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Letter from the Dean

This has to be the most beautiful time of the year to be in the Hudson Valley. This October marks my 9th year of being at West Point. It's hard to believe how much I've learned about the organ in nine years – and how much there is still to be learned!

Thanks to Susan Guse for setting up and presenting our last event, "Working with Children's Choirs." Although I was unable to attend, I am told that it was wonderful.

Our next event is a dinner meeting – a personal favorite of mine – that will include a presentation on financial matters just for us organists. Investments strategies and tax planning will be among the items discussed. I'm hoping to learn how to afford that new Ferrarri upon retirement... This will be held at Greenbaum & Gilhooley's Restaurant, on Route 9 in Wappingers Falls (see directions on page 2). We'll start with dinner (see menu choices, also on page 2) at 6 PM. Please call Susan LaGrande to let her know if you're going to be there so she can arrange setup for the appropriate number.

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November will be a “double-header” for us program-wise. On Saturday the 22nd, we’ll present “Pipes, Pedals and Pizza” at three locations from 11 AM to 1 PM. This program was quite successful last year, and by request, a third location was added this year. We’ll be at Webb Horton Memorial Presbyterian (Middletown), Union Presbyterian (Balmville/Newburgh) and Zion Episcopal (Wappingers Falls).

We work together with the MTNA on this event, which is intended to reach out to the next generation of organists by inviting piano students to come play a piece on the organ. If you would like to help at any of the locations, please contact Don Filkins (Webb Horton), myself (Union Pres), or Beverly Simmons (Zion Episcopal) and let us know.

Hope you had fun on Hallowe’en. In my neighborhood I noticed that one family had their two children in “theme” costume this year. One kid was dressed as a Japanese princess in a beautiful robe, and the other wore a dinosaur or giant lizard costume. Together, they made a... .. “KIMONO DRAGON.”

See you in Wappingers Falls!!



Financial Planning for Organists

Sunday, November 9 – 6:00 PM

Greenbaum & Gilhooley’s Restaurant
1379 Rte 9
Wappingers Falls, NY.

Presenter: David J. Mazzetti, American Express Financial Advisor

Dave holds Series 7 licenses in General Securities and a Series 66 license in Uniform State Law for Securities. He is licensed to sell Securities in NY, CA, CT, FL, NH, NJ, RI, & PA and is licensed for Insurance in Securities in NY, MA, NV, and RI. He is currently completing his studies in Marist College’s Certified Financial Planning Program. Dave is a recipient of American Express Financial Advisors Inc., prestigious Mercury Award and a member of the American Express Silver Circle of Success 2002-3.



Recently Dave was appointed a member of the company’s prestigious Personal Financial Advisors – Advanced Advisor Group. This is comprised of select members of the company’s field organization. Financial advisors are selected for this group based on their experience as successful financial consultants, recognized professional designations, and superior financial planning, quality advice, and client service. Members of this group are among the highest ranked personal financial advisors in the company.

Dave is the president and co-founder of Hayde, Mazzetti and Associates, a financial advisory branch of American Express Financial Advisors. He currently has offices based in Goshen,

Fishkill, Kingston, and Poughkeepsie. He and his wife Joy and their 6-month-old son Reilly reside in Wallkill, NY. Dave is the Warden of the Vestry of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Highland, NY, and a member of the Italian Center of Poughkeepsie.

Menu: Soup, Salad, Entree (Prime Rib, Salmon, or Stuffed Chicken), Dessert, Beverage - \$26.00 per person

Directions:

From the Beacon-Newburgh Bridge (Rte I-84):

- Take Rte I-84 east to Rte 9D (exit number 11 - first exit after bridge). Turn LEFT at top of exit ramp.
- Take Rte 9D north for 5.8 miles to traffic light at County Rd 93/Middlebush Road.
- Turn RIGHT onto CR 93/Middlebush Road and continue eastbound for 1.2 miles. Watch for upcoming traffic light at Rte 9. Move into left lane.
- A few yards before traffic light, turn LEFT onto Old Rte 9 (in front of yellow Mexican Restaurant). Proceed a few hundred yards to the parking lot of Greenbaum & Gilhooley's
- If you miss the turn for Old Rte 9, turn LEFT onto Rte 9 and proceed north to the first available opening for a U-turn. Enter the parking lot from Rte 9.

