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The Bombarde

American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



From the Dean

Dear friends,

Happy Easter! My last message to you was back in January, we had just finished the Christmas rush, and I was wishing you a happy new year. Hard to believe we have just finished the Holy Week and Easter rush! I do hope you will find time to rest and relax after this busy year we've had. You already know this, but I'll say it again for all of us – music plays such a vital role in worship and ministry. We all feel the pressure to provide for our congregations and so it is important that we give this time for our bodies to rejuvenate and energize for more music-making! Please do make sure you are taking care of yourselves.

I hope you will join us on Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. for our **Hymn Festival with David Cherwien**. David is a phenomenal church musician and I already cannot wait to see what he will do with the hymns! The hymn festival will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church (2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill, PA 17011). I hope you will join us for an afternoon of joyous hymn singing! A massed choir is being formed and if you would like to sing with this group, please email Tim Koch (timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org) right away to let him know and to receive a copy of the music.

Our **Banquet and Annual Meeting** is June 3. I love this time because we can come together as friends and colleagues to enjoy in fellowship time with one another, sharing the stories about our churches and ministries, as well as stories from the past. This year's annual meeting is important for us as a chapter because it is an election year. Please come to join in on the fellowship and for the support of your future chapter leaders.

Covid has since changed the world! We have all gotten out of the practice of at least something in our lives. Chapter participation and involvement has sadly seen a little decline since the pandemic. I *strongly* encourage you to come to the last program of the season and the banquet. It is always a lot of fun when we can get together with others who share in the same passion.

As always, if there is something the Board and I can do for you, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here for you. I really hope to see you soon!

Warmly,
Tyler A. Canonico, Dean

Upcoming Programs

Hymn Festival with David Cherwien—Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. Co-sponsored with Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, Tim Koch, host. David Cherwien is a prolific Lutheran organist/composer/conductor based at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN. He was, for many years, the conductor of the National Lutheran Choir. The Trinity Lutheran Concert Choir along with other area church choirs/singers will participate. We are cosponsoring this event with Trinity Lutheran. There will be a Saturday, May 18 rehearsal – 9 a.m. to Noon for the choirs.



The Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held on Monday, June 3 at First United Methodist Church, 64 W. Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, PA. The evening will begin with a gathering at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and the meeting. Dinner will be catered by Rebecca Briody from Chef-On-The-Go, and include the following menu:

Hors d'oeuvres selections

Sesame Chicken with Honey Mustard Sauce
Beef Tips Marsala with Mushrooms
Penne Pasta with Marinara and Romano Cheese

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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Herbed Green Beans
Tossed Salad with Dressing
Multigrain Bread, Rolls and Butter
Assorted Cold and Hot Beverages
Assorted Desserts

The price of each dinner will be \$25.00. Spouses and guests are welcome. The deadline for reservations will be Saturday, May 25. Reservation checks made payable to Harrisburg AGO can be sent to Shawn Gingrich at 1102 Ballyshannon Drive, Elizabethtown PA.

Electronic payments can be sent through Venmo @HarrisburgAGO or Paypal to harrisburgago@gmail.com. If you pay electronically please consider adding \$2 to your registration to cover the online payment expense.

Lunch Bunch

Join us for the next lunch on Wednesday, May 15 at 11:30am at Perkins 7 Erford Rd Lemoyne. To signup contact Shawn Gingrich: harrisburgago@gmail.com or call 717-877-8554.

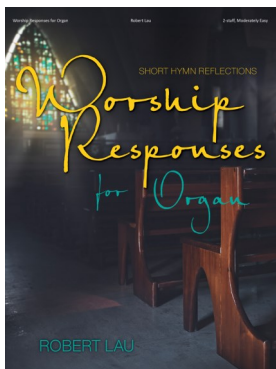
Membership News



Congratulations to Dr. Ralph Kneeream on his remarkable 75-year career in church music. He retired after playing his last services at the US Army War College Chapel in Carlisle on January 28. The protestant service stream can be found on Facebook – search for this page: USAWC Memorial Chapel Protestant Congregation. Well done Ralph!

Worship Responses for Organ by chapter member Robert Lau has just been released by the Lorenz Publishing Company. This is a collection of short works based on hymns and

other responses which can be used during those times when the organist must fill in places in worship such as when acolytes are lighting or extinguishing candles, preachers are moving, communion, etc. You can view a copy of the collection at Lorenz.com.



We are no longer printing a local directory. If you want a PDF of the current directory from the national database for your information please request one from Shawn Gingrich. Also, since the information is kept on the national membership site, please keep your Oncard profile up to date. If you need assistance with an address, phone, or email update, please notify Shawn Gingrich.

