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Letter from the Dean

September 28, 2004

Greetings Friends,

If you were at the liturgical workshop last spring, you would know that tomorrow is Michelmas (Feast of St. Michael the Archangel) and fall really is here. An exciting and busy year awaits all of us in many respects. If you weren't at the chapter picnic, graciously hosted by Susan Guse, I feel sorry for you. The food was wonderful and the fellowship uplifting. Our next chapter event will be the Pedals Pipes and Pizza, details available under chapter events. It promises to be a fun time, and those involved have developed a real flair for introducing young pianists to the organ.

Hopefully your Christmas planning is underway – it's never too early – and various fall concerts and recitals will be in the offing very soon, in fact are already. Please take advantage of our exquisite web site (one of the finest in the Guild, but then I'm not exactly objective on this one)

to keep track of what is happening. It's convenient and it is definitely more accurate than the dean's letter.

Our convention continues to move forward with the sustained effort of many chapter members and the help of friends in related and unrelated fields. There are always ways to help if you can spare a couple of hours – we will need bus captains, ushers, greeters, envelope stuffers, tote bag stuffers, folks to make phone calls, and when the time comes, personnel to staff the hospitality and registration desks. Let me or anyone on the committee know of your interest and availability. I have been sincerely trying to get in touch with all of you individually, and have been partially successful. But don't wait for me if you are ready to sign on for a project! Take the plunge. Some of us have been at this since October of 2002, believe it or not.

In closing, I do have one specific request. We are going to hold a used music sale at the convention. There will be a separate table for chapter members to contribute material which is not longer of use to them, but might be of interest to others. Lois Hoger has graciously agreed to coordinate this effort, so speak to her or to me when you have a moment. We can store music whenever you are ready to part with it, so take advantage of this time to update your library. Choir anthem sets would also be welcome, if for example you no longer have a children's choir, or you have no further need for SAB pieces. Thanks to Kay Pearson, we have a substantial amount of items from the estate of Rosalie Tucker to start us off on this project. Thank you, Kay. Anyone who wants to help sort and price – please come do so.

And whatever else you do this fall, continue to enjoy and nurture music, God's great gift.



Obituary – Donald Basil Austin

The former president of Austin Organs, Inc., died on September 17, 2004, from complications of emphysema at the age of 71. Don served at Austin Organs for 50 years, serving as its president for 27 of those years. After retirement, he continued as a Chairman of its Board of Directors and as a frequent consultant. He was also Past President of the American Pipe Organ Builder's Association, member of the International Society of Organ Builders; and member of the American Institute of Organ Builders. Besides his loving wife of 50 years, Marilyn (Heeber) Austin, he is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law as well as three grandchildren and two nephews. Donations may be made to Our Companions Animal Shelter, PO Box 673, Bloomfield, CT 06001, or the Old St. Andrews Endowment for Organ Maintenance, 59 Tarriffville Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

(abridged from The Hartford Courant, 9/19/2004 – 9/20/2004).

Membership News

- Jeff Alban has a new address:
2247 Rogene Drive, Apt. T3
Baltimore, MD 21209
His e-mail address remains the same: *bombarde32@hotmail.com*

Membership Roster Attached

The attached membership roster for 2004-2005 reflects dues received as of 9/29/2004. If you sent in your dues but your name is not on the list, please contact Mary Caskey immediately at 845-534-2938.

At press time, the total number of renewed and new chapter members is 56, down from a high of 70 at the end of the 2004 accounting period. If non-renewed members are included, the membership categories are as follows: 32 regular, 21 special, 6 friend, 5 dual, 4 student, 1 student/dual, and 1 partner. We hope that those who have not yet renewed will do so soon!

Position Openings

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

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

ST. JOSEPH'S RC CHURCH - NEW PALTZ, NY

Immediate opening. Three weekend Masses at 5:30 PM Saturday, Sundays at 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM, plus 9:30 AM during the summer months. Also Holy Days of Obligation. Mixed 15-member volunteer Festival Choir sings for special occasions at 11:00 AM, rehearses Thursday evenings. Other ensembles: contemporary ensemble and funeral choir, both under separate leadership. Organist entitled to first bid on weddings. Benefits: For every month served, a free substitute is provided for one service. Instruments: Allen 2-manual organ (1990) and Baldwin baby grand piano. Salary: negotiable. Please send resume to Father Maurice Moreau, St. Joseph's Church, 34 South Chestnut Street, New Paltz, NY 12561 or fax to 845-255-5679 or call Father Moreau at 845-255-5635. 9/17/2004

