

August 2000

The Bombarde

Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



From the Dean

This newsletter marks the first month of my new term as dean of the Harrisburg AGO Chapter. I must begin my remarks with a huge thanks to Tony Ciucci for serving as Dean for many faithful years. Tony has been so helpful in trying to make the transition smooth. Thank you to all the other board members that have completed their terms of office (Tony listed them in the June issue of *The Bombarde* so I won't mention names again). I would also like to thank Thomas Tiehl and Judy Schrack for publishing and sending our newsletter for the past few years. Thanks to Ben Leiby, our new editor and Don Golden, our new mailer. The new board met in May and is eager and ready to serve. I look forward to a productive year.

We have a dynamite program committee this year led by sub-dean Melanie Moll. As you will see from the programs scheduled for this year (see pages 2 and 3), we have an exciting year planned. The committee worked hard to create a balanced program to fit the diverse needs of our membership. Thanks to everyone that turned in a survey; your input was very helpful.

Our first event of the year will be on September 17 at 3:30 with a hymn festival planned

and led by organist, Wayne Wold. This will certainly be a program that you will want to invite your choir members to attend. In fact, they can participate! (Mark the date on your church choir schedules that you pass out this fall!) Wayne has invited us to serve as his choir for the hymn festival. The choir will help lead the congregational singing and will embellish the singing with some descants. To join the choir, all you need to do is to meet in the sanctuary at Derry Church at 2:00 for a short rehearsal prior to the hymn festival. Further information about the event and directions to the church will be included in the September *Bombarde*.

I believe that the AGO is a wonderful organization. I also believe that we each have a responsibility to share this news with others. Be sure to let new musicians in the area know about the AGO. As you know, you don't have to be an organist or a choir director to join. You don't need to have any formal training. It is our diversity that is one of our greatest strengths.

Besides serving as ambassadors to potential members, we each have a responsibility to sup-

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Deadline for the September newsletter is August 20.

Please send all submissions to:

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4150 C King George Drive
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Pipedreams Letters Encouraged

As you know WITF has taken the organ program "Pipedreams" off the air. A Harrisburg AGO member talked to the radio station last month and they had only received seven complaints. It is imperative that we bombard them with letters. We do not want the radio station to believe that the organists of the area are not concerned that the program was taken off the air.

Please send a note (even a short one) ex-

pressing your concerns to WITF FM, PO Box 2954, Harrisburg, PA 17105. You can also submit your letter via e-mail by accessing WITF's website at www.witf.org. Please send a copy of your letter to Barry Fox, Harrisburg Patriot news, 812 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

We can only have a voice if we all join together in this endeavor.

Harrisburg AGO
Programs
2000-2001

September 17, 2000
3:30 p.m.
Derry Presbyterian Church
Hershey
Hymn Festival
Wayne Wold, *organist*

October 15, 2000
6:00 p.m.
Zion Lutheran Church
Harrisburg
"Pipes Spectacular"
Concert
*Concert of music for organ
and other instrumentalists
and vocalists.*

November 4, 2000
9 a.m.—noon
First United Methodist
Church
Hershey
*Resources and Techniques
for the Church Musician*
"Working with Children's Choirs"
Helen Anthony
"Handbells"
Shawn Gingrich
"Conducting from the Console"
Thomas Clark-Jones

January 23, 2001
7:30 p.m.
Derry Street United
Methodist Church
Harrisburg
*Organ and Choral Music
for the Seasons of Lent and
Easter*
Melanie Moll, *coordinator*

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From your treasurer . . .

Membership for 2000-2001 has been going nicely for the months of June and July. There are currently 85 new and renewal applications received for membership in the Harrisburg Chapter. The official membership year runs from July 1 to June 30.

National Headquarters has moved the deadline date up to September 1st for submitting membership fees this year. Reminder notices were sent July 10th to those Harrisburg chapter members who had not completed their application prior to that date. If you are one of the few who have not sent in your renewal application, please do so as soon as possible so I can meet the requested date for reporting memberships to National Headquarters.

