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#### FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our May meeting. The evening was a festive conclusion to our 2007-2008 season. A big "thank you" goes to Gayle Sullivan for her musical preparation for the Installation Service and her handling of many details for the evening. Also, we owe appreciation to Elizabeth Smith and Donald Cornelius for their work on the Used Music Sale. Between their effort, and your purchases, this sale profited \$478. This money goes directly into our chapter's Endowment Fund to benefit the chapter in the future.

It was a pleasure to serve as Dean this past year. The Officers and Committee Chairs helped our chapter have a prosperous year. (Page one of your yellow 2007-2008 Nashville AGO Yearbook lists these wonderful people). While Christine and I will not miss the roundtrip 11 hour/650 mile drive to attend each Nashville AGO meeting, we will genuinely miss seeing so many of you on a regular basis. It was kind of William Taylor to present me with the Past Dean's Pin at the May meeting. This will serve as a reminder of the support this chapter gave us during our time in Tennessee.

The Nashville AGO is very rare chapter, and this is a good thing! It is unusual to have such a high number in attendance at each meeting. Several of this year's out-of-town guests (Jack Bethards, Barbara Owen, and Doug Cleveland) commented on the remarkableness of this. Also, the friendliness of this chapter and the collegiality of its members are praiseworthy. Do not lose this!

Again, thank you for your involvement in this wonderful AGO chapter. Christine and I will truly miss our participation in it.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer!

Andrew Peters Dean

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization. Its members include organists, choir directors, pianists, vocalists, teachers, organ builders and tuners, clergy and lovers of organ music. The purpose of the American Guild of Organists 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.

## 2008-2009 Nashville AGO Programs

All dinners are at 6:30 PM at the program location, unless otherwise noted.

#### **Ahreum Han, Organ Concert**

Sunday, September 14 4:00 PM [Chapter dinner following the recital] First Presbyterian Church, Nashville [Co-sponsor]

#### Vincent Dubois, Organ Concert / Celebrating National AGO Organ Spectacular

Sunday, October 19 3:00 PM [No chapter dinner] Schermerhorn Symphony Center

[Members must purchase tickets from Schermerhorn Symphony Center Box Office for this event.]

#### Dr. Michael Messina and Dr. John Cummins, Duo Organ Concert

Sunday, November 9 4:00 PM [No chapter dinner] West End United Methodist Church [Co-sponsor]

## Organ Music of Calvin Hampton, Dr. Michael Messina, lecturer and performer, and Dr. John Cummins, performer

Monday, November 10 7:30 PM West End United Methodist Church

#### Holiday Concert with the Belmont Chamber Singers, Dr. Deen Entsminger, Director

Monday, December 1 7:30 PM Cathedral of the Incarnation (Roman Catholic)

#### **Seminar Trio**

Monday, January 12 7:30 PM Location to be announced

## Power Performance: The Psychology of Performance and How to Cope with Performance Anxiety — Shirlee Emmons and Alma Thomas, lecturers

Monday, February 9 7:30 PM Belmont United Methodist Church

#### **Seminar Trio**

Monday, March 2 7:30 PM Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville

#### **2012 National Convention Update**

Monday, March 30 7:30 PM First Baptist Church, Nashville

### **Evensong and Installation of Nashville AGO Officers**

Monday, May 4 7:30 PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church / Dr. John Semingson, Director of Music Ministries

Interest from the Nashville AGO endowment account is used, in part, to help support these programs.

#### YEARBOOK ADVERTISEMENTS

The Nashville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites all members to place an advertisement for publication in our Yearbook. Advertising space in the 2008-2009 Yearbook is available at the following rates:

	(width X height)	
Full Page: (color)	4.5" x 7.5"	\$250.00
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Full Page:	4.5" x 7.5"	\$150.00
Half Page:	4.5" x 3.5"	\$ 80.00
Third Page:	4.5" x 2.5"	\$ 55.00
Website Ad:		\$ 30.00

For an additional \$30, you also can place an advertisement on the Nashville AGO website. The website ads will appear as the size of a business card with a link to your website (if you have one). Please note that we cannot accept website ads only; advertisers must buy an ad in the yearbook and then pay the additional \$30 for a website advertisement.

If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact me by phone (615/383-8088), or e-mail, <wrtaylori@comcast.com>. Those preferring an inside cover ad will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Ads are due by **Friday, August 1**, and can be emailed to the above address.

Clear black and white ads will reproduce the best. Complex degrees of gray shading will not reproduce well and will look muddy. Gray shading behind text is not advisable. Areas of reverse text (white letters on a black background) will be acceptable. If you require the return of any ad materials, please provide a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage.

