

American Guild of Organists - Harrisburg Chapter



Our mission is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

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Advent and Christmas Reading Session Invite an organist friend to join us!

As an exciting "kick-off" for our 2002-2003 program year we invite you to join us for our September event and "Invite an Organist Friend" to join us. We will meet on September 16, 2002 at Church of the Good Shepherd, 3435 Trindle Road, Camp Hill for conversation and refreshments followed by a reading session of Advent and Christmas Music for choirs and organ. Clinicians will be Helen Anthony, David Binkley, and our host for the evening Tony Ciucci.

We are asking our membership to "Bring a friend" to this event. You might be saying to yourself, "but who can I bring?" This is the perfect occasion to invite the organist/choir director at a neighboring church who is not already a member of our chapter. Make some calls and be sure to mention the topic of the program that should be of interest to both organists and choir directors. Please mark September 16 on your calendar. Come out and support your chapter. See page 6 for information on this and future programs.

Directions

From Harrisburg take 83 South to 581 West and take the Camp Hill Exit for Route 15 North. Pass the Camp Hill Mall and after passing the Arby's restaurant, turn left at the next light onto Trindle Road. Go about 2/10 mile to the church on the left.

Organ Crawl to West Point Columbus Day Holiday, Monday, October 14

We are working on organizing an organ crawl / bus trip to West Point, New York to the United States Military Academy to visit Cadet Chapel and the four-manual 324-rank Moller Organ that was begun

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New York City's First Pipe Organ Encounter

Submitted by Gregory D'Agostino

The New York City chapter is pleased to announce its first Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) that will take place the week of July 6, 2003. We are planning an outstanding week of activities including private lessons with many of New York City's stellar cast of organists, visits to our renowned organs and churches, practical seminars on careers in music, workshops with notable scholars, excursions to organ builders' workshops, and attendance at some of the many concerts New York City has to offer.

Total immersion for those with a curiosity, interest, or passion for the organ!

The program will be modular in design with each student's activities tailored to his/her level, thus allowing students to achieve maximum benefit from the week's events. Beginners through advanced ages 13-19 are

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Dean's Pipings

We've been handed a tall order and I hope some of you will rise to the challenge. As we planned the September event, I thought it was a super idea to encourage our membership to bring someone into our midst to introduce them to the chapter. As I personally try to fulfill the challenge, I realize that it is not easy to do. It requires me to take initiative on behalf of the chapter and reach out to someone that I may not know very well. Though it may make me a little uncomfortable, I will do it to benefit our chapter. Outreach to others is a very important part of fulfilling our mission.



I wrote last month about outreach to youngsters to try to interest them in the organ. We will have a program this year to do just that. One chapter member has volunteered to help and I understand that the student chapter at Lebanon Valley College also has an interest in working on this project. I hope that in addition to interesting children in the organ, we can reach out to our colleagues who have not been involved and bring them into our group.

This year I hope that we will make some strides to become more welcoming and attentive to all those in our group. At each meeting, I hope that we will take the time to get to know one another. We frequently presume that everyone knows everyone else, but as a more recent addition myself, I realize that it takes a lot of effort to get to know everyone. Another goal is to try to pair a new member with one who does know many of our members so that a mentoring relationship might develop and assist both the new and established membership. We are publishing information about our members in each *Bombarde*. This month I hope you will enjoy the articles about Carolyn Evens and Carolyn Houck (see page 3).

Finally I want to say to you that I would like to see you at the September event, even if you can not find a colleague to invite. The most important part is that we see you there.

Shawn M. Dingrich

REMINDER!!!!

Membership Renewal and Dues Collection

National Headquarters has requested that membership be completed by September 15th. The official membership year is from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. If you have failed to renew, now is the time to send in your membership to ensure that there will be no interruption in receiving your national (TAO) magazine. Send all memberships to:

Kathy Myers, 1701 Creek Vista Drive,
New Cumberland, PA 17070.

Please remember to fill out the renewal form so the directory will have accurate information. Membership applications can be obtained on the chapter website <http://harrisburgago.com> or by calling Carolyn Evens at 737-6027 or Doris Savage at 697-4042 or e-mail dor-savage@aol.com

Please welcome new members:

JoAnn Holderbach from Harrisburg

Susan Daniels from Harrisburg

Kenneth Kline from Harrisburg

In addition to renewing your own membership, please consider inviting an organist/choir director friend to attend the September 16 event and encourage him/her to join our chapter.

Networking Luncheons . . .

