



The American Guild of Organists

Cleveland Chapter

June 2010

FROM THE DEAN

Thanks so much to Nicole Keller and Charlie Carr for hosting our Annual Meeting and dinner on May 2nd. It was an educational and fun event with organ “crawls” at two neighboring Hudson churches with very different types of organs. Nicole and Charlie both did excellent jobs describing the organs and demonstrating the different stops and combinations. It also was such fun to have our Akron chapter friends join us.

Following the “crawls,” a delicious dinner was served in the beautiful fellowship hall of the Congregational Church. Then a short business meeting was held in which several of our new officers and executive committee members were installed. (those officers who could not attend were installed at the Executive Meeting held on May 10).

During the business meeting our new Operating Procedures were approved (thank you once again to Peg Limkemann and her exceptional task force). Kudos to Bob Day and his Program Committee for arranging such a nice afternoon and evening.

Our “Grand Finale” for the season will occur on Monday, June 7, when we co-host Donald Sutherland at the Church of the Covenant. Choristers from our AGO affiliate churches will join the Covenant Choir to perform Bruckner’s motet, *Os Justi Meditabitur* and Faure’s *Requiem*, accompanied by full orchestra. Details are included in this Newsletter.

It is with mixed emotions that I write this, the last of the Dean’s letters for my term of office. I will admit that I won’t miss the slight feeling of panic when the 15th of the month deadline nears. That date seemed to roll around faster and faster each succeeding month. But I also have appreciated the unique opportunities to talk about our exciting events and

concerts, express my concerns, relay my thanks, and communicate with all of the members in our Chapter.

My last few letters have expressed our gratitude to our officers and Executive Committee members, as well as the heads of our standing committees. Now, I would like to thank all of YOU. You are the heart and soul of the Guild. It is FOR you and WITH you that this organization exists, and it has been my great privilege to serve it as Dean. I am in awe of the skills, talents and commitment of so many of its members. I am certain our organization is in excellent hands with the upcoming leadership of Jim Riggs, Cliff Hill and the new Executive Board. My best wishes to all of you!

Musical Blessings,
Marcia

Next Executive Committee Meeting:
TBA

Next Chapter Meeting:
Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
Donald Sutherland, Organist and Conductor
Church of the Covenant
11205 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44106
216.421.0482

DONALD SUTHERLAND AT **CHURCH OF THE** **COVENANT JUNE 7** **AND MASTERCLASS JUNE 5**

Hopefully most of you will be reading this month's newsletter (and this article) before the final program of our Chapter's 2009-2010 season which is on Monday, June 7, featuring organist and conductor Donald Sutherland from the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore. Our Cleveland Chapter of the AGO is proud to be a co-sponsor of this event, with Jonathan Moyer, Music Director and Organist at Church of the Covenant as our host.

The program, which begins at 7:30 pm, will include Poulenc's *Organ Concerto*, Bruckner's motet *Os Justi Meditabitur*, and Faure's *Requiem*.

Earlier, Church of the Covenant had invited fellow choristers from AGO affiliate churches to join the Covenant choir and orchestra for this concert, but because of limited chancel space, they were needing to limit that number to 35-40 *extra* singers. As Jonathan Moyer said might be the case, there are still openings for singers at the time of this writing. If you are reading this article before the first rehearsal (of two, see next paragraph) on June 5, are familiar with the Faure *Requiem*, and would still be interested in singing, you may inquire by contacting Jonathan directly at 216.421.0482 x231, or email to: jonathanwmoyer@gmail.com). The John Rutter edition of the Faure *Requiem* will be used. Scores for the Bruckner motet will be made available. Faure scores are available upon request.

Rehearsal schedule includes: Saturday, June 5, 1-3 p.m. (chorus and piano); Sunday, June 6, 1-3 p.m. (with orchestra); Monday, June 7, 6:30 p.m. warm-up, 7:30 p.m. concert.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students, **AGO members \$10**, AGO students free. Choristers will receive two complimentary tickets to the concert upon request. You may call the church office to reserve your tickets: 216.421.0482.

Jonathan has also informed us that Mr. Sutherland will be holding a masterclass on Saturday, June 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, also at Church of the Covenant, and all chapter members are welcome to participate. As above, please contact Jonathan Moyer.

Church of the Covenant is located in University Circle at 11205 Euclid Ave., just east of Severance Hall. Parking is available in either the church parking lot on Euclid Ave., or there is additional ample parking in the garage around the corner on Ford Road, just east of the church and north of Euclid Ave.

Whether as a chorister or member of the audience, or a participant in the masterclass, we hope to see many of you throughout the three days Mr. Sutherland is here, as we round out this program year.

