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## DEAN'S CORNER

The past two years as Dean have been challenging and fun. Challenges included where to go after such a great convention in 2007, how to celebrate the International Year of the Organist, and what to provide for supporting the education of organists and promotion of the organ to the public. Fortunately, we have lots of members with creativity, as well as a willingness to help. I am grateful to all the people who said "yes" and helped to accomplish new programs. I have been amazed by and thankful for all the people who anticipated what needed to be done and just did these important tasks before anyone asked. Please join me in thanking our colleagues who have contributed to our chapter's success over the past couple of years. In addition to the officers and executive board, we enjoyed contributions toward membership coordination, the Guilder, the web site, the directory, the RCCYO competition, nominations, elections, substitutes and placements, hosting programs, refreshments, and the list goes on. The success of the AGO is based on the talent and contributions of its volunteers, and we are very fortunate to have so many members who serve.

I won't steal their thunder, but our new leaders are already working on compelling programs for the 2009-2010 season. We will continue to support new and future organists; provide educational workshops; sponsor recitals; promote the organ to the public; and reserve time for fun and socializing. We look forward to new ideas and inspiration.

Congratulations are due to three 2009 Columbus Chapter scholarship award winners. Each will receive \$250 to support organ experiences which supplement their regular studies. The award recipients are

- \* Alex Armstrong, recommended by Sally Casto, who will attend the POE in Bethlehem, PA.
- \* Isaac Leaverton, recommended by Janet Linker, who will attend the POE-Technical in Ohio.
- \* Ryan Patten, recommended by Janet Linker, who will attend the POE-Technical in Ohio.

We received a good number of excellent scholarship applications, representing a variety of experience and interests. While we were not in a financial position to fund all these wonderful proposals, we wish all of the applicants well in their musical endeavors.

Best wishes for a refreshing, fun, and relaxing summer. Anyone know any good jokes?

**Cipher:** A note which stays on after its key has been released. The organist has a choice of either removing the pipe or playing Messiaen.

**Organ practice:** Private performance of a duet for organ and vacuum cleaner.

**Unaccompanied:** When a choir sings without the organ playing. For some reason, this often makes the organ suddenly go sharp.

*With kind regards,*



Laura Silva, CAGO

Former Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO

## ELECTION RESULTS FOR 2009

Julia Parker .....Dean  
Sara Seidel .....Sub-Dean  
Judith Willour .....Secretary  
Cynthia Adcock .....Chaplain

### Executive Committee - Class of 2012

Chad Baker, Pauline Fritz, John Schuder

### Class of 2010

Don Bogaards (*filling vacant position for remainder of term*)

## MEMBERSHIP NOTE AND DIRECTORY UPDATE

By now you should have received your membership renewal forms, either via email or USPS. If you have not gotten your form, please visit the Membership page of our website and download a form there. The renewal deadline is July 1, 2009. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 614.507.5917 or sara@seidelnemeth.com with any questions or concerns.

There is a new address for one of our members:

Frank Behne, III - PO Box 10186 - Columbus, OH 43201

## TODD WILSON BACK AT CAPITAL

Todd Wilson will be returning to Capital University this coming fall and at this time has room in his schedule for 2 more students. Classes begin Aug 30. Interested persons please contact Jan Linker at 237-2282.

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**The 36th Annual Convention of the  
American Institute of Organbuilders  
will be held in Columbus, Ohio  
October 11 - 14, 2009**

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**ORGANIST POSITION.** The current Assistant Organist at All Saints Lutheran Church is taking a one-year leave of absence. The Assistant Organist position from September 2009 through May 2010 is available and involves playing one traditional service on Sunday mornings. Resumés may be sent until July 15, 2009 to Pastor Bonnie Gerber, All Saints Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 1200, 6770 N. High St., Worthington, OH 43085, BonnieG@SaintsOnHigh.org, (614) 885-0112. Additional details are available from Tom Gerke, tagerke@yahoo.com, (614) 934-5731.

**ORGANIST:** My name is Frank Behne, III . I am looking for part time or full time work as a church organist. I have played for UCC, Presbyterian, and Lutheran services. I am not too experienced working with choirs. Please check your directory for Frank's phone number and email.

**VARIOUS MUSIC STAFF POSITIONS:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington is looking for one or more individuals to fill several open music roles. Interested candidates should submit their resume and cover letter via mail or email to the address listed below. Please note in your cover letter the role(s) for which you would like to be considered. The positions are Adult Choir Director, Children Choir Director and Lead Musician (organist), Lead Musician for Brass, Lead Musician for Bells, Lead Musician for Combo. Please submit resumes and cover letters via mail or email to: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Attn: Music Openings, 2001 Northwest Blvd, Columbus, OH 43212, Music-openings@holytrinitylutheran.info.

**CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Part-time, 8-10 hrs. per wk. 12-month contract. Select music and direct/rehearse one adult Chancel Choir, September through July Weekly 2-hour rehearsal (usually Thursday, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Sept.-June), weekly Sunday morning rehearsals (10:00-10:25 am). Please contact Indianola Presbyterian Church at 1970 Waldeck Ave., Columbus, OH 43201. Phone: 614-294-3796 Fax: 614-294-8877. www.indianolapres.org

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES:** Second Presbyterian Church of Louisville, Kentucky, a congregation of 1250 members, seeks a full-time Director of Music Ministries who will provide vision, leadership for and coordination of a comprehensive, faith-based, music ministry for the church. Keyboard proficiency is required. Ability as an organist, while a plus, is not a pre-requisite for consideration. Send résumé and letters of recommendation to: Clarice McCarthy, Music Director Search Committee, Second Presbyterian Church, 3701 Old Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY 40207. e-mail: 2ndpres@bellsouth.net.

**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.

*Have a  
Great  
Summer!*