



The American Guild of Organists

Cleveland Chapter

April 2008

FROM THE DEAN

BE WELL

“Research has shown that music brings many benefits, including lowering blood pressure, boosting immunity, easing muscle tension and bringing an overall positive state of mind. So sit back, relax and be well.” (From an ad in the Severance Hall program book)

That’s a tall order. We will look forward to the results listed above, especially after the spring religious holidays. To affect a musical “cure” for ourselves, let’s enjoy our Hymn Festival on April 6 at Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights. Jim Riggs will be our host and we are honored to have K. Lee Scott coming to town to conduct “The Glory of Christ” which he has authored. If your choir plans to support the mass choir, please ask them to come at 4 PM. Individual members are very welcome. They will be given a light supper with a suggested cost of \$5. The performance is at 7:30 PM. Bring your friends and enjoy a wonderful evening with instruments, organ and chorus.

Our Annual Dinner Meeting will be Sun., May 4 at Lakewood Presbyterian Church. Please note the change of venue. We are so grateful to Peg Limkemann and Don Shultzaberger for hosting this event and sharing their new organ and remodeled chapel with us. We will have a concert, a tour with a lecture (reportedly from a local organ builder) and then a catered dinner. This will be followed by election of officers and a very short business meeting. **A reminder to all Standing Committee Chairs that your report is due (to me) by April 15.**

Your Sub-Dean, Marcia Snavelly, and her program committee are also working on our Cleveland

“Organ Spectacular” event for Oct. 19, 2008. This is an international organ celebration sponsored by the National American Guild of Organists and we are excited to be part of it. Karel Paukert, one of the premier organists in Cleveland, has invited us to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church for a program. Stay tuned for the wonderful details but definitely put Oct. 19th on your calendar.

One last added note: one of the more illustrious and literate members of our Guild has fallen and broken her hip. I must assume that it was during the ice storm of this past week of Mar. 5. Gratian Nugent is in the hospital as of this writing, and we extend our best wishes for her speedy recovery and quick healing. Members who wish to send written notes are encouraged to send them to Gratian’s address in our program book. Our newsletter will be bereft without her column. Be well, Gratian.

Grace and Peace,
Michon (Missy) Koch, Dean

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Church of the Western Reserve

30500 Fairmount Blvd.

Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124

(440)-442-2220

Jeanette Ostrander, hostess

Next Chapter Meeting:

Sunday, April 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights

2860 Coventry Rd.

Cleveland, Ohio 44120

(216)-921-3510 x34

Hymn Festival

James Riggs, Host

LAST CALL FOR THE HYMN FESTIVAL—

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 7:30 p.m.

The time has arrived for the Hymn Festival co-sponsored by our Guild and Arts Plymouth at the Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights at 2860 Coventry Rd. (James Riggs, host). The Festival, *The Glory of Christ* will be led by internationally-known Conductor and Composer, K. Lee Scott. We would like to give him a warm, enthusiastic Cleveland AGO welcome.

A review of the schedule:

- 4:00 p.m. Rehearsal at Plymouth Church with
K. Lee Scott
Music will be provided*
- 6:00 p.m. A light supper will be provided with
a suggested donation of \$5 per
person.
- 7:00 p.m. Warmup
- 7:30 p.m. Festival – Please invite your
friends, families, and church
members**

We need to know if you and your choir members can participate. Please call Marcia Snavelly at (440) 338-6606 or email marciasnavely1@aol.com ASAP but no later (for a meal-count) than Tuesday, April 1. Marcia will send you the K. Lee Scott anthems in advance if you include contact information and number of copies you need.

*The Anthems by K. Lee Scott (“The Glory of Christ” and “The Tree of Life”) will be provided by the Guild. We would like to borrow copies of “God So Loved the World” (Stainer) and “Hallelujah” from *The Mount of Olives* (Beethoven). If your church has copies they could loan us with a guaranteed return, please notify Marcia Snavelly. Also, if you could review these well-known anthems with your choirs, it would be helpful but not necessary.

