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The Bombarde

American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



From the Dean

Greetings, colleagues!

Is it October already?! While the first few months of the pandemic seemed to go by very slowly for me, these last few months have just flown by as various activities begin to resume in some fashion. I'm sure that many of you have spent countless hours trying to figure out how best to keep your ministry going amidst all of our current restrictions. For me, that meant adding a weekly hymn sing that we livestream, beginning a new handbell ensemble, and having choir rehearsals outside.

Maybe too, like many of us, you find yourselves playing to a silent congregation each Sunday. While this was particularly difficult for me in the beginning of the pandemic, I find myself turning to the words of one of my favorite saints, Augustine of Hippo, who said: "Let us sing a new song, not with our lips, but with our lives."

Through our music and example, let us continue to inspire, encourage, and bring hope to all those to whom we minister. Know of my continued gratitude for all that you do for and throughout our Chapter.

With my prayers for your continued good health,
Justin

From the Sub-Dean

Happy fall! It is hard to believe that October has arrived. We would typically be at least a month into our rehearsals and choirs would probably start working on Christmas music! It really is a different time this go round! We are trying to create ways to keep our Chapter involved and engaged throughout the pandemic. Our first Zoom Happy Hour was held last month and we had a great turn out. We are going to try it again in the near future.

I was able to interview Derry Presbyterian Church's new Director of Music and Organist. He is a great addition to our chapter, and I know you will enjoy getting to meet and work with him. But for now, you can find my interview with Grant on our youtube channel. Link to it from our website or search "Harrisburg AGO." When you visit the channel be sure to subscribe to get updates.

On Saturday, October 17 at 10 AM we will have a workshop with Dr. Noah Horn on how to create a virtual choir. Dr. Horn presently serves as chorus master for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, artistic director and founder of the professional vocal ensemble Audivi, and previously taught at Oberlin College as interim Director of Vocal Ensembles. Several of you have requested information on how to create a virtual choir and Dr. Horn has been giving these presentations pretty frequently, so I hope you will join us on the 17th. Zoom credentials will be emailed out to the Chapter the week of the workshop.

As always, your Officers are here for you if you need anything. I hope you and your families stay safe and stay well. I am looking forward to the day we can all sit in a church and enjoy a wonderful organ concert together!

Peace,
Tyler

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles;
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

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Membership News

The 2020—2021 membership directory was emailed out to members recently and hard copies were mailed to members without email and to those who requested one. A few have sent corrections to the info already so this reminder is to all that when something changes for you—address, email, job, etc.—please be sure to update your profile in the national Oncard system since that is from where our directory data is drawn.

Lunch Bunch

Lunches are still ON-HOLD until further notice. When it is possible to gather again we will announce the plans to resume. If you are interested in attending let Doris Savage know. Email dorisavage@comcast.net or telephone 717-697-4042.

Redesigned Website is Live

Our website has been running for about 20 years with little change to the format. We now have a new site with a fresh new look but still with much of the same content. Check it out at harrisburgago.org.



New AGO Logo for Screens



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Have you noticed the newly designed AGO logo online? It was developed for use in digital applications. It is less busy, uses a similar design, and the same colors as the classic design. The more intricate classic design can still be used for print material.

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And on YouTube:

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Archivist Report

2003-2004

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PROGRAMS

“Hymns of the Church”, September 28, 2003, First Lutheran Church, Carlisle. Photo below shows Donna Chestnut (concert coordinator from First Lutheran), Anna Royer, Doris Savage, George Rohrer, Teresa Bowers, Shawn Gingrich (behind others), Gerald Hoover, and Ken Kline.



Organ crawl to Philadelphia in October to visit Girard College, St. Clements Episcopal Church, and the Wanamaker organ—there is no further information on this event!