It has been two years since we started the Networking Luncheons and they have been a great success. Kudos to Doris Savage for organizing, advertising and being our hostess. These are wonderful opportunities to get to know fellow organists. Consider joining us next time on **Wednesday, September 18** at 11:30 a.m. at the Bridges Café in the Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill. Anyone planning to attend the luncheon should e-mail Doris Savage at dorsavage@aol.com or phone her at 697-4042 no later than Monday, September 9.

Note that this is the third Wednesday this time. The table is getting longer! There were 13 folks at the August 14th luncheon. Many spoke of their summer activities and their eagerness to resume their choir rehearsals in a few weeks.



Know Your Board Members

"SPOTLIGHT on CAROLYN HOUCK"

By Mary Jane Nelson

A couple years ago at the Pastors/Musicians Dinner, I had the good fortune to sit at a table with the pastor and musician from Trinity Lutheran Church in Lemoyne, and found out that they were husband and wife! They were new to the East Coast, having lived in North Dakota, and spending 18 years in Illinois and 6 years in Ohio.



Carolyn's degrees are in Sociology and Political Science from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where she took private piano lessons and sang in the choir. She worked for four years for the former American Lutheran Church doing Educational Research as assistant to the director. When her children, Joshua Daniel, 28, and Katie, 25, were in grade school, Carolyn started work on a music degree, which she finished at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois. While working on that accomplishment, she studied organ with Dr. Nancy Ypma at McKendree College. Carolyn has worked in congregations without her husband Evan, but the last two churches have hired them as a team. She considers it an honor to be able to do this since they work so well together.

Since she has come to Trinity, Lemoyne, the choir has grown from 12 to 28 members, two handbell choirs have been added in the past year, and a youth chime choir has been formed. She also spoke of having 8 brass players, plus strings, saxophone, flute and percussion players available for special events and accompaniments. Carolyn considers it a blessing to be in churches where she is able to help their programs grow. She likes to work with people and help them achieve.

The Houcks are avid Civil War buffs and love history. They spend a lot of time reading about and visiting the battle fields. Carolyn also enjoys cross-stitch needlework and has a music studio in which she teaches piano.

Their son, a graduate of Johns Hopkins, lives in Bel Air, Maryland, and works in the Inner Harbor, Baltimore with Raven Technologies, setting up computer systems for companies. Daughter Katie is employed by her alma mater, St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, on the staff of Residence Life, and is working on her Master's degree.

Getting to Know You

Interviews with our members

By Ruth Brommer

Quick! Off the top of your head, how many people can you name who have been organists in the Harrisburg area for twenty-five years or more? How many times have you heard certain names referenced in the context of "Ask _____. She's/He's been a member of this chapter for as long as I can remember, and if anyone can give you an answer, she/he can."

Recently I had the chance to interview one such person. Usually very loquacious, this lady was momentarily at a loss for words when approached for this article. But as everyone knows, Carolyn Evens is rarely without substantial comments about nearly every subject pertaining to organs, churches and music. So here is a chance to 'get to know' Carolyn.



Q: Where are you from originally?

A: I'm from the West Oakland section of Philadelphia.

Q: Where do you live now?

A: I live in the Borough of Camp Hill.

Q: What is your present church assignment?

A: After thirty-nine years of employment, I decided to retire and just do sub work, which I really enjoy.

Q: Tell us about your formal education/training in music or in other areas of your life.

A: As a child growing up in the Depression Era, I found that my parents could not afford college for me. I was fortunate, however, to have the opportunity to study organ with Dr. William T. Timmings, FAGO, and choral conducting with Dr. Harold Gilbert, AAGO. In my 50's, I decided I'd like to give an informal try at going to college. I took a number of courses at HACC which I thoroughly enjoyed.

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Area Events in The Arts

Sunday, September 15—4:00 PM

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1610 Carlisle Road, Camp Hill. Concert entitled *Strictly American* by Lisa Grimm, resident soloist at Pine Street Presbyterian Church. The program will be an easy listening collection of folk songs, spirituals, and Broadway numbers. Collection will be taken to benefit the Steeple Fund.

Saturday, September 21—7:30 PM

Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg. Organ and Trumpet recital. (see details next column)

Sunday, September 22, 2002—2:00 PM

Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey. The Raleigh Ringers will perform a concert. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, students are free. Call 533-9667 for information.



