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# The Bombarde

## American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



### From the Dean

Dear friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you are resting from a busy Advent and Christmas season. Enjoy it now because Lent and Easter are early this year. Many thanks to Shawn Gingrich and John Robinson for keeping our website and Facebook page up to date – our chapter members are busy and there were many concerts throughout the season. Thank you for sharing them!

I hope you will join us on Friday, January 5 for our Chapter Epiphany Party! Fr. Lease has agreed to host us at St. Catherine Labouré (4000 Derry St., Harrisburg). The party will begin at 6:30 p.m. and you should have received an email about how to sign-up. The main course will be provided, but we need everyone to bring a dish! We held an Epiphany Party last year and it was well received. This provides us with a lovely chance to catch up with one another and enjoy some downtime together after a busy season! I hope to see you there!

Looking further into the season, we will welcome Kansas City organist Dr. Jan Kraybill who will be performing a recital at Lebanon Valley College on Sunday, March 17 at 3:00 p.m. More information on this recital as we get closer to the program!

Growing up, I loved the American Guild of Organists and being a part of the Guild. I assumed all my friends and everyone else knew about the AGO! Mercy was I wrong! One of my focuses as your dean is our membership: reaching out to engage current membership, connecting with members who might have let their membership lapse, and bringing new members to our Chapter. The natural first step was to create the Membership Team. This team consists of Deb Dillane, Gail Hrobuchak, Andrew Meade, John Robinson, and Dan Stokes. Dan has agreed to chair this team and I invite you to read his article on page 2. I am excited to get the ball rolling.

Early in November, you should have received an email from me informing the Chapter that we would no longer be hosting the 2025 Regional Convention. My email included the reasons as to why we will not be hosting the convention. While we will not be hosting a convention, we (the Chapter Board) are thrilled to be hosting a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) in the summer of 2025. More on the POE will be coming and I hope many of you will be excited and will want to get involved!

Hope to see you soon! Stay well!

Warmly,  
Tyler A. Canonico, Dean

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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### Upcoming 2023-2024 Programs

Epiphany Party Friday, January 5 – 6:30 pm St. Catherine Labouré, Harrisburg, Father James Lease, host	Recital featuring Dr. Jan Kraybill Sunday, March 17 – 3:00 pm Miller Chapel, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Shelly Moorman-Stahlman, host
Jumpstart presented by Philadelphia AGO January 27 – 8 am to 4 pm at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Harrisburg Chapter members can receive Throne grants to cover the cost of registration. See page 3.	Hymn Festival with David Cherwien Sunday, May 19 – 4:00 pm Co-sponsored with Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, Tim Koch, host AGO Banquet Date and venue TBD.

All programs are free and open to the public (except for the banquet).



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- It was announced in June of 2016 that our Chapter received a \$126,000 bequest from the estate of Frances Bishop. Additional money was received by the end of the year when the estate was completely settled.
- Dr. Ron Sider was named the "Member of Honor" at the annual banquet for a career of dedicated service to the field of sacred music and organ and an exemplary chapter participant for nearly sixty years.
- The only POE+ in the United States was sponsored by the Harrisburg Chapter. Adults aged 19 and over were eligible to enroll. Twenty-two adults from Pennsylvania and ten other states studied for the week with eleven professional organists. Ellen Hunt chaired the event held at Messiah College.
- Gifts to the Yocum Fund in memory of Chuck Yocum totaled \$8,786.79 by November of 2016. This fund is earmarked to provide scholarships to students to attend a Pipe Organ Encounter.
- The 2017 Regional Convention of the AGO was held in Richmond, Virginia, from June 25 through 28.
- Abigail Wood, one of our Shenk Scholarship winners in 2016, won First Place in the York Symphony Orchestra's composition contest for grades 6-8.
- Chapter Member Judy Schrack and her husband Bill were crowned Senior King and Queen of the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Dillsburg Farmers' Fair in October of 2016.
- Robert Lau's "Lamb of God Most Holy", a collection of five postludes for Lent, was released. The collection based on hymns of the season was published by MorningStar Music Publishers.

