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DEAN'S CORNER

Greetings! For those who have just been through a hectic month, welcome to the other side of Easter.

Also, welcome to this election issue of The Guild. Enclosed, you will find a 2008 proxy ballot for electing our chapter officers and Class of 2011 executive committee members. The 2008-2009 program year will be the second of the current two-year term for chapter officers. Each class of our executive committee serves for a three-year term, with three members serving in each class. According to our national bylaws of the American Guild of Organists, the election must be concluded by May 31st. Please return your ballot prior to May 31 in order to complete the election.

Brief biographies submitted by executive committee nominees are included with this newsletter. We have an excellent slate of candidates. I look forward to the new ideas that will be contributed by our chapter leadership next year. I hope that you all take the time to cast your vote in what is likely to be the most pleasant election of the year, absent of automated phone messages, pundits, and the like.

I hope to see you at our April 14th program at King Avenue United Methodist Church, when we will be privileged to hear the new Buzard organ and David Triano's presentation on Spanish organ repertoire.

With warm regards,

*Laura Silva, CAGO
Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO*

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EVENTS OF INTEREST

April 11 & 12 - Northwest Christian Church - Jesus Christ Superstar, 7:30 p.m. The popular Andrew Lloyd Webber musical will be presented in a fully staged, choreographed version by the Northwest Christian Church outstanding youth choir.

April 13 - Gary Garber's 25th Anniversary - St. Mark's Episcopal Church will be celebrating Gary Garber's 25th Anniversary as Music Director at a reception following church. The church is located in Upper Arlington across from Tremont Center.

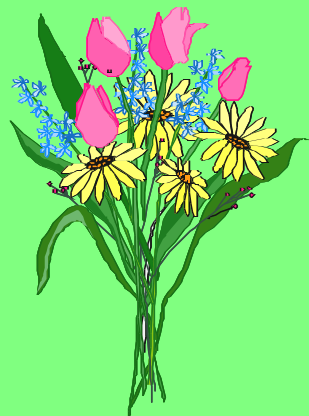
April 20 - First Congregational Church - 4:00 p.m. First Church welcomes Edward Parmentier for a harp-sichord concert on Ben Bechtel's final instrument. The program is in honor of Ben.

April 27 - First Congregational Church - 4:00 p.m. The First Church Choir will present Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms with G. Dene Barnard and Ben Wiant providing four hand piano accompaniment. Also on the program will be music by Vaughan Williams and Mendelssohn performed by G. Dene Barnard and Marti Rideout. Jim Gallagher is conducting the choral portions of the program.

May 18 - Broad Street Presbyterian Church - Festival Music Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. The Broadstreet Choir with Organ, Brass and Percussion.

April 20 - All Saints Ev. Lutheran Church, Worthington - All Saints continues the celebration of the installation of the new Kegg pipe organ with a fourth concert, Organ and Friends, Sunday, April 20 at 4 p.m. This concert will be an opportunity to enjoy music from accomplished musicians who have special ties to All Saints Lutheran Church. The program is varied and interactive and includes vocalists and instrumentalists. Performers include Thomas Gerke, Jan Arthur, Ellen Cutting, Sean Owen, Nancy Yates, Linda Brown, Marshall Zimmerman, Scott Sanville, the All Saints Youth and Chancel Choirs, and the Cavani String Quartet.

May 18th Spring Concert and Social



The Sunday, May 18th Spring Concert and Social will be held at Broad Street Presbyterian Church with the concert beginning at 3:00 p.m. A program of organ music and art throughout the centuries is planned with Columbus AGO members performing. You can look forward to hearing Clerambault, Scarlatti, Bach, Franck, Langlais and even some improvisation. Performers include Matt Estes, Laura Silva, Robert Wisniewski, Charles Yanerella, and James Yeager.

Please note that the location has been changed from the Art Museum to Broad Street Presbyterian Church (760 E. Broad St., Columbus, 43205).