Sunday, September 22, 2002—3:00 PM

Baughman Memorial United Methodist Church,, Third and Bridge Streets, New Cumberland. The Deborah Vowler Posner Concert Series presents "Four-Hand Piano: An All-Schubert Concert," with duo pianists Janice Weber and Bruce Posner from New York City. Works included are: Sonata in C major ("Grand Duo"); Fantasie in F minor; March Caractéristique in C major. Reception to follow concert. Free admission. Large parking lot in rear of church.

Sunday, September 22, 2002—4:00 PM

Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church, 300 E Simpson St, Mechanicsburg: Ellen and Ruth Hunt, Organ and Harp concert. *The Gift Of Peace* which was written for Ellen and Ruth will be included on the concert. A free will offering will be taken and their recently released CD will be available for purchase. Presently Ellen is the director of music and organist at Middletown Presbyterian Church.

Saturday, October 5, 2002—5:30-10:30 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church Pipe Organ Benefit Dinner/Dance—West Shore County Club, Call (717) 737-0488 for more information.

Sunday, October 13, 2002—4:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill: MAZAIKA! Two of Britain's rising stars in a dazzling program of vocal and instrumental music from around the world. Free-will offering.

Sunday, October 20, 2002—4:00 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23d Street, Camp Hill: Craig Cramer, Organist—University of Notre Dame (Indiana) A free-will offering will be received to support the church's Pipe Organ Fund and childcare will be provided. Call (717) 737-0488 for more information.

Sunday, October 27, 2002—3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 W Chocolate Ave, Hershey: Geoffrey Shoffstall, Organist—We are please to bring Geoff back to our area in recital to kick off our third annual concert series. Call (717) 533-9668 for more information. The concert is free and open to everyone, childcare will be provided.

Sunday, November 17, 2002—4:00 PM

Trinity Luterhan Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill: Peter Richard Conte, Organist. Philadelphia's Wanamaker Grand Court Organist will be presented in concert. Free-will offering.



LVC Annual Organ Choral Lectureship

The annual lectureship will be held Saturday, September 28, 9:30-3:30, at Lebanon Valley College. A hymn festival will be led by Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman utilizing organ, handbells, brass, woodwinds, orff instruments. Workshops "Maximizing Choral Sound" led by Dr. Mark Mecham, "Enticing Your Congregation to Sing" by Dr. Moorman-Stahlman, and "Technology for the Church Musician" by Jeff Snyder. For further information and to register contact Shelly Moorman-Stahlman <moorman@lvc.edu> 717-867-6278

Recital of Music for Organ and Trumpet

Music for trumpet and organ will be the focus of a recital to be presented on Saturday, September 21 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary of Market Square Church. Organist Pierce Getz will be joined by trumpeter *par excellence* Barbara Prugh of the Philadelphia area. Described as a "rare artist; one who is a consummate musician and a brilliant virtuoso," she is very well known for her performances in chamber ensembles, symphony orchestras, and as a soloist.

In addition to performing widely as featured soloist in the United States, Ms. Prugh has played and recorded in several European countries. In addition, she has performed on occasion as part of the Philadelphia Orchestra's trumpet section, including the recording of an all-Respighi CD with conductor Ricardo Muti, and she is Mannheim Steamroller's favorite trumpeter when they come to the Philadelphia area.

Pierce Getz, organist and director of music at Market Square Church, will be heard in solo performances of music by Bach, Dupre and Bossi. He will join Ms. Prugh in performing a wide variety of literature, including works by Martini, Albinoni, Hovhanness and Langlais.

There is no admission charge for the recital. A freewill offering will be received. Free parking will be available in the Market Square Garage.

Update on Market Square's Pipe Organ

During a recent electrical storm, it has been determined that the steeple of Market Square Presbyterian Church was struck by lightning. The current traveled into the organ, knocking it out for a short while. According to Pierce Getz, Market Square's minister of music, nothing is definite at this time about problems that might have occurred, but a cursory examination by technicians is that damage is not extensive. The combination action is still operative. The organ was not used during the Sunday worship service following the mishap, but was back in operation the next week.

Shenk Scholarship Fund

Last September your Board of Directors set up a Scholarship fund for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the study of organ to interested students throughout the Central PA region. The fund was started from a monetary gift of the Violette I. Shenk memorial. This summer there were two student recipients of the scholarship. They received paid organ lessons from our past Dean Shelly Moorman-Stahlman. The students were Kate Luley and Caleb Flick. Congratulations to both of them.