AGO Cleveland Annual Meeting Sunday, May 4, 4:00 p.m.

Don’t forget to mark our annual banquet and meeting at Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 14502 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood. We will begin with a wonderful program organized by Peg Limkemann. Organ builder and chapter member Tim Henry will present a talk on tracker action with a demonstration on the Ruggles organ in the Lakewood chapel. Following the talk, Peg has prepared a short concert featuring music for violin, flute and organ as well as a duet on the organ for four hands and feet. A tour of the new facility including the music room at Lakewood will be offered. At 5:30 we will adjourn for a banquet dinner in the reception hall, followed by our meeting including installation of new officers. The dinner will feature the following menu:

Appetizer: Stuffed mushrooms with ricotta, sausage,
garlic and oil
Herb roasted chicken
Penne pasta with pesto sauce
Roasted red skin potatoes
Vegetable medley
Greek salad
Dessert

Cost of the banquet dinner is \$20.00 per person. Spouses and family members are also invited. Please mail your reservation and check to Juanita Schubert, 1329 Mattingly Rd., Hinckley, OH 44233, with the number of persons attending, by April 25th. If there are questions, please contact Ginny Roedig, Tel: 440-257-3281.

CHAPTER CONCERNS:

Prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery for Gratian Nugent, who fell and broke her hip.

Condolences to James Buncher whose sister passed away last month.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As you are probably aware, 2008-2009 has been designated as The International Year of the Organ. The celebration will be launched this summer in Minneapolis at the American Guild of Organists' National Convention. As part of this Year of Celebration, an "Organ Spectacular " Sunday is planned for October 19.

The Objectives of this Year of Celebration are to promote increased general public awareness of the organ and to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles among organ enthusiasts and among new audiences who are not familiar with the instrument.

The strategy is to use the "Organ Spectacular" event on October 19 and varied individual AGO chapter events throughout the year to promote awareness of the organ, as well as increase attendance and participation at various concerts and classes.

You might want to begin thinking about how you can participate in your own churches to make the "Organ Spectacular" Sunday a success. If you can plan a special event for that Sunday morning, even if it is only playing a special piece, please let us know and we will publicize it.

The Cleveland Chapter of the AGO is planning the afternoon of October 19 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights (host; Karel Paukert), to which you are all invited and encouraged to come. Details on that event will be forthcoming. But think about what you can do in your church and let us know.

Marcia Snavely

FROM THE WEBMASTER

As web site manager I occasionally get questions about the Cleveland Chapter email message lists, so I thought it would be helpful to clarify how they work. There are two lists: the first is an "official" list which is used only for official guild information such as the newsletter and for guild events. I have to initiate mailings that go out on that list, and I am quite strict about keeping it for chapter business. All chapter members who provide email addresses are automatically added to the "official" list. If you change email addresses, please let us know as soon as possible so that you'll continue to receive the newsletter and other important mailings.

The second email list is more informal and "voluntary" and is known as the "agocleveland-l" list. Anyone who is interested (member or not) can sign up for it, and once you are signed up you can send messages to it about pretty much any related topic. I do not intervene in the list. People can subscribe and unsubscribe as they see fit, and other than spam, all sorts of topics are covered: concerts, events, workshops, personal news, etc.

You can sign up for the "agocleveland-l" list by going to the web site (agocleveland.org) and clicking on the "email discussion list" button in the Main Menu which will take you to a page where you'll enter your name and email address and a password of your own choosing (or you can have the system choose one for you, if you prefer.) The system will confirm your email address, and once that has taken place you will receive the messages that go to the list, and you can also send messages to the list by addressing them to agocleveland-l@agocleveland.org. Occasionally a chapter member who is not a member of the agocleveland-l list will send a message to the list, in which case I will forward it to the list.