Remember, your membership in the Harrisburg AGO chapter supports the following:

- Meetings and workshops to expand your professional life and exchange experiences with other organists and church musicians.
- Publication and mailing of our chapter newsletter – *The Bombarde*
- Pipe Organ Encounters to encourage young organists
- Sponsorship of major recitals

- The Cassel Scholarship Competition to reward excellence in young organists
- Professional Certification Examinations
- Substitutes and job placement assistance
- Professional Concerns Assistance
- The activities of National Headquarters including a monthly subscription to *The American Organist*

Membership applications for new members can be obtained by giving me a call at 774-4465 evenings. My e-mail address is kmyersx1@ezonline.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash in Bank as of 5/24/2000	\$4,207.18
Total Receipts	\$2,114.55
Less Total Disbursements	\$2,257.73
Cash in Bank as of 7/20/2000	\$4,064.00
Cassel Scholarship Fund (Investments)	\$10,683.02
Cassel Scholarship Fund (Savings)	\$1,218.89

First Networking Lunch August 9

The first monthly networking lunch will be August 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Gullifty's in the Cedar Cliff Mall, 1104 Carlisle Road, Camp Hill. The purpose of monthly networking lunches is to enjoy good food and great conversation with other AGO members. If you plan to attend, please contact Doris Savage at 697-6042 by August 7. Hope to see you there.

Area Events

Presbybop Jazz Quartet

The Rev. Bill Carter, First Presbyterian Church, Clark Summit, PA
September 24, 4:00 p.m.
Camp Hill Presbyterian Church
Child care will be provided and a free-will offering will be received

Organ recital by Joan Lippincott, Principal University Organist, Princeton University and Professor of Organ, Westminster Choir College of Rider University
October 22, 4:00 p.m.
Camp Hill Presbyterian Church
Free-will offering to support the CHPC Pipe Organ Fund. Child care will be provided

Positions Available

Rockville United Methodist Church, 4386 N. Sixth Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110 is seeking an Organist/Accompanist for two Sunday services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. and other services as scheduled. Adult Choir of 15 members. Organ: Yamaha Clavinova and Rodgers Digital organ with MIDI. Salary: \$8500. 4 weeks vacation. Continuing education: \$250. The congregation and leadership are focused on serving Christ through mission. The worship experience includes contemporary, global and traditional Christian music. Congregation size: 225.

Contact: Pastor Beasley-Topliffe at 236-7342 e-mail: rockville@pa.net.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spring and Union Streets, Middletown, PA 17057 is seeking an Organist/Choir Director for 2 Sunday services at 8:15 and 11:00 A.M. Choir size: 8:00 adult-12 members; 11:00 adult choir-15 members and a youth choir. Austin Pipe Organ. Music budget: \$750. Salary range: none given. 2 weeks vacation. The congregation feels the main responsibility of this person would be providing music for Sunday services and extra services. He/she would also be responsible for the various choirs. Congregation size: 900.

Contact: Donna Thompson at 944-4492.

A New Look

As you probably have noticed, *The Bombarde* has a new layout. We hope that you enjoy the new look and will be able to find the information you need easily. Comments and suggestions are always welcome as are announcements of events, book and music reviews, or other articles.

Please send any ideas for future newsletters to:

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port the future of church music. We all will have the opportunity to support future organists this coming summer in the Pipe Organ Encounter sponsored by the Harrisburg and Lancaster AGO Chapters. Approximately 25-40 young high school students will be immersed in the organ and its music from June 17-22, 2001. We will need lots of help to make this a success. We will need **your** help!

Third, we are all called to support organ concerts and the future of church music. Be sure to alert your congregation of upcoming organ concerts in the area. As we speak of our own love for organ and choral music, just maybe our enthusiasm will catch on fire with those around us.

Finally, we need your involvement in the AGO. Mark down the programs on your cal-

endar and plan to attend. Write articles for the newsletter and send them into our newsletter editor. We welcome articles about a number of topics. Perhaps we won't be able to include all of the articles each month but our newsletter editor can include them as space permits. Maybe you have a passion for a particular composer and would like to share a few insights; maybe you found a new organ or choral piece that you would like to recommend; maybe you would like to write an article about an issue that concerns you, etc...

I hope that you will feel free to call me or e-mail me at any time. I would like your suggestions. I would like your help. Together we can continue to revitalize and energize our local chapter!

Shelly Moorman-Stahlman

AGO Programs

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February 6, 2001
6 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
Camp Hill
Clergy/Musician Dinner

March 6, 2001
7:30 p.m.

Mt. Calvary Episcopal
Church
Camp Hill
Using Midi
Robert Lau

March 30, 2001
7:30 p.m.

Pine Street Presbyterian
Church
Harrisburg
Organ Recital by Delbert
Disselhorst
*Event cosponsored by Pine Street
Church*

May

End of the Year Banquet

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Chapter Board Meeting

The next AGO Board meeting will be held Tuesday, August 22, 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill. Call Tim Koch for directions. If you cannot attend, please let Shelly know (867-6278; moorman@lvc.edu).

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www.agohq.org