Ken Walker, Archivist

## Positions Available

There are numerous positions listed on the website. We encourage you to visit [www.harrisburgago.org/placement](http://www.harrisburgago.org/placement) for the most up-to-date information.

## Area Events

Please visit the website for the listing of events:  
[www.harrisburgago.org/area-events](http://www.harrisburgago.org/area-events)  
 Events listed are those submitted to the editor.

## January JumpStart 2024

Saturday, January 27, 2024

at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church,  
 625 Montgomery Ave, Bryn Mawr

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Registration begins at 8:00 AM)

Start the day off with a Hymn Festival presented by Mark Laubach in the Chapel. Peter Dubois, host and producer of the nationally syndicated "With Heart and Voice," and recently retired from Third Church, Rochester, will be our keynote speaker during lunch. End the day with a recital by Dr. Isabelle Demers! Breakout sessions will

include Time Management with Laura Vanderkam, Choral Reading with Dr. Lynnel Joy Jenkins, and Keyboard technique with Barbara Lister-Sink. Vince Ryan will show how you can nurture the joys of the organ by using an Orgelkids kit: a real, portable pipe organ that you build and play. We are so pleased to have Dr. Isabelle Demers present a recital at 3 PM. Continue the collegial interactions during a reception at the end of the day!

Fees:

\$50 for any AGO chapter member

\$60 for non-members

\$10 for students (ID required)

Included: coffee/tea, buffet lunch, music packet for choral sessions, and a final reception. As always, there will be the free music exchange!

Harrisburg Chapter members can attend at no cost thanks to the Throne Fund. Send your proof of payment to treasurer Shawn Gingrich for reimbursement.

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Register at [pcagoo.wildapricot.org/event-5447811](http://pcagoo.wildapricot.org/event-5447811)

Registration must be capped at 120.

## Finance Report

Shawn Gingrich, treasurer

Balance in Checking as of 6/30/2023	\$ 585.60
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Balance in Checking as of 9/30/2023	\$ 4,549.35
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Invested Funds as of 6/30/2023

Harrisburg AGO Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$2,441.02
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Thrivent Investment Fund <sup>1</sup>	\$52,308.46
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Frances Bishop Fund	\$143,745.06
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Total	\$199,080.14
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Invested Funds as of 9/30/2023

Harrisburg AGO Savings <sup>2</sup>	\$3,519.80
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Thrivent Investment Fund <sup>2</sup>	\$46,012.82
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Frances Bishop Fund	\$132,545.54
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Total	\$186,627.51
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NOTES:

<sup>1</sup>Harrisburg AGO Savings is the total of the HAGO savings and the Thrivent Investment Fund. Detail as of 6/30/2023:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$3,288.77
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Clapper-Frysinger Bequests	\$3,489.69
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Reserve Savings	\$23,117.35
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Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$9,800.31
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Throne Fund	\$7,304.36
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Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,749.00
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<sup>2</sup>Harrisburg AGO Savings is the total of the HAGO savings and the Thrivent Investment Fund. Detail as of 9/30/2023:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$3,314.18
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Clapper-Frysinger Bequests	\$3,510.67
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Reserve Savings	\$20,652.50
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Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$7,264.80
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Throne Fund	\$7,143.58
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Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,646.89
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**ELECTED**

**Officers**

Dean	Tyler Canonico
Sub Dean	Currently Vacant
Secretary	Justin Pechulis
Treasurer	Shawn Gingrich

**Members at Large**

2020—2024	Deb Dillane, Robert Lau, Dan Stokes
2022—2026	Phyllis Conrad, Ellen Hunt, Andrew Meade
2023—2024 Young Representative	Ethan Draper

**APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Archivist / Historian	Kenneth Walker
Chaplain	Fr. James Lease
Communications (Newsletter, Emailed Quick News, Website)	Shawn Gingrich
Competition	Shawn Gingrich
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Placement	Ellen Hunt
Program	Hannah Koby
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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 second quarter 2024 newsletter is March 15, 2024.

Please send **all** submissions to:  
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