From the Mid-Hudson Bridge (Rte 44-55):

- Take Rte 9 south for 7.25 miles.
- Watch for the traffic light at BJ's Wholesale Club/Stop&Shop - restaurant is just past this traffic light, on the right side.

Wanted – Free Piano

We recently received this note from Alice Cann

A donation of a good second hand piano is needed and requested for the folk at ARC, a non profit organization.

For the past eleven years, except for summer months, I've been doing a weekly music program with an adult group at ARC, the Association for Retarded Citizens. You wouldn't believe the joyful sound and enthusiasm! What a reward.

The old wiggly-legged piano needs replacement. "Out of tune" doesn't quite describe it. Can you help?

ARC is located near Poughkeepsie, off Route 55 and in the town of LaGrange. The organization will do the moving of a donated piano, hopefully from not too far away. I would love a studio model on wheels, or a console, but please no uprights.

This gift will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for reading this note and passing the word.

Sincerely, Alice Cann

Position Openings

The chapter has recently been informed that a member of another chapter of the American Guild of Organists has reported wrongful termination by St. Paul Lutheran Church of Wurtemberg in Rhinebeck, NY. Investigation into the circumstances of this termination is ongoing and no determination has been made at this time.

Although Guild Members may provide substitute or interim services, no Member may seek or accept regular or permanent employment with St. Paul Lutheran Church of Wurtemberg while these Procedures are pending. Contact AGO Headquarters for the current status of this case.

Editor's Note – Position openings are listed for three months unless an extension is requested.

ORGANIST (Interim Position due to medical leave 1/03/04 – 2/29/04)

ST. PATRICK'S RC CHURCH – HIGHLAND MILLS

One Saturday Mass, (5:30 pm), two-three Sunday Masses (9:00 and 10:30 am each week, plus 12:00 noon on some Sundays), and Thursday evening rehearsal. A familiarity with the Roman Catholic Mass is a plus. The instrument is a two-manual Allen electronic organ and the music is from the OCP *Missalette* and *Breaking Bread* hymn book. Organist is paid per each rehearsal and Mass. Direct questions or résumé/letter of interest to the Music Director, Erich Tusch, (845-928-2517 or e-mail etusch@optonline.net), St. Patrick's Church, Route 32, Central Valley, NY 10917. *11/2003*

ORGANIST – Part-Time

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH – MOHEGAN LAKE

One Sunday service at 11 AM, a traditional Rite II Episcopal sung liturgy with a volunteer adult choir of about 15 members and a bell choir which performs for special occasions. Midweek rehearsal for choir. Planning meetings with Rector and Worship Committee quarterly. Organ: Rodgers electronic Glasgow Model 740B, two manuals and pedal. Organist will need to work collaboratively with leader of an instrumental group which plays for a Family Service at 9:30 AM. Salary and start date negotiable. Contact: The Rev. Claire Woodley-Aitchison, Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1836 East Main Street, Mohegan Lake, NY 10547 Tel. 914-528-3972 Fax: 914-528-6977 e-mail: cwoodley@usa.net *Revised and renewed 11/2003*

MINISTER OF MUSIC (Part Time)

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH - HYDE PARK

One Sunday service at 10:00 AM, Thursday evening choir rehearsal (except in summer). Additional seasonal services. Familiarity with Episcopal liturgy a plus. Adult choir and potential for youth choir. Several instrumentalists in parish to call on. 3-manual, 22 rank Bozeman tracker pipe organ (built 1990). Salary is negotiable. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Contact Fr. Chuck Kramer at 4526 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, New York 12538. Tel: 845-229-2820, Fax: 845-229-5293, e-mail: stjames@bestweb.net. *Renewed 10/2003*

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST (Part-Time)