If you have any questions, please email me at webmaster@agocleveland.org
Tim Robson

REGION V POE AT HOPE COLLEGE IN HOLLAND, MI (JULY 6-11)

As you probably know, the Holland AGO will be holding the Region V Pipe Organ Encounter this summer, in cooperation with Hope College. The POE will be on the campus of Hope College on July 6-11, 2008. We are very excited about the excellent faculty and instruments, and the number of students who have already registered.

For all the details, see the brochure mailed to every member of Region V in February. If you did not receive a brochure, or if you would like more, please contact me or download the brochure from our website <www.hollandago.org> .

We would be thrilled if your chapter would offer a full or partial scholarship to send a student from your area to the POE. In Michigan, the Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, and Muskegon chapters have already indicated that they intend to offer scholarships. The cost is \$375 by March 31, or \$400 from April 1 to June 1.

Whether or not your chapter provides financial assistance, please promote the POE to teenagers and publicize it in your newsletter. If you are holding an outreach event this year, encourage the participants to attend the POE.

Thank you for everything you do for the development of future organists. Feel free to contact me for more information.

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Dean, Holland Area AGO
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OHIO BOYCHOIR:

If you would like to schedule a concert, please contact Mary Lou Ozimek at:
m.ozimek@sbcglobal.net or (440)-666-1645.

PLEASE NOTE: Please send all job postings to: **Gerry Mass**, (440)884-4904, **Fax:** (440)-884-1661. **e-mail:** gerry@gerardskeyboards.com.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

ORGANIST/PIANIST: Church of the Advent (Episcopal). Located in Westlake. One Sunday service; Thursday evening choir rehearsal. \$100. per week (negotiable). Interested persons should contact Fr. Joe Maiocco at (440) 871-6685.

TWO POSITIONS: Bethany English Lutheran Church (ELCA), 15460 Triskett Rd., Cleveland, OH 44111. (216) 941-7880. fax: (440) 941-4922.

ORGANIST: Ten-twelve hours per week. Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (September through May) and one Sunday service at 10 a.m. June through August. Eleven additional evening worship services during the year. (\$150 additional compensation (per service) for any other worship services). Thursday evening choir rehearsal. Six bi-monthly 'Worship & Music Committee' meetings. Weddings and funerals extra. Instruments include Austin/Ahlborn-Galanti Organ, Roland X8 keyboard, piano, and harpsichord. Salary: \$12,000. per year. Also, there is the opportunity to direct the Handbell Choir which meets September-May. (Additional \$1,125. compensation for this).

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Five-seven hours per week. Ten-fifteen member Chancel Choir September-May. The Choir sings alternating weeks at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services and at five additional evening worship services during the year. Thursday evening choir rehearsal. Five bi-monthly 'Worship & Music Committee' meetings. Salary: \$5,200 per year. Also, there is the additional opportunity to direct the Handbell Choir which meets September-May. (Additional \$1,125. compensation for this). Interested persons should contact Pastor Robert Ferro at the Church, either in writing, by phone, or by fax.

TWO POSITIONS: Fairview Grace United Methodist Church, 22420 Lorain road, Fairview Park, Ohio 44126, (440)-779-5414.

ORGANIST: Twelve months a year.

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Nine months a year. Experience with handbells a plus. Resumes may be mailed (or e-mailed) to the Church. E-mail address is: revconey@sbcglobal.net. For further information, please contact Rev. Marilyn Coney at the Church, (440) 779-5414, or at home (440)-331-2905.

ORGANIST: St. Luke Episcopal Church, 11519 Wilson Mills Rd., Chardon, Ohio 44024. Every-other-week Sunday service at 10 a.m.; every-other-week Thursday evening choir rehearsal. Pipe organ. Salary: \$100. per week (negotiable). (This may become a weekly position in the future.) Interested persons should contact Fr. Chris McCann at (440) 285-4641.