Craig Williams Recital, November 14, 2003, St. Stephens Cathedral, Harrisburg

Member/Student Recital, January 18, 2004, Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey. Pictured from left to right in the photo

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below: Helen Anthony, John Brewster, Jessica Scott, Brittany Jones, Joseph Gribb, Robert Lau, Charles Grove, and Caleb Sisak



Workshop for the Small Church Musicians and Used Music Sale, February 21, 2004, Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church

Reading Session, Bill Carroll of Hinshaw Publishing Company, March 27, 2004, Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg

Philadelphia Organ Quartet, May 5, 2004, The Forum, Harrisburg

Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers, May 10, 2004, Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill

FROM "THE BOMBARDE"

Suzanne Klinedinst wrote an article following the Regional Convention, "Pipes on Potomac", which she and her husband attended.

David Binkley was honored by the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church on his 30th anniversary as Organist/Choirmaster. A commissioned anthem by Robert Lau entitled "Rejoice, the Lord is King" was premiered at the Sunday service on June 29.

The Yocum Scholarship was established on June 8 when Chuck Yocum was presented with a check for \$2,500 from our Chapter and friends. The Yocum Scholarship is designated to assist in the ongoing development of the POE program.

Chapter member Carl Schroeder was ordained into the ministry of the Anglican Catholic Church in September.

The Cathedral Church of Saint Stephen announced the completion of its newly refurbished and augmented pipe/digital organ with a service of dedication and a recital by Cathedral Organist and Choirmaster Michael Shoemaker.

For the first time in the Guild's history, members could vote in the AGO National Election by casting their votes on line.

Chapter Member Rhonda Sider Edgington was awarded a Fulbright grant for one year of study in Germany.

The year 2003 marked the 68th anniversary of our Chapter receiving its charter.

Ken Walker
Archivist

Position Available

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6839 Wertzville Road, Enola, PA is seeking an organist for a position to begin Dec. 1. The successful candidate will be paid \$125 with the expectation that they would play a prelude, postlude, and accompany a soloist (music provide by the soloist). When we are able to return to indoor choir rehearsals on a Wednesday evening and it would pay an additional \$50 for each rehearsal. This contracted position will become a salaried staff position once a relative degree of normalcy returns. A more detailed job description will be available once that transition is made. Interested candidates should call me at the mobile phone number listed below.

Nicholas J. Cekovich 717-756-7487
8 Briarwood Court, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Finance Report

Shawn Gingrich, Treasurer

Balance in Checking as of 7/1/2020	\$1,877.34
Expenses:	\$459.83
Deposits & Credits:	\$3,625.02
Balance in Checking as of 9/30/2020	\$5,042.53
Invested Funds as of 7/1/2020	
Harrisburg AGO Savings*	\$50,038.02
Frances Bishop Fund	\$130,011.16
Total	\$180,049.18
Invested Funds as of 9/30/2020	
Harrisburg AGO Savings**	\$52,030.68
Frances Bishop Fund	\$136,312.29
Total	\$188,342.97

NOTES:

*Harrisburg AGO Savings as of 7/1/2020:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,104.88
Clapper-Fryinger Bequests	\$4,263.23
Reserve Savings	\$22,886.04
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$2,723.13
Stahle Savings	\$725.82
Throne Fund	\$7,981.77
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,353.15

**Harrisburg AGO Savings as of 9/30/2020:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,367.59
Clapper-Fryinger Bequests	\$4,470.98
Reserve Savings	\$23,573.24
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$3,050.69
Stahle Savings	\$746.30
Throne Fund	\$8,206.86
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,615.02

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2018—2022	Phyllis Conrad, Daniel Dorty, Chris Mirocco
2020—2024	Deb Dillane, Robert Lau, Dan Stokes

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Submission to *The Bombarde*

The deadline for *The Bombarde* is the fifteenth of Dec, Mar, Jun, Sep for the following quarter's edition unless otherwise noted. Whenever possible, please submit your items in electronic format. For area events, please follow the format.



Deadline for inclusion in the first quarter 2021 newsletter is December 15, 2020.

Please send **all** submissions to:
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