



Weekly Update - Cleveland Chapter

American Guild of Organists

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From the Dean



Fern Jennings

Dear Colleagues,

This is my final "From the Dean" column to you. It has been, for the most part, a rewarding two years. The most frustrating part of my tenure was the loss of our non-profit status and the subsequent refiling that necessitated. I am grateful to Don Jackson for doing the yeoman's job on preparing the application. I must say that of this writing we have not yet received that reinstatement. I have been told that this is an expected wait time for the IRS and to be patient.

Otherwise, I am grateful for the assistance and support I received from your Chapter Officers and Executive and Standing Committees. I am grateful for Sub-Dean Barbara MacGregor's expertise and detail in planning our program year. Treasurer Don Jackson has paid our bills and kept our records in a professional manner. Secretary Jan Jones has kept our meeting records in an efficient manner. Special thanks to our Registrar, Chris Toth, who has maintained our membership records and kept us up to date with the transition to the new national system. Webmaster and Newsletter Producer, Tim Robson, has been of great assistance in our chapter communications. Our expertly produced Yearbook was produced by Grant Wiswell. Not only is it a great source of information, it was funded entirely by advertisements.

Two committees that were active this year were the Scholarship Review Committee and the Web-site Committee. The Scholarship Committee consisting of Cliff Hill, Barbara MacGregor, Annie Kaschube, Brian Wentzel, and Tim Robson reviewed our scholarship policy and with input from Scholarship Chair, Carol Neff, recommended the policy which was accepted by the Executive Committee. The Web-site Committee began by assessing the needs of the chapter for an updated web-site. They will continue their work in the coming year and present a plan to best meet the needs of the chapter in this regard. The Committee consists of Paul Guyer, Brian Wentzel and Matt Skitszki.

Sunday we will meet for our Annual Meeting and review the year and install new officers. For those who may be joining us only for the meeting that will happen at about 5:30 pm at Lakewood Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton Blvd., Lakewood. I hope to see many of you there.

Best to you,

Fern

NEXT CHAPTER EVENT



THREE PAIRS OF HANDS +

THREE PIPE ORGANS =

A GREAT PROGRAM !

SUNDAY, MAY 18TH - 3 PM

PROGRESSIVE RECITAL AND

ANNUAL MEETING IN LAKEWOOD

Our final program of the year is a progressive recital next Sunday, May 18th at two churches in Lakewood. Three of our members will be performing mini-recitals on three different pipe organs: the Holtkamp organ at St. Peter's Episcopal, along with the Jaeckel in the Chapel and Schantz in the Sanctuary at Lakewood Congregational.

The program begins at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 3 pm and moves across the street to the UCC Chapel at 3:45 pm and then to their Sanctuary at 4:30 pm. Organists performing are Paul Guyer, Brian Wentzel and Barbara MacGregor. Instrumentalists playing at Lakewood UCC are Kent Collier, cello; Michael Kompenda, clarinet; and Cathy Spicer, flute. A reception provided by our members Diane Cieslak, Leah Hottel, Dawn Reilly and Ruth Williams follows in the UCC Parlor at 5 pm with our Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers.

Join us for any part of this Spring afternoon of music! The program is free - guests are always welcome. Convenient parking is available in the lot behind each church.

NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Current, outgoing and incoming Executive Committee members are urged to attend Monday, June 2, 7:30pm Home of Max Bunker

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

We received four scholarship applications this year. Auditions were held at the Chapel at the Berea United Methodist Church. Dean Fem Jennings, Committee Chair Carol Neff, and Pedals, Pipes and Pizza teacher Brian Wentzel listened to the auditions. We are pleased to award \$250 scholarships to

all four applicants. The checks will be sent to their instructors. Three of the applicants are high school students who attended the Pedals, Pipes and Pizza program. The fourth is an adult who studies privately with Peg Limkemann.

Receiving scholarships are Anna Marshall, Swazi Blue, Taylor Adair, and Elaine Rosenberger. We wish them great success as they learn to play the King of Instruments!

Carol Neff, CAGO
Scholarship Committee Chair

MEMBER NEWS

Max Bunker, originally scheduled to play on our progressive recital on Sunday, fell at church and injured his leg. He is doing well. Barbara MacGregor has graciously stepped in to play his section of the concert which will feature music for organ and instruments. In addition Max will be celebrating his 60th anniversary as a church musician on June 15 with a tribute at his church.

THIS WEEK IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY

The English Organist and hymn composer, Arthur Henry Mann was born in 1850. He was the Director of Music at King's College Chapel from 1876-1929, the year of his death. He was the director of the first Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve presentation at King's College in the year 1918. His arrangement of "Once in Royal David's City" is sung every year to begin the service. His best hymn is "Angel's Story" most often sung to "Oh Jesus, I have promised". Here is a link to the hymn played on a beautifully restored 1893 reed organ.



Dominon Parlour Organ Restored - Angel's Story (Hymn)

Concerts and Events of Interest

Remember to send us your concert listings for our Google calendar and weekly updates. Send them to newsletter@agocleveland.org. Some of our concert listings have been gleaned from ClevelandClassical. For a complete list of concerts plus previews, reviews and more from Cleveland's classical music scene click the link www.clevelandclassical.com.

Jonathan Moyer, organ (Church of the Covenant) with Elena Mullins & Sian Ricketts. Tuesday, May 20, 12:15 pm. Program to be announced. 12 Noon Carillon recital by George Leggiero. Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Free.

Robert Myers, organ. Wednesday, May 21, 12:15 pm. "All in the Bach Family." Music by six lesser-known Bachs, including Wilhelm Friedemann & Heinrich. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

James David Christie, Organ. Sunday, May 25 at 3 pm. Bedient pipe organ dedication. Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Road, Cleveland.

Harald Vogel, Wednesday, May 28, 7:30pm. The preeminent organist and musicologist from Bremen makes his Cleveland debut. Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Co-sponsored by Oberlin College.

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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

About These Updates

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. Have a news item for a future issue? Send to: newsletter@agocleveland.org. The deadline each week is Tuesday at 5 PM for Thursday publication.

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