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH – POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

Position available October 3, 2004. One Sunday service at 10:00 AM. Volunteer choir. 1906 Wicks 2-manual organ, playable but needs work. For further information, contact Bobbie Gordon, Warden, St. Paul's Church, 161 Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie, 12601, 845-452-8440. 9/1/2004

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)

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 9/1/2004

MINISTER OF MUSIC (Part Time)

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH - HYDE PARK

Position available January 2005. 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 8/2004*

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
Jimrae K. Lenser	845-427-5884/914-388-6641	Jennifer Geibel	845-658-3218/973-769-1462
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Jeff Parries	845-297-6870	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298/973-783-8798
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Erna Loerch	845-226-8094
Pat Maimone	845-446-2395		
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249		

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, October 3, 2004 3:00 PM	Recital by Cameron Carpenter New York Military Academy, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY
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 17, 2004 3:00 PM	Theatre Organ Recital by Tom Hazleton Allen Mills' Memorial Goldie Concert in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, NY. Tickets: \$14.50 each. Info: http://www.proctors.org/index.php/AllenMills . Photo and bio of Tom Hazleton: http://theatreorgans.com/ca/tossd/TOSSD/Hazleton.html

October, 2004

Sunday, October 17, 2004
3:30 PM
Organ Recital by **Thomas Sheehan**
The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY
Tom, who has been studying with **John A. Davis, Jr.**
since January of 2002, will play a varied program of solo organ
selections, including Bach, Vierne, and Franck, in celebration of
his sixteenth birthday, which occurs this
October.

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**
For more information, call 845-471-7333

Thursday, October 28,
2004
10:00 AM & 7:30 PM
Silent Film with Theatre Organ Accompaniment by Bernie
Anderson, Jr.
"Phantom of the Opera"
[3/11 Wurlitzer](#)
Middletown Paramount Theater, 17 South Street, Middletown, NY
Info: 845-346-4195 or www.nytos.org
Photo and bio of Bernie Anderson, Jr.:
<http://www.nytos.org/bea.htm>

Saturday, November 6,
2004
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
(Poughkeepsie)
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
(Newburgh)
"Pipes, Pedals & Pizza"
An opportunity for young piano students to experience the King
of Instruments! Hands-on workshop, followed by pizza lunch.
Simultaneous sessions in Orange and Dutchess counties:

- Union Presbyterian Church in Balmville (Newburgh) -
call *Margaret Small* 845-534-9485 or 845-562-0954, or *Al
Reese* 845-446-7267
- United Methodist Church on Rte 376 in Poughkeepsie -
call *Nancy Harle* 845-634-1379 or *Greg Citarella* 845-
297-7693

This worthwhile event is free. If you know of a young piano
student who would like to attend, please call one of the contact
people listed above before November 1.

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
Alan D. Reese, tenor soloist Free. Info: 845-938-7352

February 6, 2005
3:00 PM Mayer Organ Recital
featuring Janelle O'Malley
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY Free. Info: 845-938-7352

Saturday, February 26, 2005
Time to be announced **Workshop conducted by Paul Jacobs**
St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie
For chapter members and guests. Info: 845-227-7696

Sunday, February 27, 2005 Organ Recital by Paul Jacobs
St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie.
Info: 845-227-7696

Sunday, April 3, 2005 **Annual Members' Recital**
Grace Church, Middletown
Watch this space for further details

Sunday, April 10, 2005 Recital Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Davis'
3:00 PM 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 Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists' Recital
3:00 PM featuring James Welch, Organist, Santa Clara University
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY Free. Info: 845-938-7352

June 22 – 25, 2005 Region II & III AGO Convention
Only 9 months to go! Hosted by our own Central Hudson Valley chapter
Call a board member today to see how you can get involved!

Editor's Corner

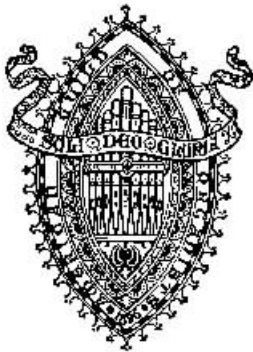
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Contributions to this newsletter are always welcome. Please be sure to contact the editor if you have changes to your contact information. We also welcome notices of position openings and calendar events, as well as reviews of recitals and other events.



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