FROM THE REGISTRAR

We want to thank all our members for a great year. As we look forward to next year, please remember to pay your dues. Here are four reasons to send your membership renewal NOW! (before the deadline of May 31):

1. We WANT you as a member.
2. We will NOT have to send you a 2nd notice.
3. We will NOT have to call you to find out why you have not renewed.
4. Your name and contact information WILL be included in the AGO Directory for 2010-2011.

Thanks for listening! If you have misplaced your membership form and need another, please contact our Registrar, Chris Toth (cjtonline@hotmail.com or 216.406.0228).

CHAPTER CONCERNS:

Prayers for a speedy recovery for Gratian Nugent, who had eye surgery on Monday, May 17, 2010, at Southwest General Hospital in Middleburg Heights.

Prayers, also, for a speedy recovery for Chris Toth, our Registrar. He is to have surgery on his shoulder in June.

PLEASE NOTE: Please send all job postings to: **Gerry Mass**, 440.884.4904, **e-mail:** gerry@gerardskeyboards.com.

ORGANIST: Chesterland Baptist Church, 12670 Chillicothe Rd., Chesterland, OH 44026, 440.729.7101. One Sunday morning service and weekly (evening) choir rehearsal. Salary: approximately \$5,000. per year (negotiable). Interested persons should contact Pastor Joe Woods at the church office (as listed above) by mail or phone, or Pastor Woods personally at 440.796.0614, or via e-mail at: pastor@chesterlandbaptist.org.

ORGANIST/PIANIST: South Euclid-Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1534 S. Green Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121. 216.381.2953. Part-time. Sunday worship service. Special worship services. Thursday evening rehearsal. Salary: \$4,020. per year. Interested persons should send a resume to the church address listed above to the attention of the Pastor, Rev. Liz Nau, or via e-mail at revlznau@sbcglobal.net

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Liberation United Church of Christ, 13714 Madison Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Part-time (approx. six-seven hours per week with potential for further growth of music program). Rodgers Organ and Baldwin grand piano. Sunday service at 10:30 a.m., preceded by choir rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. Traditional and contemporary music styles. Salary: \$7,000-8,000. annually, with increase potential as music program grows and hours involved increase. Interested persons should send a resume to Jim Ebbenga at the church address above or via e-mail at office@liberationucc.org

ORGANIST: Christ United Methodist Church, 490 East Broadway St., Alliance, OH 44601. 330.823.7136. Two Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Wednesday evening choir rehearsal. Additional special services as needed. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Salary: \$13,000. per year (approx.) Interested persons should send a cover letter and resume to the Church Office address (as listed above) or via e-mail to church@cumalliance.org

ORGANIST/ MUSIC CO-ORDINATOR: First Christian Church, Brunswick, Ohio. Salary: \$50.-75. per week. Interested persons should contact Pastor Roger Buse at 330.483.4520.

ORGANIST/PIANIST: Chapel United Methodist Church, 2019 Hubbard Rd., Madison, OH 44057. Beginning September, 2010. One traditional Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. (September-May). During June, July, and August, Sunday worship service is held out of doors during which months the organist/pianist would be responsible for playing a keyboard at these services. Choir rehearsal Wednesday evenings. Salary: \$5,000. per year (approx.). Interested persons should contact Rev. Matt McClung, Pastor, at the church office (440) 428-3981, cell phone (440) 417-3887, or via e-mail at chapelpastor@windstream.net.

ORGANIST: Faith Lutheran Church. 16511 Hilliard Rd., Lakewood, OH 44107. 216.226.6500. One Sunday service, as well other religious festivals during the year. Three-manual pipe organ. \$100. per service. Available 6/1/10. Interested persons should contact Diane Bennett at the church office (mornings only) or via e-mail at dbennett44107@yahoo.com

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: First Congregational Church, 47 Aurora St., Hudson, OH 44236. 330.656.4048. 30-32 hrs. per week. 1,000-member church. (Minimum of) Bachelor of Music desired plus 3-5 years experience, and knowledge of the Christian faith. Sunday services, adult choir rehearsals, children's and youth choir rehearsals, music selection, administration, special music and services, and staff meetings. Salary: \$25,000-50,000. per year. Interested persons should send a cover letter and resume to the Church address (as listed above) or via e-mail to lschaefer@hudsonucc.org

ORGANIST: Solon Community Church, 33955 Sherbrook Dr., Solon, OH 44139. 440.248.4180. Part-time for Sundays, holiday worship, and choir rehearsals. Salary: \$7,000. per year. Interested persons may get further information by contacting the church office between 9:00 a.m. and noon weekdays, or send a resume via e-mail to scc4180@sbcglobal.net

REMINDER: The deadline for submitting articles to the newsletter is **midnight on the 15th** of every month. All articles should be sent to: newsletter@agocleveland.org

CONCERTS: For complete listings, see our website: www.agocleveland.org. All concerts are free unless otherwise noted.