You are invited to a catered Tea following the concert from 4-6:00 p.m.. A sampling of the menu includes an assortment of tea sandwiches, a fruit and cheese platter, quiches, assorted tarts, strawberries dipped in chocolate, and, of course, tea and coffee. **We hope you will plan to attend this unique event and invite a friend, spouse, interested musician, or potential new member.**

If attending, please mail the enclosed form with the number and names of people attending and include a check for \$12 per person. Make the check out to Columbus Chapter-AGO. Mail by May 1st to:

Al Adcock - 2480 Dunstan Drive - Columbus, OH 43235

CLASS OF 2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINEES

Michael Brittenback

W. Michael Brittenback, MM is currently Director of Music/Organist at St. George's Episcopal Church, Dayton, OH and Program Coordinator of the Jefferson Academy of Music @OSU. He served for four years as Dean of the Coachella Valley Chapter of AGO, 2 years on the board of the Inland Empire Chapter of AGO, and 6 years on the board of the Ann Arbor Chapter of AGO. He holds two bachelors degrees from Indiana University, one in organ performance and one in business; a masters in music from Northwestern University in church music; and three years post masters study at University of Southern California in organ and choral conducting. He edited the latest Ann Arbor Chapter Handbook, and was the chairperson of the 2006 Ann Arbor Chapter Composers Symposium which, that year, celebrated women composers for the organ. The weekend drew the largest attendance for this annual event in many years.

Tom Gerke

Thomas Gerke is a retired high school mathematics teacher and has been organist at All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington for 31 years.

Mark Meuser

Mark Meuser is a mathematics teacher at Gahanna Lincoln High School. He is also the president of the teachers' association for Gahanna and serves on the State Teachers Retirement System Board. Mark is a 1971 graduate of Capital University, where he studied organ with David Britton and William Haller. He received a masters degree from OSU. He is currently serving as organist at Central College Presbyterian Church.

Dorothy Riley

Dorothy Riley was honored for her lifetime of service to the American Guild of Organists at the 2007 Region V AGO Discovers Columbus Convention. An organist for 66 years, she has served Churches in Akron and Columbus, and is currently Assistant Cathedral Organist at St. Joseph Cathedral. She served for 40 years at University Music House as an organ and choral specialist, assisting musicians across the country in selecting suitable compositions for performance and church worship. She was the Dean of the AGO Akron Chapter, bringing such artists as Virgil Fox, E. Power Biggs, and the Durufle's in concert. Her teachers include Clarence Lightfritz, Wallace Farley, Walter Blodgett, Wilbur Held, and Marcel Dupre.

Mary Ann Stephens

Mary Ann Stephens is an alumnus of Capital University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Keyboard Pedagogy. She has taught private piano, and served the congregation at Church of the Redeemer U.M. as organist and Associate in Worship and Arts for over ten years. Currently, Mary Ann is organist at Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Grandview Heights where she resides with husband, Jon, and children, Grant and Kit. Mary Ann is also a long-time accompanist for Grandview Heights Middle School and High School Choirs.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Worthington Presbyterian Church - (membership 2000) is seeking an organist (approximately 20 hrs. per week). Responsibilities include two Sunday morning traditional worship services, seasonal and additional worship services as needed; accompaniment of adult choir, and other choirs/soloists when required; first refusal for weddings (30 per year); oversight of 3-manual Schantz/Bunn-Minnick organ and Schulmerich carillon. Compensation for other duties such as bell choir and/or youth choir direction are available and adjustable according to the candidate's expertise and interest. Information on Worthington Presbyterian Church and a detailed position description can be found on the church's website: <http://www.worthingtonpres.org/> or by calling the church at 614-885-5355. Contact the church or Ron St. Pierre at rstpierre@insight.rr.com for more information or to apply.

Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, Ohio – seeking person(s) to direct their hand bell and choral programs. Contemporary and traditional services. For position information contact the church 740-349-8691 or Music Dept Administrator, Rick Black 740-928-4419, e-mail reb6884@yahoo.com Position open mid-January 2008.

St. John's Episcopal Church in Lancaster is seeking a Choir Master/Organist. St. John's is a traditional orthodox parish committed to prayer book worship. Successful applicant should have an understanding of the English choral tradition and Episcopal Anglican literature. They should be committed to glorifying God and uplifting Christ through the beauty of music. Appreciation of the broad tradition of hymnody, ability to empower labor and participation and willingness to work with children's ministry is desired. Contact the Rev. William Pursley 740-653-3052 or rector@stjohnlancaster.org by April 1 if interested or send a resume to the rector at St. John's, 134 North Broad Street, Lancaster, OH 43130. <http://stjohnlancaster.org>.

First Presbyterian Church in Granville, Ohio is seeking full-time Director of Music. For position information, contact Mr. Tom Martin, Chairman, Music Search Committee by email at tbmartin@muskingum.edu or the church at 740-587-0178.

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