville, OH. She is looking forward to working with members of the Columbus Chapter-AGO to spread the word about the supportive, dedicated group of musicians who comprise the Columbus chapter.

Sub-Dean - Sara Seidel Sara Seidel is the Organist & Director of Music at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Bexley. She holds degrees from the College of Wooster and the Indiana University School of Music (now the Jacobs School of Music) in both Organ Performance and Church Music. Her primary teachers have included Todd Wilson, Christopher Young, Marilyn Keiser, and John Russell. Sara is also the accompanist for the Thomas Worthington High School Theater Department. She currently serves the Columbus Chapter as Membership Coordinator.

Secretary - Judith Willour moved to Columbus in 1993 from Connecticut, where she had been organist/choir director at St. Paul's on the Green in Norwalk. She has served in various organist and/or choir director positions at Columbus Academy, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Judith has been quite active in the Columbus AGO, having served on the Executive Committee several times.

Treasurer - Albert Adcock is Minister of Music at Northwest Christian Church. Active as a church musician since age nine, he came to Northwest in 1985 having previously served as baritone section leader at Worthington United Methodist Church for fourteen years. During his tenure there, he had the opportunity to perform solo roles in many of the existing sacred oratorios. Albert has also been a soloist throughout Central and Northern Ohio in church and community choruses as well as with Cantari singers and the Columbus Symphony Chorus. He is active as a composer and arranger with several pieces published for handbells, choir, organ and combinations of these media. Albert's vocal study was with Marion Alch.

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Chad Baker is currently on the faculty of the Capital University Conservatory of Music and is a member of the music staff at Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley. He is also on the staff of the Columbus Children's Choir and serves as the Chair of Placements and Substitutes for the Columbus AGO Chapter. His publications include articles in *The American Music Teacher* and *Keyboard Companion*. Chad was also a contributing arranger to three volumes of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Alternate Introductions and Accompaniments for Organ*. Baker is a 2004 cum laude graduate of Capital University with a degree in Keyboard Pedagogy with an emphasis in Church Music.

Don Bogaards - Education: Westminster Choir College, B.A. in Organ and M.M. in Choral Conducting. He has a life time of experience with music as Organist, and/or Choir Director, voice teacher and organist teacher, and worked for 23 years for Augsburg Fortress Music Department selling church music, and planning workshops. He was on the Executive Committee for our Regional AGO Convention as Transportation Chair. Don has served on the AGO Executive Committee, and also served as Dean for the Columbus Chapter (1983-1985). Currently, he is serving as organist at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Nicholas Fink is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University where he received his Bachelors of Music degree studying under Robert Griffith. After graduation, he served as organist at First United Church of Christ, Marion, for more than two years. He currently serves at First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Columbus, a post he's held for six years. Nicholas is General Manager at Bunn=Minnick Pipe Organs where he has worked for the last nine years.

Pauline Fritz is presently serving as Interim Organist and Choir Director at Holy Cross Catholic Church in downtown Columbus. She has served other interim positions in recent years as well as a regular substitute. She has served

parishes in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Pauline was an organ performance major at American University, Washington, D. C. under R. Wayne Dirksen. Pauline is a member of MNTA and National Guild of Piano Teachers of the American College of Musicians. She has served on the Board of the Central Ohio Conference of MNTA, serving as Chairman of several events. She has served as an adjudicator for MNTA and the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs. She has maintained a Piano Studio for over 50 years. She joined AGO in the first student group AGO formed in 1947. She has served on national boards of the ELCA; President of Synodical Organizations. She has lead many workshops on leadership in various places in the USA, especially developing leadership with women. Life experiences have given her skills and understanding to help people develop their potential. Church music is central to her work as an organist.

David Robinson is a professor emeritus of Slavic Languages at Ohio State, where he taught Slavic linguistics from 1964 to 1991. Since moving to Columbus in 1964, he has appeared with Pro Musica Chamber Orchestra, and has played harpsichord with early music ensembles. He participated as harpsichordist in a recent concert at First Congregational Church in memory of harpsichord builder Ben Bechtel. He is organist at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Linworth. He appears with Peter Schickele on the PDQ Bach CD "The Short-Tempered Clavier."

