

# Weekly Update

American Guild of Organists Cleveland Chapter

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## Dear AGO Cleveland Colleague,

Welcome to the Weekly Update from the Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists! Each week on Thursday, we publish this email newsletter to help you stay informed about activities and programs of the Cleveland AGO Chapter. Questions or comments? Please let us know: [admin@agocleveland.org](mailto:admin@agocleveland.org) Have a news item for a future issue? Send to: [newsletter@agocleveland.org](mailto:newsletter@agocleveland.org). The deadline each week is Wednesday at noon for Thursday publication.

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## From the Dean



Fern Jennings

Friends,

This week we return to our weekly format for this update. We will keep you informed of Chapter events, news and items of interest in the organ world. While I may not have something to say every week, I plan to use this column to educate, enlighten, and pontificate on pertinent topics. My thoughts may include musings on music education, philosophy, professional concerns or even a little music history. They will be short, that is for certain. This is a format for member submissions as well. If you have an item of interest or something you want to say about our profession or music in general send it to newsletter editor Linda Gardner. Just remember to keep your article short. And don't forget to enter your concerts on our on-line calendar at [agocleveland.org](http://agocleveland.org). While you are there check out the other information we have available to you.

All the best,  
Fern

## Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

### Next Cleveland Chapter Event

First Chapter Event of the new season - Annual Picnic

Oktoberfest-themed Picnic



Sunday, September 16, 4 to 7 pm

Home of Hildred and Ed Tornberg, 14417 Crestview Dr. in Novelty, OH 44072. (Russell Twp) near Routes 87 and 306, 3 miles south of Chesterland. Park along frontage on the east side of Crestview Dr. Use driveway for drop-off access.

In case of severely inclement weather, the picnic will move to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 11900 Chillicothe Rd. (Rt. 306) in Chesterland.

Our hosts will supply cook-out meats and soft drinks. In the spirit of Oktoberfest, AGO will provide a keg of Great Lakes beer. If you prefer wine please bring your choice. We are asked to bring an

appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. If you have a folding lawn chair bring it along. Dress is very casual.

Appetizers and outdoor games begin at 4 pm so that those involved with Rosh Hashanah services can join us for fellowship before sundown. Our hosts have a 10-rank Ruggles pipe organ, a piano and a 1912 parlor organ in their home. Bring music to try any of these instruments after dinner.

Spouses, guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Hildred by September 10 at 440-338-3268 or email: [etornberg@windstream.net](mailto:etornberg@windstream.net). This will be a great time to meet new colleagues and to catch up on each other's news as we begin an exciting year together.

Barbara MacGregor, Sub-Dean/Program Chair  
Picnic committee: Hildred Tornberg, Tim Hemry and Carol Neff.

Here is a link to Google maps to help you find your directions:

<http://goo.gl/maps/bOjX5>

## 2012/13 Chapter Programs Announced

See the complete list of Cleveland AGO Chapter Programs [here](#). Be sure to mark the dates on your calendar. The link to the complete list is also found in the main menu of the [chapter web site](#).

## REGARDING THE AGO GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Message to Ohio AGO Deans and others:

I received a message today from Marlene Hallstrom, the director of the AGO Committee on Career Development and Support. This committee had their annual meeting earlier this week and it was decided that it would be much better to keep the "most recent" AGO Grievance Procedure in place until an alternate procedure is worked out and introduced in 2013. So that official announcement that the AGO would accept no more grievance applications after August 1st, is now to be struck from the record.

As of today the official word is that the AGO will still accept new Grievance applications until the new procedures are in place.

The ban on new grievance cases is lifted and please stand by for the announcement about the new procedure that will be in place in the near future. But still keep in mind that there is no expected time frame at this time to have the new procedure in place.

Thanks to all of you for all the great things that you have done and will continue to do for the AGO in Ohio, and also for all of those great things that you will do for the AGO in the future.

If you have any questions about the current grievance procedure, please feel free to ask and I'll be happy to find the answers for you.

