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Letter from the Past Dean

I came on to the CHVAGO Board 5 years ago. Pat Maimone was the Dean, Bob Zeliff was the Sub-Dean. We all expected Bob to become Dean when Pat's term was up, but when Bob moved and was unwilling to commute from New Hampshire, the search was on. When I got the call from Connie Lacey, asking me if I would consider being a board member, I was surprised. I was fairly new to the area, and especially new to the organ. When I was asked a year later if I would serve as Dean of the chapter, I was shocked. Surely you need to be a concert organist with many years of organ experience, have a repertoire list bigger than the state of Texas, be able to recite the stop list of the Wanamaker Organ and personally have known every major organist from Virgil Fox to Widor to Fred Swann! Having learned that the prerequisites were less imposing than I believed, and that all of my reasons (excuses) were eliminated, I agreed. I made sure that the nominating committee and the board knew that I was quite new to the organ and therefore "unqualified" for the position of Dean, but they welcomed me anyway.

Some of the highlights of my time as Dean include:

- Torturing John Sullivan (and others) with my puns and jokes. There is a lot to be said for a captive audience at board meetings.
- Instituting what has become the annual “Spuds & Sundaes” event. I am disappointed that others have forced salad into an otherwise perfect nutritional spectacle.
- The Bach/Krebs masterclass in February 2001: What a treat to hear and see the interaction between “less experienced” players and “more experienced” mentors. It was like having 5 or 6 lessons in one session. We all learned soooooo much.
- The Choral Vespers/Evensong event at the beginning of this year: I’m not certain what the correct title was, but it was a fabulous event.
- An increase in the chapter membership: I believe we have 67 members now.
- The chapter web site: Especially for someone like me, whose desk and table are disaster areas, this has be incredible – and ours is one of the best AGO chapter web sites around!
- Having the opportunity to work with some very talented and wonderful people on a monthly basis: the officers and board members for the last 5 years – I won’t list them in case I miss somebody.
- Meeting all the members that I have!

It has been a wonderful learning experience during this time – I look forward to being “just” a member for awhile. Thank you all for your comments, suggestions and support to me and to the chapter as a whole.



Letter from the Dean

Hello Friends

Greetings from your new dean (and convention coordinator--now you only have to read one letter each month). It is truly an honor to serve the guild in this position. As I said at our convention brainstorming session in November of 2002, this is our project; it is our organization. We have been a highly successful chapter to this point precisely because we have all participated and taken our mission seriously. It is the work of many, not of a few.

Now that we are past the days of Easter, First Communion, Confirmation and most of the weddings, take a deep breath, let out a sigh of relief and relax into the relative calm of summer to refresh and renew. Hopefully your summer will include some time to practice new material, attend a workshop or convention, and some time to read all those items you didn’t have time for during the hectic season.

But don’t get too comfortable. We have a hectic year ahead. Our regular programming will be fairly limited because of the convention. (This is recommended by National and simply makes good sense in order to avoid burnout). We are planning our traditional picnic at a nontraditional time, tentatively Saturday, September 18, at a location to be announced in our next newsletter.

And about that convention ... We are anticipating performances by visiting artists Ken Cowan, Joan Lippincott, and John Weaver – all well known names on the national level. And no less

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significant recitals will be given by our own Merellyn Gallagher and Craig Williams, at the Vassar and West Point chapels respectively. Don Filkins will be favoring us with a newly composed hymn, and Joe Bertolozzi will also premier a new work. Other worship leaders will include Pat Maimone, Laura Russell and yours truly at local churches.

As you can see, much has been done; much needs doing. It is my goal when I return from a week in the Finger Lakes to speak to each member of the chapter individually and ascertain what role can be found for each person. Some folks are truly in need of help and we need to try to spread the wealth here. So enjoy the summer, even when it feels like fall, and think about ways in which you can become involved. This project ceases to be overwhelming when many folks contribute, no matter how small that contribution may seem.

Peace and prayers,



Membership News

- We have received word via Jack Davis that Kay Pearson's longtime friend Rosalie Tucker died on June 26 at the age of 96. Rosalie was a charter member of the Central Hudson Valley chapter when she lived in the area and worked at Vassar. More recently she has resided in Philadelphia, where she continued to play for Vesper services until a few months ago. A memorial or celebration service was being planned for Sunday, June 27. Our condolences to Rosalie's family and friends.
- Joseph Bertolozzi of Beacon has been named a recipient of the 2004 Individual Artist Fellowship by the Dutchess County Arts Council. This fellowship recognizes resident artists of Dutchess County for excellence in Music Composition. Former member Peter Krauss of Poughkeepsie was also named. Congratulations, Joe!