MEADOW HILL REFORMED CHURCH – NEWBURGH

One Sunday service, 10:30 AM and one mid-week evening choir rehearsal (except in summer). Adult sanctuary choir and potential for junior choir and handbell choir. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Two-manual Allen electronic organ and Korg electronic piano. Salary negotiable. Apply to Administrative Committee, Meadow Hill Reformed Church, 211 Fletcher Drive North, Newburgh, NY 12550 or fax: 845-561-2226 *Renewed 6/2003*

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

ST. MARGARET’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH – STAATSBURG

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ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE

One Sunday service 10:30 AM, Thursday evening choir rehearsal. Adult sanctuary choir and handbell choir (for special services). Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Special seasonal services during the year. 3-manual Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ (restoration under consideration), grand piano. Salary: negotiable. Contact: Mark DeNies, 102 Ferris Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 - 845-452-5758 e-mail: mhdeniespt@aol.com *Renewed 5/2003*

List of Organ Substitutes

Jeffrey Alban	845-226-6482	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only</u>	
Elena Belyayeva	845-452-2069	Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Judie Brown	845-888-5318
Lois Hoger	845-229-7404	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Pat Maimone	845-446-2395	Jennifer Geibel	845-876-3933/973-769-1462
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Jeff Parries	845-297-6870	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298/973-783-8798
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249	Erna Loerch	845-226-8094

(No Sunday morning services)

Editor’s Corner

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Contributions to this newsletter are always welcome. We have been very pleased to offer a member profile in previous issues. If you would like to be profiled, you may write your own biography (up to 500 words) or contact the editor to arrange an interview.

Calendar of Events

Please note: Due to space considerations, this Calendar of Events may exclude the following:

- Events taking place outside the area served by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter
- Events which conflict directly with chapter sponsored events

Such events may be listed on the Local Events page of our chapter web site at www.chvago.org.

Please contact the editor if you have an event to be publicized.

Boxed items are Central Hudson Valley AGO Chapter events.

Names listed in bold face are chapter members.

- Sunday, November 2
3:00 PM
Thomas Trotter, Organ
First United Methodist Church, Schenectady, NY
Co-sponsored by the Eastern New York Chapter, AGO
Free. Info: 518-374-4403
- Friday, November 7
7:30 PM
The Hudson Valley Society for Music presents
A Potluck Concert - "Death-Defying Virtuosity!"
Various short pieces for winds, violin, and piano
Cornwall Presbyterian Church, 222 Hudson St, Cornwall-on-
Hudson, NY. Suggested donation: \$7. Info: 845-534-8368
- Sunday, November 9
Workshop 12 to 2 PM
Concert at 3 PM
Nick Page "Power Sing" Workshop and Capital Collegiate
ChoralFest IV
University at Albany Performing Arts Center, Albany
This workshop is co-sponsored by NY-ACDA R&S Committee
for Community Choirs, the Music Department at UAlbany, and
Albany Pro Musica. Admission \$10. Group rates available.
The workshop will be followed by the 4th annual Capital
Collegiate Choral Festival where six choruses from capital
district colleges will each perform 15-20 minutes, a greatly varied
repertory. Concert admission \$5, \$2 for students. Combined
workshop and concert rates available.
Info: 518-442-4167 or e-mail janower@albany.edu
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| Sunday, November 9
6:00 PM | Dinner Meeting: "Financial Planning for Organists"
Presented by David M. Mazzetti, American Express Financial
Advisor, and Al Hague, Member NASD/SIPC
Greenbaum & Gilhooley's Restaurant, Rte 9, Wappingers Falls
For reservations, call 845-226-6496 by Friday, November 7 |
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- Sunday, November 16
4:00 PM
Organ concert with soprano soloist
Peter Krauss, Organ, and Denise Bassen, Soprano
Program: Stanley, Purcell, Handel, Bach, Haydn, Bellini
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Staatsburg, NY
Organ: Chapman 2-manual tracker with straight pedalboard, circa
1870, restored by Bozeman
Freewill offering, reception to follow. Info: 845-226-1564