Archivist Report

2017—2018

Elected Officers
Dean, Shawn Gingrich
Sub Dean, Brett Terry
Secretary, Karen Appel
Treasurer, Richard Zentmeyer

Board Members
Deb Dillane, Robert Lau, Justin Myers, Joyce Gerstenlauer, Tom Notestine, Karen Worley

Young Adult Representative (Appointed)
Tyler Canonico

Appointed Committee Chairs
Archivist, Kenneth C. Walker; Chaplain, Father James Lease; Chapter Directory, Richard Zentmeyer; Communications, Shawn Gingrich; Competition, Daniel Dorty; Education, Helen Anthony; Finance, Scott Witfield; Historian, Justin Myers; Hospitality, Phyllis Conrad; Membership, Judy Schrack; Placement, Timothy Koch; Professional Development, Chris Prestia; Program, Brett Terry; Publicity, Mary Jane Nelson; Registrar, Richard Zentmeyer

Chapter Programs 2017

August 27, Shenk Scholarship Student/Teacher Recital. First United Methodist Church, Hershey. Shawn Gingrich host.



September 15, Organ Plus for organ plus instruments, voices, etc. Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill. Dan Dorty, host.

October 8, Hands and Feet Across the Counties I. Lancaster Chapter organists perform. Parmer Hall, High Center Grantham. Shawn Gingrich, host.

November 3, Hands and Feet Across the Counties II. Harrisburg Chapter organists perform. First United Methodist Church, Lancaster. Lancaster Chapter AGO, hosts.

2018

January 13, January Jumpstart with the Philadelphia Chapter AGO. Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

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March 3, Improvisation Masterclass by Jeffrey Brillhart. Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill. Tim Koch, host.

April 6, Clara Gerdes, 2017 Mid-Atlantic Regional Competition for Young Organists winner, in recital. First United Methodist Church, Hershey. Shawn Gingrich, host.

May 19, Peter Richard Conte and Andrew Ennis in Recital. Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg. Brett Terry, host.

May 4, End of Year Banquet and Annual Meeting with Installation of Board Members and Officers. Fox-Eichelberger VFW Post 7415, New Cumberland.

- The 2018 AGO National Convention was hosted by the Kansas City Chapter July 2 through 6.
- Robert Lau's anthem setting of the Easter hymn, "Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain", was published by Paraclete Press.

Ken Walker, Archivist

Positions Available

There are numerous positions listed on the website. We encourage you to visit 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

Events listed are those submitted to the editor.

Finance Report

Shawn Gingrich, treasurer

Balance in Checking as of 9/30/2023	\$ 4,549.35
Balance in Checking as of 1/31/2024	\$ 2,825.44
Invested Funds as of 9/30/2023	
Harrisburg AGO Savings ¹	\$3,519.80
Thrivent Investment Fund ²	\$46,012.82
Frances Bishop Fund	\$132,545.54
Total	\$186,627.51

Invested Funds as of 1/31/2024

Harrisburg AGO Savings ²	\$4,701.62
Thrivent Investment Fund ²	\$50,006.88
Frances Bishop Fund	\$152,718.40
Total	\$210,252.34

NOTES:

¹Harrisburg 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
Clapper-Frynsinger Bequests	\$3,510.67
Reserve Savings	\$20,652.50
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$7,264.80
Throne Fund	\$7,143.58
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,646.89

²Harrisburg AGO Savings is the total of the HAGO savings and the Thrivent Investment Fund. Detail as of 1/31/2024:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$3,575.13
Clapper-Frynsinger Bequests	\$3,787.26
Reserve Savings	\$23,553.20
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$7,837.16
Throne Fund	\$7,706.39
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$8,249.36



At this annual meeting, long-time chapter member Ken Walker was named as a Harrisburg Chapter Member of Honor (This is added to this report by the editor).



From The Bombarde

- Ellen Hunt was honored for her work as Interim Director of Music by Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg.
- Tyler Canonico was appointed Minister of Music and Organist at Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg.
- At the November Meeting of the Board it was decided to change the frequency of the Chapter's printed newsletter publication. Beginning in January of 2018 Chapter members may select either a printed or electronic copy of *The Bombarde*. *The Bombarde* publication will be quarterly in January, April, July and October.

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HARRISBURG CHAPTER BOARD

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
Education	Andrew Meade
Finance	Shawn Gingrich
Hospitality	Phyllis Conrad
Membership	Justin Pechulis
Placement	Ellen Hunt
Program	Hannah Koby
Publicity	John Robinson
Registrar	Justin Pechulis

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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 Third Quarter 2024 newsletter is June 15, 2024.

Please send **all** submissions to:
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