If I can answer any questions for you regarding the yearbook and our advertising policy, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, Dr. William R. Taylor, Dean



Newly installed officers at the May meeting.

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#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Organist for First United Methodist Church, Pulaski, TN. One choir rehearsal at 7 PM Wednesdays; one Sunday service at 10:30 AM; four to six seasonal services. Two manual, 17 rank Moller/Delaware. Contact the Minister of Music, Rev. Cheryl Wood, (931)363-2595 or <cheryl@fumcpulaski.com>.

#### SOS (SUMMER ORGAN START-UP)

SOS (Summer Organ Start-up) workshop and masterclasses with Wilma Jensen will be offered on Thursday and Friday, August 14 and 15, 9:00 - 3:00, First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, TN. These two days are designed to help church organists with repertoire, accompaniments, and baroque articulation and style. Contact Marsha Scheusner at <scheusner@bellsouth.net> for details and registration.

#### **DON'T MISS IT**

On page 98 of the June issue of TAO, don't miss Douglas Murray's wonderful article about our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Thanks to Melvin Potts for the photos.

AGO Budget Report – May 5, 2008 Joyce M. Byrd, Treasurer 2007-08 Budget Items

	Budget	Actual		
	INCOME			
<b>Chapter Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b> 4,469	5,469		
Dues Income	6,666	7,386		
Interest Income	735	800		
Yearbook—Web Ads	2,945	3,250		
	14,815	16,905		
	EXPENSES			
"Meet the Organ"	<b>\$</b> 125	139		
Dinners—Guests	175	108		
Misc. Administration	1,500	143		
Pipelines	640	146		
Programs	5,200	5,278		
Website	1,000	417		
Yearbook	2,139	2,097		
Total	10,779	8,328		
Checking Account Balance\$13,554.13				
Restricted Funds:				
Endowment Account\$ 3,139.64*				
Endowment CD\$14,000.00				
*This includes \$478.00 from the music sales.				

#### **ORGAN RECITAL**

Chris Keenan, will play an organ recital on Sunday, June 8 at 3 PM at Christ United Methodist Church, 508 Franklin Road, Franklin, TN. Chris is a graduating high school senior and a student of Dr. Wilma Jensen. This fall he will be attending the Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University and studying with Donald

Sutherland. Chris will participate in the first POE Advanced this summer where Wilma Jensen will be a faculty member.



#### FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

As of June 3, we have **11 new members** and **125** members have renewed their membership for 2008-09. I have heard from many of you, who plan to renew ASAP. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation.

Remember to send me names/info of prospects for our chapter. We want to continue our excellent momentum as we break another record in our membership numbers. If I haven't told you lately, I think you're the greatest!

Sharron Lyon <sharronlyon@comcast.net> 615-373-9820

#### **MEMBER NEWS**

We express our deepest sympathy to **Herman DePriest** in the loss of his father-in-law, Bruce Vickery, on May 1.

Congratulations to **Dr. Gerald Hansen** and his wife, Sharyl, who welcomed their first grandchild, Emily Jean Hansen, on May 13 in Cookeville, TN.

The Laudate (9th-12th grades) and Westminster (Adult) choirs of **Westminster Presbyterian** Church (John Semingson, Director and Polly **Brecht**, Organist) will sing four concerts and two worship services in Prague and the Saxony region of Germany this June 13-24. The tour choir's main concert repertoire features a variety of American sacred music, but in Magdeburg, Germany (Nashville's Sister City), the choir will join with the Magdeburg Cathedral Choir (boys, girls, and adults)in performing J.S. Bach's Cantata 81 ("Reformation") with orchestra. [Note: The Schuke Orgelbau of Potsdam is just completing a new 93-stop, 4-manual and pedal organ for the Magdeburg Cathedral gallery this month. The German-American Dialogue Center of Magdeburg is sponsoring this concert and the Lord Mayor is hosting a reception for the choir, cathedral, and city officials in the cloister following the concert.

The Westminster Tour Choir is a mixed choir of 60 voices and with spouses, etc., there will be 82 people participating in the tour. The choirs have raised \$65,000 through three fundraising events this year to provide all singers some financial assistance toward the cost of the tour.

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Stephen Aber** (Student)

2200 West End Avenue Nashville, TN 37203 Cell: (910) 322-7900

Church phone: 321-8500 X29 Email: <saber@westendumc.org>

Stephen is the new organ/choral intern at

West End UMC.