John F. Schuder a native of Dayton, received a B.M. from Wittenberg University, a M.S.M. from Union Theological Seminary in New York, and a D.M.A. from The Juilliard School, with organ studies under Robert Baker at Union and Vernon de Tar at Juilliard. His junior year at Wittenberg was spent at the Berliner Kirchenmusikschule. He served for many years as Director of Music of the Scarsdale Congregational Church in Scarsdale, NY, Director of Chapel Music at The Interchurch Center, New York City, and Chief Organist of Congregation Rodeph Sholom, also in New York City. John also served on the organ faculties of the Manhattan School of Music and the Columbia University Teacher's College. Having relocated to Columbus last year, he is currently taking a hiatus to pursue some travel plans and hopes to take a part-time church position in Columbus in 2010, doing some substitute work in the meantime. As a former dean of the Westchester County Chapter, he was heavily involved in the many facets of operation that every chapter requires and he hopes to bring that experience to any task he might be asked to undertake in the Columbus Chapter.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

PIANO RECITAL - Concerts at All Saints presents Brenda Curie and Sally Sansbury in a Duo Piano Recital at All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington, on Sunday afternoon April 19 at 4:00. The program, using two grand pianos, will include works by Milhaud, Ravel, Paganini/Lutoslawski, Paganini/Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich, Gottschalk, and Lecuona.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE AND THEATRE ORGAN CONCERT - On Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. COTOS presents Tony Thomas, award winning pianist, organist, and keyboardist, performing with the TWHS Jazz Ensemble, Ryan Alexis, director, in a Musical Pro-Am fund-raising concert. The program is entitled, "Benny, Bebop and the Beatles." This concert provides student musicians with the learning experience of performing on stage with a professional artist. Location: Thomas Worthington High School, 300 W Dublin-Granville Rd., Worthington, OH. Tickets: \$12 General Admission; \$10 Golden Buckeyes and students. Tickets are available at: Graves Piano & Organ, 5798 Karl Rd., Columbus, or Colonial Music, 5598 N High St., Worthington or by mail: COTOS, 747 Franklin Ave., Columbus, OH 43206, Ph: 740.927.4800. Proceeds benefit the TWHS Jazz Ensemble and COTOS.

PIANO/ORGAN CONCERT - Val V. Galaktionov (AAGO) will present a concert at St. Joan of Arc Church (10700 Liberty Rd., Powell, OH 43065) 7PM on Saturday, May 9th, 2009. It will be piano/organ concert. Free admission. For further information, please see his website at ValGalaktionov.com.

ORGAN REDEDICATION - On May 17, 2009 there will be a grand organ rededication service and concert at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1479 Morse Road, in Columbus. The service will include the presentation of a beautiful plaque showing the memorials given by our church family to fund the renovation of the organ. Featured on the concert will be our current organist, Bob Hendrickson, as well as returning organists Chuck Yanarella and David Robinson. There will also be a performance of massed choir and organ of a selection from Rutter's "Gloria". The concert will begin at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, with a reception to follow. The organ was renovated recently by Peebles-Herzog, including all new electricals, upgrading to a new three-manual console with midi functionality, and the addition and repurposing of several stops.


EMPLOYMENT

ORGANIST WANTED - Trinity United Methodist Church in Lilly Chapel is seeking a Music Director for a 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship service starting in late March. Salary is negotiable. Please send your resume to rdj914@hotmail.com.

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Washington Avenue UMC in south Columbus is looking for a new Music Director/Choir Director for Sunday morning and possibly Wednesday night contemporary service. Good position for student/first time person. Email resume and salary requirements to church@washingtonaveumc.org.

ORGANIST WANTED - Fr. Jerry Stluka of Holy Cross Church (204 S. 5th St.) called today about trying to find an organist. Fr. Stluka is a wonderful priest that we should all be so lucky to work with! The church's Mass schedule is Sundays at 9:00, 11:00. The choir is only seasonal, practicing after the 11:00 Sunday Mass to prepare for Christmas, Holy Week, and the Patronal Feast in September. If you are looking for a low-stress position in a beautiful historic building with appreciative people and wonderful clergy, this is for you! I have attached Fr. Stluka's email below. If you are interested in the position or know someone who is, please contact Fr. Stluka directly at frjerry@columbus.rr.com. *From Paul Thornock*

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Organist/Clergy Dinner

Monday, May 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Covenant Presbyterian Church - Upper Arlington
2070 Ridgecliff Road

Invite your clergy colleague(s) to dinner and fun at the Organist and Clergy Spring Social/Dinner at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington. The cost per person for this catered dinner with entertainment included is \$15 per person. Reserve your places by mailing your checks for \$15/person times the number of people in your party to Al Adcock, 2480 Dunstan Drive, Columbus, OH 43235-1880 and make your check payable to "Columbus Chapter AGO." To reserve your place, Al must have your check by April 24th.

Menu

A choice of Roast Beef with Gravy *or* Honey Pecan Chicken *or* Lasagna
Roasted Potatoes - Green Beans - Mandarin Orange Salad - Rolls and Butter
Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream - Coffee, Tea and Lemonade

Program

Hidin' Surprises and Fa-la-la's

A delightful evening of music and frivolities, some performed for us, and some performed by us. Light-hearted entertainment guaranteed to elicit laughs and giggles from Clergy and Organists alike. Bring your spouse/significant other and your Pastor with their spouse/significant other. Dinner reservations and your check for \$15 per person should be sent to:

Al Adcock, 2480 Dunstan Dr., Columbus, OH 43235