Kate Luley was one of our POE students from last year. She is a graduate of Mechanicsburg Area High School and was featured in a Patriot News article in May, 2002. For her senior project, Kate learned to play the pipe organ. Kate will attend Penn State University Schreyer Honors College majoring in Biology.

Caleb Flick will be a senior in the Meyerstown High School this coming year. He received 2nd prize in the Lebanon Women's Club Music Piano Competition this past spring. Caleb enjoys classical music and wishes to also study hymns and music employed in the church service.

The Shenk Scholarship is set up to receive donations for the purpose of promoting the study of organ. Memorial gifts are welcomed. If you feel inspired and wish to donate to this scholarship fund to support the study of organ for qualified students, please send a check to Treasurer, Kathy Myers at 1701 Creek Vista Drive, New Cumberland, PA 17070. Please indicate on the check that it is a donation to the Shenk Scholarship fund. Thank you for your consideration.

Directory Update

We will be reprinting the Harrisburg Chapter membership directory next month. If you have any recent changes to your personal information, please call Doris Savage at 697-4042 or e-mail her at dorsavage@aol.com with the changes. We will have the Directory available for pickup at the November 2nd AGO program at Zion Lutheran Church in Hummelstown.

Board Meeting Notes

Our Executive Committee met on Tuesday, August 6 at Faith Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg.

Highlights from the proceedings follow.

- It was reported that memberships are being renewed and that several new members have filed. Those members who have not renewed by August 15 will be personally contacted by a board member to encourage renewal.
- The Salary Guidelines have been revised and the Board approved final revisions. This booklet will be available this fall for members and area churches.
- An expense budget of \$8,540 was approved for the coming program year.
- The Board also continued work on revising job descriptions for officers and committee chairpersons.
- It was noted that the Cassell competition will be held next February at Market Square Presbyterian Church with Tom Clark-Jones Chairing, Michael Shoemaker acting as Registrar, and Shelly Moorman-Stahlman assisting with national paperwork.
- The Board approved memorial gifts for former members Samuel McVey and Mary Wrightstone.

Board meetings are open to the membership to attend if interested and the next meeting will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg on Monday, October 21 at 7:00PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Cash in Bank as of 07/15/2002 | \$3,923.02 |
| Total Receipts (+) | \$2,368.00 |
| Less Total Disbursements (-) | \$1,280.00 |
| Cash in Bank as of 08/15/2002 | \$5,011.02 |
| Cassel Scholarship Fund plus Investments | \$14,523.62 |



Program Schedule

The program committee presents the following programs for 2002-2003. Please mark your calendars now to reserve these dates for guild events:

- September 16, 2002, 7:00PM— “Bring a friend” time for conversation and refreshments followed by a reading session of Advent and Christmas Music for choirs and organ. Church of the Good Shepherd, 3435 Trindle Road, Camp Hill. Clinicians will be Helen Anthony, David Binkley, and our host for the evening Tony Ciucci.
- November 2, 2002, 9:00AM to Noon— “Workshop Sessions for organists” Zion Lutheran Church, 100 West Main Street, Hummelstown. Clinicians and Topics will be: “A Basic Approach to Hymn Playing” presented by Michael Shoemaker; “The Orgelbuchlein of Bach” presented by Sarah Thrush and “Wedding and Funeral Repertoire” presented by Tom Clark-Jones.
- January 21, 2003, 7:30PM— “Member / Student Recital” Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill.
- February 23, 2003, 7:30PM— “Lau on Lau” organ and choral repertoire of chapter member Robert Lau shared in an informal concert setting, Faith Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg.
- March/April—To be announced: “The Philadelphia Organ Quartet” has not been able to schedule a date for us, so we will include them in our fall 2003 program schedule. More details will follow.
- May 12, 2003— Annual Banquet and installation of officers, Harding’s Restaurant 3817 Old Gettysburg Road Camp Hill. Other details will be announced.

Organ Crawl to West Point (Continued from page 1)



Cadet Chapel

in 1911 and enlarged since then to become the largest church organ in the world. The cost of the bus ticket will be \$35. Meals will be coordinated but will be the individual’s responsibility. contact Shawn Gingrich to register your interest.

E-mail= fumcsmg@cplx.net or telephone 533-9668 (ext 108) or 583-1922.



Organ Console



Member Notes



Fellow Chapter member, **Colin Bender** passed away in February, 2002 we extend our sympathies to family and friends.