#### **Jerry Baker**

P. O. Box One Bowling Green, KY 42102

Home phone: (270) 781-4800 Work phone: (270) 936-6221 Email: <jebaker318@aol.com>

Thanks to Tom Moody for bringing Mr. Baker

to our chapter.

#### **David Childs**

4102A Colorado Avenue Nashville, TN 37209 H/Cell phone: 519-7003 Work phone: 322-5801

Email: <david.n.childs@gmail.com>

David is Associate Professor of Choral Studies

at Blair School of Music.

#### **Harold Jones**

1104 Grandview Drive Nashville, TN 37204 Home phone: 297-3758

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Harry is a Chorister at Belmont United Meth-

odist Church.

#### **Robbie Jones**

1104 Grandview Drive Nashville, TN 37204 Home phone: 297-3758 Work phone: 340-7054

Email: <rohapa@comcast.net>

Robbie is Organist at Belmont United Meth-

odist Church.

#### **Marcel Smith**

720-B Crescent Road Nashville, TN 37205 Home phone: 386-1248

Thanks to Elizabeth Smith for bringing her

husband to our chapter.

#### MEMBER BIOS

Due to the great response to printed bios of our long-time members, we are beginning a series of bios from our newest members.

Name: GREGG BUNN

Where did you grow up: Forsyth, Georgia

Where did you study music and who were your organ teachers or list other degrees/majors, if you

**prefer**: High School: Gerald Carper; Shorter College (B.M. and B.C.M.): Peter DeWitt; Indiana University (M.M.): Marilyn Keiser; Southwestern Seminary (D.M.A.): Albert Travis

List the churches/institutions where you have played and/or conducted and/or taught, etc. and number of years OR your present line of work:

Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, TX (Organist/Music Associate): 1999-2003

Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, TX (adjunct faculty): 2001-2003

Northside Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA (Minister of Music and Organist): 2003-2007 Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, GA (adjunct faculty): 2003-2007

Brentwood United Methodist Church, Organist: 2007-present

**List some of your accomplishments:** MTNA national finalist in organ 1996 and 1997; Atlanta AGO undergraduate and and graduate level scholarship recipient; Ruth Parr Septer Organ Scholar at Indiana University; Organist for Indiana University's Beck Chapel; recipient of the James McKinney Outstanding Performer award at Southwestern Seminary

List funny and/or memorable experiences from your career in music: I'm sure we

all have our own favorite funny wedding stories, so here's mine. Several years ago I was accompanying a tenor soloist to sing "The Lord's Prayer" for a wedding. He began the song well (which is not typical for many wedding soloists!). But, as the song progressed I noticed that he began to shake. At first I thought he might have been nervous...then, his shaking became much more pronounced. He kept singing through the tremors and somehow managed to finish the song. (Can you imagine the vibrato on the high note?!?!) Afterwards, he came over and sat by the organ console where I inquired if he was okay. By that time he was sweating from head to toe. He finally caught his breath and said, "A mouse ran up my leg and I was trying to shake him down out of my pants!" I couldn't stop laughing for the remainder of the wedding...certainly one I'll never forget!



If new to our area, what brought you here and to the Nashville chapter: To serve on the music staff as Organist of Brentwood United Methodist Church **Do you have any suggestions for our chapter**: Keep up the good work!

Name: ABIGAIL HAAKE

Where did you grow up: West Virginia

Where did you study music and who were your organ teachers or list other degrees/majors, if you prefer: Bachelor of Arts in Music, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Melody Meadows; Private Study, The Hochschuele fuer Kirchemusik, Heidelburg, Hermann Schaeffer; Private Study, The Hochschuele fuer Kunst und Musik, Hamburg, Rose Kirn; Master of Music, The University of Michigan, Marilyn Mason; Doctor of Musical Arts, The University of Michigan, Marilyn Mason

List the churches/institutions where you have played and/or conducted and/or taught, etc. and number of years OR your present line of work: I currently serve on the music faculty at Murray State University.

**List some of your accomplishments:** In 2000, I won second prize in the national round of the Music Teachers National Association Collegiate Artist Competition. I have also won several AGO chapter competitions and have played recitals throughout the eastern US and several European countries.

List funny and/or memorable experiences from your career in music: As a fifteen-year old beginner

organist, I accidentally open the crescendo box instead of the swell box during the communion meditation music. Needless to say, it was not so meditative for a moment.

**If new to our area, what brought you here and to the Nashville chapter**: I moved to Clarksville to marry my husband (presently in Iraq) and to make a career change from church work to university teaching.