Wednesday, November 19
8:00 PM

Gilbert & Sullivan Musical Theatre Company
“Highlights from the Footlights”
Nelly Goletti Theatre, 3rd Floor, Student Center
Marist College, Poughkeepsie
Free. Info: 845-575-3242

Friday, November 21
7:30 PM
Saturday, November 22
8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Rory Cooney and Theresa Donohoo Concert and Workshop
Rory Cooney’s contributions to Catholic hymnals include songs with a strong Celtic influence such as Jerusalem My Destiny, Be Thou My Vision and Change Our Hearts.
The Church of Christ the King, 20 Sumpter Avenue, Albany, NY
Sponsored by The Albany Chapter National Pastoral Musicians and The Albany Diocesan Office of Prayer & Worship
Concert Tickets \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (\$25 per family)
Workshop \$20.00 (includes lunch)
NPM Members save \$5! Concert & Workshop \$25 per person
Info: (518)356-0394 LClery@nycap.rr.com

Saturday, November 22
11 AM to 1 PM

“Pipes, Pedals & Pizza” Introduction to the organ for young piano students. Multiple locations

Friday, December 5
7:30 PM
Saturday, December 6
7:30 PM
Sunday, December 7
7:00 PM

14th Advent-Christmas Concert, featuring *The TreasureHouse Chorale* and Chamber Orchestra, New York Metropolitan Opera Dramatic Soprano *Janet Hopkins*, Organist Lana Kollath, & Professional Soloists under the direction of Mr. Joseph J. Nigro. Performing Camille Saint-Saen’s *Christmas Oratorio*. Also a *Festival of Carols*.
Performance Venues: **Friday**, Holy Cross Church, 600 Soundview Avenue, Bronx, NY; **Saturday**, St. Bernard Church, 51 Prospect Street, White Plains, NY; **Sunday**, Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, 24 Fair Street, Cold Spring, New York.
Freewill offering. Tickets required for Saturday evening. For ticket info call 914-949-2111. Other info: 914-318-3268, or visit www.treasurehousemusic.com.

Saturday, December 6
8:00 PM

Lessons and Carols Service: Marist Singers
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Poughkeepsie
Free: Info: 845-575-3242

Sunday, December 7
3:00 PM

Handel’s *Messiah*
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point
Free. Info: 845-938-7352

Friday, December 12
7:30 PM

Taizé Prayer Service
Combined Choirs of St. Denis, St. Columba, and Blessed Kateri RC Churches.
St. Denis Church, Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction
Info: 845-226-1904 or e-mail JACKIEHOURANI@aol.com

Saturday, January 17
5 PM to 7 PM “Spuds, Salads, Sundaes & Spouses” Annual social and musical
bake sale. Dubois House, Reformed Church, Fishkill

Sunday, February 15
3:00 PM Mayer Organ Recital – Janelle O’Malley
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point
Free. Info: 845-938-7352

March Organ Crawl

Sunday, March 14
3:00 PM A Festival of Hymns with David Cherwien, Organist
First United Methodist Church, Schenectady, NY
Free. Info: 518-374-4403

April Recital by a recent competition winner

Sunday, April 18
3:00 PM Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists’ Recital
Marek Kudlicki (Vienna)
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point
Free. Info: 845-938-7352

May “Workshop on Liturgy for the Non-Liturgical Organist”

Sunday, May 9
3:00 PM Mother’s Day Organ Recital
(artist to be determined)
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point
Free. Info: 845-938-7352

Sunday, May 16
3:00 PM Syracuse Children’s Chorus, Dr. Barbara M. Tagg, Conductor
First United Methodist Church, Schenectady, NY
Free. Info: 518-374-4403

June Members’ Recital

July Annual Picnic

July 4 – July 9
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2004 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists
Los Angeles, CA
For early registration, contact:
AGO 2004
P.O. Box 1806
Glendale, CA 91209-1806
Voice: (818) 244-4001 - Fax: (818) 244-4140

June 22 – 25
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Region II & III AGO Convention
Hosted by our own Central Hudson Valley chapter
Call a board member today to see how you can get involved!