Sincerely,  
David Lamb  
AGO Councillor for Region V - Great Lakes Region

## NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS AND OTHER INFORMATION

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DON SHULTZABERGER** suffered a mild stroke at his summer home in Pennsylvania. Apparently, he could not put on his socks and his speech was slurred. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital and diagnosed, then moved to a larger hospital. He was transferred to Lakewood Hospital yesterday (Thursday, August 23) and is in the rehab unit. I visited with him for just a short while yesterday afternoon and was most pleased to hear him speak. He had a mere trace of a slur, and I think that will disappear. He was beginning to get some sensation in his left hand and could move slightly his pinkie and index finger. All signs are good there. He is, however, unable to swallow yet, so is on a feeding tube. The docs feel he will make a very good recovery. Prayers would be in order.

--Peg Limkemann (as of September 5, 2012)

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:** Lynn Frey-Steward: [lfrey011@gmail.com](mailto:lfrey011@gmail.com). St. Sebastian, Akron, Ohio.

**WANTED:** Bottom 12 pipes of an 8' Open Diapason, Principal, Montre or whatever. This will be used in the choir division, so smaller scale is better. Maybe a bigger string or gemshorn would work. Contact Joe Metzinger at [gesumusic123@aol.com](mailto:gesumusic123@aol.com)

**FOR SALE:** Lowery Majesty Organ. Patty Jeschenig, [tjeschenig1@roadrunner.com](mailto:tjeschenig1@roadrunner.com), or 440.724.2276.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**, was the 100th birthday of composer **John Cage** (died in 1992)- one of his organ works is still being played - LITERALLY since 2001 and will not end for another 633 years! It takes over six centuries to play the piece called "As Slow as Possible." [Find out more.](#)

**ORGANIST CAMERON CARPENTER** played two recitals the end of last week at the BBC Proms concerts in London's Royal Albert Hall. The programs were in the Mr. Carpenter's usual idiosyncratic manner. Among the publicity was a review in [The Telegraph](#).

## September Spectacular at St. Sebastian

This year's September Spectacular at St. Sebastian is not your usual Akron fundraising fare. The Napa-themed event includes incredible live auction items such as two tickets to the Oscar de la Renta runway show at New York Fashion Week 2013, four tickets to the Indy 500 with Gasoline Alley privileges, a dream trip for four to Napa Valley that includes a stay in a romantic villa, Thirsty Dog private evening for twelve, and much more! Exciting silent auction items include wine-themed options such as an overnight package at Gervasi Vineyards with a cooking class and wine tasting, a hot air balloon ride, prime OSU tickets and many products and services from Akron-area companies, events and attractions.

Guests will enjoy a gourmet sit-down dinner catered by parishioner Rafe Vaccaro of Vaccaro's Trattoria and dessert donated by West Point Market.

This year, the September Spectacular committee is proud to honor its founders, Trisha Gerak, Kathleen Holaday, Michelle Huber and Allie Petit. In the past nine years, this parent-organized event has raised more than \$300,000 toward supplementing the cost of school tuition.

Please join us on this very special evening in support of St. Sebastian Parish School at 6 p.m. Sept. 15 in the school's Zwisler Hall.

Tickets are \$75 each and may be purchased by calling the St. Sebastian Rectory at 330- 836-2233. For more information, please visit [stsebastian.org/school/sept-spectacular.html](http://stsebastian.org/school/sept-spectacular.html).

## Rodney Barbour on MIDI

Divinity Lutheran Church's Arts In Action and the T. S. Good Church Organ Company present:  
Rodney Barbour (MM, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music)  
Director of Music at the Crestview Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio

The Modern Organ

Enhancing the traditional sounds of the classical organ through the use of MIDI.

Saturday, September 29, 2012

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Divinity Lutheran Church

11877 Blossom Avenue

Parma Heights, Ohio 44130

Mr. Barbour's talk and demonstration will include:

The ten general pistons every organist should set.