CHOIR DIRECTOR: North Royalton United, Methodist Church, 13601 Ridge Road, North Royalton, OH 44133, (440)-237-7663. Seventeen hours a week; potential to work with the Bell Choir in this position. Salary: \$5,000. per year (negotiable). For further information please contact the Church at the phone no. listed above, or via e-mail to William Hartmann at wph3@roadrunner.com.

ORGANIST/KEYBOARDIST: Seven Hills United Methodist Church 7593 Elmhurst Dr., Seven Hills, OH 44131, (216) 524-1336. Sunday service at 10 a.m.; weekly choir rehearsal. Salary: \$90. per week. For further information, please contact Church Secretary Judy Perry at the church office no. above, or via e-mail at sevenhillsumc@cox.net.

ORGANIST/PIANIST: Lakewood Baptist Church, 14321 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107. Accompanist needed for congregation and choir. Average six hours per week. One Sunday service and Thursday evening choir rehearsal. Church experience essential. Salary: \$5,000. per year, plus extra compensation for weddings and special events. Interested persons should send resume/references to LBC Pastor at the Church address above.

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: . All concerts are free unless otherwise noted. www.agocleveland.org

Wednesdays: Music Near the Market at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, West 30th St. at Lorain Avenue, Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: 216-321-1393. Featuring the world-famous von Beckerath organ. **FREE** concerts **AT NOON** on Wednesdays.

April 2 & 9: *Florence Mustric* presents a "Menu of favorites" from audience favorites she has played in the past year, including music by JS Bach, Franck, and Barber. Each day the audience will select that day's music.

April 16: *Joseph Ripka* performs "Winning ways," selections from his competition repertoire, including music by Boyvin, Bach, Messiaen, and Vierne.

April 23: *Linda Kempke* plays "From misery and death set free," music by Kuhnau, Bach, and Bender.

April 30: *St. Ignatius High School Singers* return for their now-annual concert at Trinity, under the direction of *Jason Falkofsky*.

Friday, April 11 at 8:00 p.m.: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 North Prospect Street, Akron, Ohio. *Monte Maxwell*, organist, in recital. Music by Stanley, Bach, Haydn, Barber, and others. Mr. Maxwell is chairman of the U. S. Naval Academy Music Department and principal organist for Protestant and Catholic services in Annapolis, Md.

Saturday, April 12 at 8:00 p.m.: Trinity Center for Urban Life, 2212 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, (215)-732-2515. *H. Leslie Adams Adams: BLAKE* (opera excerpts) presented by *Opera North, Inc. Kay George Roberts*, music director/conductor

Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.: Church of the Covenant, 1205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106, (216)-421-0482. The *Covenant Choir* presents Brahms' "*Ein Deutsches Requiem*."

Sunday, April 13 at 4:00 p.m.: Brecksville United Church of Christ, 23 Public Square, Brecksville, OH 44141. The *Iannis String Quartet* from the Cleveland Institute of Music. Works by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Bartok. Free will offering, light reception. (440)-526-4364 (church phone)

Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20 at 3:30 p.m.: The combined choirs of Church of the Saviour and Mayfield Methodist will present a free concert including the Faure "Requiem" and "Otcenas" by Janacek. Judith Higbee and Betty-Ann Lynerd, Conductors; Bob Day and Carol Neff, Organists; Jody Guinn, harp. Saturday, April 19, 3:30, at Mayfield United Methodist, 7747 Mayfield Road, Chesterland. Sunday, April 20, 3:30, at Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights.



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The Glory of Christ

A Festival of Hymns

led by
K. Lee Scott

Internationally known Composer & Conductor



Sunday, April 6, 7:30 pm

Plymouth Church

2860 Coventry Rd

Shaker Heights

Free-will Offering * Free Parking

Rapid stop: Shaker Blvd./Coventry



Join us for this festive program
of hymns and anthems
celebrating The Glory of Christ.
The singing will be conducted by
K. Lee Scott and accompanied
by organ, brass, handbells and
a community mass choir.

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or visit our the websites: agocleveland.org or plymouthchurchucc.org