Organ Dedication in Cold Spring

by Susan LaGrande

Several chapter members attended the Blessing and Dedication of the new pipe organ at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto in Cold Spring on June 27. The new instrument was built by Sebastian M. Glück (Opus Ten, 2004). Like the original organ, it has two manuals and pedal, now in a modern keydesk. Its eleven ranks incorporate many of the original pipes from 1872.

After the blessing and some words of introduction, Mr. Glück played a collection of short works to demonstrate the range and colors of the new organ, which he likened to a box of eleven really good, distinctive crayons. He was followed by Lana Kollath, Director of Sacred Music at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Shrub Oak, who played three Bach chorales, and Dr. Jennifer Pascual, Director of Music at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in New York City, who played short works by Zipoli and Mozart and the Sonata in F minor by Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. The Music Director at Our Lady of Loretto, Frances Pergamo, also participated in the program.

I find it very encouraging that this is the second dedication recital to be held in the Hudson Valley in just over a month (the first being the Schantz organ at the Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie). Despite rumors to the contrary, the pipe organ is not a dying breed!

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 (Part-Time)

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF BEACON - BEACON, NY

One Sunday service at 11:00 AM. Traditional service with 3 hymns, prelude, offertory, postlude, Gloria Patri and Doxology. No choir. Ryder 2-manual tracker organ in mostly good condition (work on pedal division expected shortly). Compensation negotiable. Contact: Ed Hawkins, V.P. of Consistory, at 418 Rock Cut Rd, Walden, NY 12586 Tel: 845-566-1488 6/30/2004

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH - HYDE PARK, NY

One Sunday service at 11:00 AM. Rehearsals Monday evening and Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Additional seasonal services. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Volunteer mixed choir, 6-14 members. Odell tracker organ, Opus 253, 1888. See the CHVAGO web site for specifications and related newspaper story. Yamaha piano is also used for worship. Salary: As per AGO salary guidelines. Contact: Pastor Thomas Fiet, The Reformed Dutch Church, 4408 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Tel: 845-229-7167 or e-mail HPreformed@juno.com or visit the church web site at <http://churches.rca.org/hydepark>, or call Ed Robison at 845-229-9470. 6/9/2004

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST – BEACON, NY

One Sunday service at 10:00 AM. Traditional service with 3 hymns, prelude, postlude, and offertory. Small (5 adults) volunteer choir. Anthem most Sundays. Choir rehearsal Thursdays at 7:30 PM. May consider having one anthem per month to get more participation. Instruments: Electronic organ and a piano. We occasionally welcome different instruments to add variety to service. Salary: \$6,200 per year; 3 weeks off with pay; no benefits; paid semi-monthly. Contact: Pastor Tony Beck, Christ Church United Methodist, Beacon, NY, 845-831-2068, or email or email tonybck@aol.com. Renewed 4/1/2004

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 2/2004*

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	845-658-3218/973-769-1462
(No Sunday morning services)		Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298/973-783-8798
Jeff Parries	845-297-6870	Erna Loerch	845-226-8094
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249		
(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.

Please be sure to contact the editor if you have changes to your contact information. We also welcome notices of position openings and calendar events, as well as reviews of recitals and other events.

Don't forget to check our chapter web site at www.chvago.org, which is updated very frequently with new calendar events and position openings. There have been recent additions to the Organs page as well. We are also beginning work on the Convention pages. You can also find membership forms and the membership roster, as well as sub lists and a photo gallery. It's worth taking a look!

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.

Thursday, July 8, 2004 12:15 - 12:45 PM	Uptown Organ Recital Series featuring Joseph Bertolozzi Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston, NY Free. Info: 845-338-6759
Thursday, July 15, 2005 12:15 - 12:45 PM	Uptown Organ Recital Series featuring James Lorenz Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston, NY Free. Info: 845-338-6759
Thursday, July 22, 2004 12:15 - 12:45 PM	Uptown Organ Recital Series featuring Matthew Jones Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston, NY Free. Info: 845-338-6759
Thursday, July 29, 2004 12:15 - 12:45 PM	Uptown Organ Recital Series featuring Jeffrey Alban Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston, NY Free. Info: 845-338-6759
Thursday, August 5, 2004 12:15 - 12:45 PM	Uptown Organ Recital Series featuring Dale Zeigenfelder Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston, NY Free. Info: 845-338-6759
Friday, August 6 through Sunday, August 8, 2004	Hudson Valley BachFest 2004 An annual weekend marathon of six events (four concerts, two church services) celebrating the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Part of the festival takes place in Poughkeepsie (Dutchess County) and part in Cornwall-on-Hudson (Orange County). The Festival is presented to the public by the musicians and is coordinated and produced for the enjoyment of the musicians as well as the public. Featured Works: - The popular Friday evening Keyboard Marathon - Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra: ----Cantata 140 - <i>Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme</i> ----Cantata 131 - <i>Aus der Tiefen rufe ich</i> - Bach Festival Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra: ----Cantata 150 - <i>Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich</i> ----Motet: <i>Komm, Jesu, komm (BWV 229)</i> and much, much more! For information, call Dr. Laura Ramsey Russell: 845-485-1648; Ruthanne Schempf: 845-534-2166; or Emily Faxon: 845-534-8368