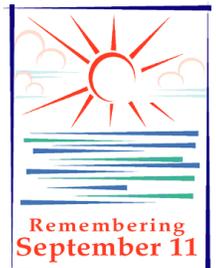
We extend our sympathies to the family of fellow Chapter member, **Mary Wrightstone** who passed away on July 31, 2002. In her obituary it said, “In honor of Mary's 50th anniversary as organist at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, an arrangement of *Jesus Shall Reign* was composed by Carl J. Nygard, Jr., and performed for her by choirs from Carlisle, Chambersburg and Mechanicsburg.” She was the organist at St. Paul’s UCC in Mechanicsburg for 51 years. The honor or Organist Emeritus was recently bestowed upon her. Memorial services were held on Sunday, August 4 at 2 p.m. in her church. Memorials may be made to her church, St. Paul's UCC 626 Williams Grove road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Chapter Sub-Dean **Rick Zentmeyer** recently assumed the duties of Adult Choir Director at Faith United Church of Christ, Grantville. In addition to serving as organist, Rick now leads the Choir. Congratulations and best wishes Rick!

Chapter member **Sarah Thrush**, senior at LVC and currently organist at Hummelstown UCC, has been offered an internship at Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg where she will be working with Thomas Clark-Jones, playing for services, and assisting with the choirs. Congratulations Sarah!

Requiem aeternam

The September 11 time of remembrance will include a presentation of the Mozart Requiem at the Capital Rotunda at 8:46am under the direction of Pierce Getz. Singers are needed. Please contact Jenny Landis at 255-8469 or email jlandis@pnco.com to register. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday, September 8 and Tuesday, September 10. See the *Patriot News* advertisement for more details.



NYC's First POE (Continued from page 1)



welcome to apply. Beginners need not have previous pipe organ experience, but should have reached an intermediate standard on the piano.

A POE is a remarkable way for students to become better acquainted with the pipe organ, providing them with the opportunity to hear and play a wide variety of instruments, to learn how they work, to explore repertoire both familiar and unfamiliar, and to meet other young musicians with similar interests.

Tuition for the week is \$325, including accommodation, all meals, local transportation, and entry to concerts and special events.

The NYC POE is the only one in 2003 on the entire east coast from Maine to Florida! We hope you will encourage your students to consider taking part in this memorable event. For further information and applications, please contact the NYC POE director, Gregory D'Agostino. E-mail: gregdag@aol.com. PO Box 230402, Ansonia Station, New York, NY 10023.

Getting to Know You (Continued from page 3)

- Q: List previous assignments/churches and anything special about your career as an organist that you wish to share.
- A: Like most of us, I started playing the organ at an early age - 17 for my first church. Since moving to the Harrisburg area I have served in two churches: Mount Calvary Episcopal Church in Camp Hill for fifteen years, and at Trinity Lutheran in Lemoyne for fourteen years.
- Q: What are some milestone memories of your music career or in your life in general?
- A: Well, in the music area, working for Dr. Gilbert as his organist at Trinity Episcopal in Moorestown, New Jersey. In my personal life, having my two sons and a husband who has encouraged my musical aspirations throughout our life together has been most fulfilling.
- Q: What other types of music/instruments are you interested in?
- A: I enjoy singing, and through the kindness of Michael Shoemaker at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral in Harrisburg, I do get to sing with his choir for their Christmas Concert and also during their Lenten season. I do like jazz, but I can't play it. Somehow it comes out sounding like I'm playing Bach. So I just listen to it.
- Q: Why did you choose to become a church organist? Is this your full-time career? If not, what do you do as your full-time career?
- A: I think, in retrospect, that I admired my piano/organ teacher so much that I wanted to be like him. Also!!!! My mother thought that playing the organ would be a very "lady-like" occupation.
- Q: What are your hobbies/interests? Do you have any special collections?
- A: I like to sew, read, cook and entertain. And oh yes, go to AGO National Conventions.
- Q: Tell us about your family - your children, grandchildren, pets, etc.
- A: I have two sons, Cork and Chuck. They each have a boy and a girl who range in age from 16 years down to 4 years of age. I also have a couple of great daughters-in-law!
- Q: Would you have any 'words of wisdom' for those who are just coming into or are new to the church music field?
- A: It is a wonderful field. But don't get into this field if you expect to earn big money - you won't!! But for me, I not only derive a great deal of satisfaction from doing a job that I love, but it also provides me a way to be able to serve the Lord.



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**Submission to
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The deadline for each edition of *The Bombarde* is the fifteenth of the month unless otherwise noted. Whenever possible, please submit your items in electronic format.

Deadline for the October 2002 newsletter is September 15th.

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