Creating 'soundscapes' that incorporate traditional organ voices and orchestral voices created through the use of MIDI, including:

organ voices

the use of velocity to create expression

layering of MIDI voices to create complex sounds

expanding of traditional organ tone through the use of MIDI

There is no charge for this event. Instead, an offering will be taken to benefit the scholarship fund for Divinity Church's "Arts In Action" program.

"Somewhere and sometime in the past 44 years, I have transformed from playing for worship to being a worshiper leading others in worship. The playing skills are much the same, but the application and attitude are different." -from Rodney Barbour's blog.

Please confirm your intention to attend by calling Divinity Lutheran Church at (440) 845-2060.

Mr. Barbour will also be presenting a delightful and creative program Friday evening, September 28 as a part of Divinity Lutheran Church's concerts series, "Arts In Action" at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 each, with proceeds going to Divinity's scholarship program. Rodney has made many friends for the organ, and we are very pleased to promote his excellent work.

The organ: Rodgers three-manual (Trillium 967) with 13 ranks of Ruffatti and Hillgreen-Lane pipes.

Rodney's blog: [e-manuals.blogspot.com](http://e-manuals.blogspot.com)

## Concerts

Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church 317 East Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio. Brown Bag Concert Bring your own lunch or brown bag lunches are available for \$5.00. Just call the church office 24 hours prior to the concert at 330.725.4131.

September 18 at 12:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 317 East Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio. BROWN BAG CONCERT. We are excited to announce that our first Brown Bag Concert of the season will once again be A Celebration of Music and the Visual Arts. The date is the third Tuesday, September 18h at 12 noon. It will include a display of selected art work from Medina County children. In our sanctuary a recital of musical instruments will be performed by young

students in our local area. To complete the celebration, we have obtained the musical talent of Jay Albert, classical guitarist and graduate of Baldwin Wallace. Please mark this date on your calendar and support this endeavor to "....be our city's leading Christian church advancing the Kingdom of God through vibrant and exciting liturgy and worship, social justice ministries, promotion of the arts, and support of education....." Once again Melinda Rucinski will create our brown bag lunches for \$5.00. Just call the church office at 330-725-4131 and reserve yours at least 24 hours before the September 18th concert date. A heartfelt thanks to Linda Garman, for her past assistance in creating the lunches.

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.

September 5 and 12: Florence Mustric presents "F as in fabulous as in Franck." Pastorale; Prelude, Fugue and Variation; and his ultimate masterpiece, his Choral [Symphony] in A minor.

Saturday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Rock of Faith.

Sunday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m.: Oktoberfest Chapter Picnic, Home of Hildred and Ed Tomberg, Novelty, Ohio.

Sunday, September 16 at 2:00 p.m.: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2031 West 30th St., Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: 216.321.1393. Marathon 4. A free event to thank all of the people who generously supported the campaign to raise funds to restore Trinity's Beckerath organ. Music by Bach, Vivaldi, Barber, Vaughan Williams and a number of others.

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Saturday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 5th Avenue, Youngstown, OH. Youngstown Chapter AGO. Improvisation Master Class with Bruce Neswick. Open to the public.

Sunday, September 23 at 4:00 p.m.: Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 5th Avenue, Youngstown, OH. Hymn Festival, Bruce Neswick, Organist. Massed Choirs, Brass and Percussion. Dr. Hae-Jong Lee, Conductor. Ticket Information - website: Stambaugh Auditorium/Youngstown (Events).

Sunday, September 23 at 5:00 p.m.: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1250 W. Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio, 44313. Akron Baroque.

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## A Note About Job Postings

Gerry Mass, our Cleveland Chapter Placement Officer collects and updates job openings in the area. Although they are not listed in the weekly updates, there is a link in the "Quick Links" section every week that will take you to the updated list on the chapter website. Questions or need help finding a position? Email: [placement@agocleveland.org](mailto:placement@agocleveland.org)



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