Thursday, August 12, 2004 12:15 - 12:45 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series featuring Larry Arnold
Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston, NY
Free. Info: 845-338-6759

Sunday, August 15, 2004 7:30 PM Music Under the Stars
U.S. Military Academy Concert Band - all Gershwin program
Trophy Point Amphitheatre
Free. Info: call 24 hours at 845-938-2617 or
www.usma.army.mil/band/

Wednesday, August 18, 2004 5:15 PM Event honoring the 150th Anniversary of the City of
Poughkeepsie
featuring The West Point Concert Band
Music will include a new piece by **Joseph Bertolozzi**
commissioned for the occasion, entitled "Wings of Eagles,"
which will include six antiphonal trumpeters and the bell of the
Post Office.
Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Open to the public

Thursday, August 19, 2004 12:15 - 12:45 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series featuring Marilyn Hoare
Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston, NY
Free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, August 26, 2004 12:15 - 12:45 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series featuring **Merellyn Gallagher**
Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston, NY
Free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, September 2, 2004 12:15 - 12:45 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series featuring **Thomas Sheehan**
Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston, NY
Free. Info: 845-338-6759

Saturday, September 11, 2004
Time TBD Outdoor Concert
The 150th Anniversary of Poughkeepsie continues with an
outdoor concert featuring the Poughkeepsie Festival Orchestra
playing "Suite Poughkeepsie" by **Joseph Bertolozzi**.
College Hill Park, Poughkeepsie. Open to the public

Sunday, September 12, 2004 3:00 PM Class of 1964 Organ Recital featuring F. Anthony Thurman,
AGO Director of Development and Communication
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY Free. Info: 845-938-7352

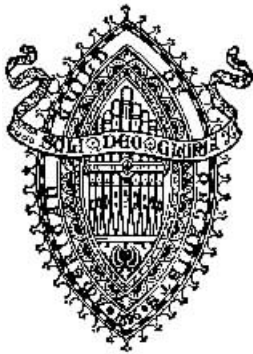
Sunday, September 19, 2004 3:00 PM Pipe Organ Recital by **Jimrae K. Lenser**
First Presbyterian Church, 50 Liberty Street, Beacon, NY
Free. Info: 845-831-1833

Sunday, October 10, 2004 6:00 PM PIPEDREAMS Radio Program Taping
Hosted by Michael Barone, at Queens College, Queens, NY
BENEFIT for WNYE-FM, which transmits PIPEDREAMS in the
metro. NY area.
Tickets: \$15 in advance/\$20 at door

- Sunday, October 24, 2004
3:00 PM
- 30th Anniversary Music Festival
Sponsored by the Dutchess County Interfaith Council, Inc.
Vassar College Chapel, Poughkeepsie
featuring an especially large Combined Interfaith Choir, a large children's choir (including choirs led by ***Celestine Campbell*** and ***Susan Guse***), and the Camerata Chorale, accompanied by ***Dr. John A. Davis, Jr.*** and ***Thomas Sheehan***
Rehearsals for the Interfaith Choir will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Rte 44, Pleasant Valley, from 6 PM to 8 PM on the following Sundays: 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, and 10/17, and on Wednesday 10/20. For more information, call 845-471-7333
- Sunday, November 21, 2004
3:00 PM
- Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists' Recital
featuring Gail Archer, Director of Music, Barnard College, Columbia University
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY Free. Info: 845-938-7352
- Sunday, December 5, 2004
3:00 PM
- Handel's Messiah
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY Free. Info: 845-938-7352
- February (date TBD)
3:00 PM
- Mayer Organ Recital
featuring Janelle O'Malley
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY Free. Info: 845-938-7352
- Sunday, April 10, 2005
3:00 PM
- Recital Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Davis' Appointment as USMA Organist/Choirmaster
featuring ***John A. Davis, Jr.*** and ***Thomas Sheehan***
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY Free. Info: 845-938-7352
- Sunday, May 8, 2005
3:00 PM
- Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists' Recital
featuring James Welch, Organist, Santa Clara University
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY Free. Info: 845-938-7352
- June 22 – 25, 2005
Only 11 months to go!
- Region II & III AGO Convention
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