Wednesdays: Music Near the Market at **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 2031 West 30th St., Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: 216.321.1393. Featuring the world-famous von Beckerath organ. **FREE** concerts **AT NOON** on Wednesdays.

JUNE 2 & 9: Organist **Florence Mustric** and trumpeter **Josh Rzepka** play music by Marcello, Purcell, Neruda, others. Each week's music varies.

JUNE 16 & 23: Organist **Robert Myers** presents "Chasing Bach fugues."

JUNE 30: Organist **Laura Ross**, a student at Cleveland Institute of Music, plays music by Buxtehude and Bach.

JULY 7 & 14: Organist **Florence Mustric** presents "**The incomparable Bach.**" Each week's music will vary.

JULY 21 & 28: Organist **Robert Myers** presents "**Mostly Baroque fantasies,**" music by Sweelinck, Froberger, Hindemith, and Bach.

Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m.: Trinity Lutheran Church, 2031 West 30th St., Cleveland. **Celebration** to benefit the restoration of the Beckerath pipe organ presented by David Tidyman, organ; Coeli Ingold, soprano; Sean Gabriel, flute; and Danna Sundet, English horn & oboe. Music by Buxtehude, Handel, Delerue, Koetsier and Bach. Freewill offering. Church parking off West 29 Street. Contact: Florence Mustric: 216.751.7574.

Sunday, June 6 at 4:00 p.m.: The Federated Church, 76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022 440 247 4690. The **Kings' Brass**, a nationally acclaimed brass ensemble with nine players, will present a community, family-friendly concert. They will knock your socks off! They are that good!

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Friday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m.: First Church Congregational, 22 Liberty Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077. As a part of the **Bicentennial Celebration**, First Church Congregational would like to invite you to an organ concert by **Tom Trenney**. Tom will perform works by Charles Ives, J.S. Bach, Paul Halley, and Felix Mendelssohn as well as his own improvisations. The concert will be given on a 44-rank, 1951 Aeolian-Skinner organ, Opus 1144. The concert is free of charge. For further information please contact the church office 440.357.7518 or Ginny Roedig 440.257.3281.

Saturday, June 12: Trinity Evangelical Church, 2031 West 30th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. **Explore Trinity Beckerath.** For details and to schedule 30 or 60 minutes at the console, visit website (ClevelandBeckerath.org).

Saturday: July 10: Trinity Evangelical Church, 2031 West 30th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. **Explore Trinity Beckerath.** For details and to schedule 30 or 60 minutes at the console, visit website (ClevelandBeckerath.org).

SCHANTZ PIPE ORGAN **NEEDS HOME**

The Schantz Pipe Organ was built in 1974. The organ console has two manuals (keyboards). It has eight ranks of pipes divided into two divisions. The organ is currently installed in our former church building in Berea, Ohio. (First Congregational United Church of Christ in Berea, Ohio). It is fully functional and will be removed in the next couple of weeks. I can be reached at (440) 243-0794 or by email.

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Reminder: There will be **NO** newsletter in July. Best wishes for a great summer.

You are invited to view Greg's photo album: [AGO Annual Dinner 2010](#)

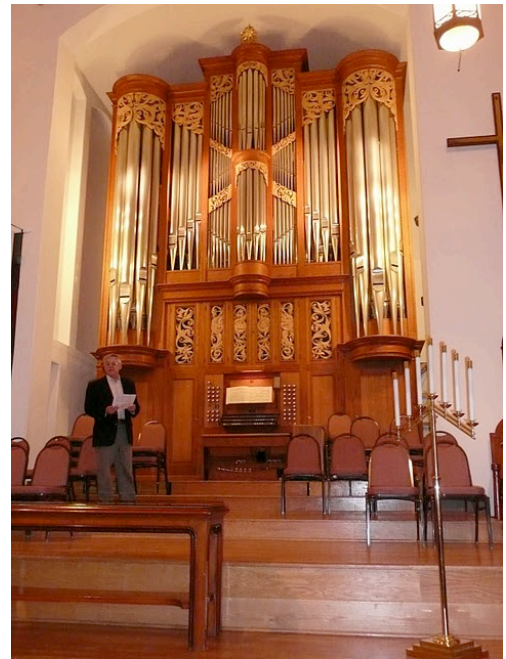


AGO Annual Dinner 2010
May 2, 2010
by **Greg**

The Noack Organ at Christ Episcopal Church in Hudson, Ohio



Nicole Keller



The Wilhelm Organ at First Congregational Church in Hudson, Ohio
Charles Carr



Marcia Snavelly, Bob Day, Jim Riggs, Leslie Bauer and Missy Koch



Bob Moncrief, David Schelat and Don Jackson after the recital at Church of the Saviour



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