Name: GERALD (JERRY) HANSEN

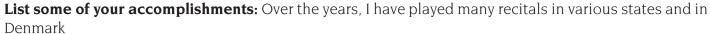
Where did you grow up: Salida, Colorado (pop. 5500, elev. 7,000 feet)

Where did you study music and who were your organ teachers or list other degrees/majors, if you prefer: David Pugh during three years chemical engineering at Colo. School of Mines; Barret Spach and Thomas Mathews: earned BM in Church Music and MM in Organ Performance at Northwestern Univ. School of Music; Finn Viderø in Copenhagen Denmark during Fulbright grantee years; David Craighead and Robert Noehren: earned DMA in Organ Performance/Pedagogy at Eastman School of Music

List the churches/institutions where you have played and/or conducted and/or taught, etc. and number of years OR your present line of work: Manchester College (IN), Luther College (IA), Schenectady Comm. College (NY: music transfer program directly affiliated with Crane School of Music)

Organ/Choir leadership at:

- —Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word, Rochester NY
- —Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glenville (Schenectady) NY
- —St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Albany NY
- —Trinity United Methodist Church, Albany NY



List funny and/or memorable experiences from your career in music: While at Northwestern, for one year my BM church choir apprenticeship was with Barret Spach at Fourth United Presbyterian Church on Michigan Ave. in Chicago. Each choir rehearsal day I accompanied Papa Spach to a nearby hotel and sat politely/quietly/respectfully/meekly while he enjoyed his pre-choir supper at the Allerton restaurant. Once a kindly, quiet little man stopped at our table and chatted with Papa Spach for a while. When he left, I asked "Who was that man?" Papa replied "LEO SOWERBY." (Duh....)

If new to our area, what brought you here and to the Nashville chapter: A few months ago, my son, who began teaching horn and theory at Tennessee Tech last September, and our daughter in law informed us that 5/10/08 they will present us with OUR FIRST GRANDCHILD right here in Tennessee! So we pulled up our New York state stakes, burnt our NY driver licenses and moved to Cookeville TN.

Do you have any suggestions for our chapter: None. Chapter members I've met have been extraordinarily kind and welcoming. I am pleased to be counted among you. A program I have presented to several AGO chapters around the country has been a lecture demonstration in Hymn Preludising, a formal practice required of all licensed Danish organists.

Name: RONALD D. LOWE (RONN)

Where did you grow up: Born and lived in Roanoke, Virginia. all my life except moving to Texas for a year. Where did you study music and who were your organ teachers or list other degrees/majors, if you prefer: I studied Organ at Roanoke College in Salem, VA, a Lutheran College. I studied organ with Dr. Donald Moe, Organist and Composer. Further study with the late Jeryl Powell, Former Organist / Choir Master at St. Johns Episcopal Church, and when possible continue my studies with Richard Cummins, Organist / Fine Arts Director of Greene Memorial United Methodist Church. My degrees include a B.A. in Music Education and Organ Performance. While at Roanoke College, I was Assistant Organist/ Director for Chapel Services as well as the Roanoke College Choir. For eleven years, I served as Organist for Thrasher Memorial Church, Vinton, VA, also Organist for Calvary Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA., and five years to the present, serve as Organist / Music Associate for Cave Spring United Methodist Church, Roanoke, VA.

List some of your accomplishments: My accomplishments have included concert work, and writing a

hymn for the 150 anniversary of Cave Spring United Methodist Church. (Hopefully it will be published in the near future.)

List funny and/or memorable experiences from your career in music: A memorable moment was my first Organ Recital while in College, so nervous I forgot to turn the organ on! Another moment was my second recital which the Trompette-en-Chamade at St. Johns Episcopal decided to come on by itself. The first chord made me want to just leave! (It was an old console, and the couplers often stuck when they shouldn't!) An exciting moment was giving a concert at Bruton Parish Church, Willamsburg VA. which is a very historical Episcopal Church, and has weekly concerts and tours all year. The concerts are by candle-light, and it was a special concert that I performed in memory of my mother, who had recently passed away.

**Do you have any suggestions for our chapter:** Even though I live in Roanoke, I have friends in Nashville who are members of the Nashville AGO, and I took an interest after seeing all the Nashville Chapter does. I find the Nashville Chapter to be one of the finest, and I have met so many wonderful, kind people.

Name: SANDRA NOYES MURRAY (aka Sandy) Where did you grow up: LaPlace, Louisiana

Where did you study music and who were your organ teachers or list other degrees/majors, if you prefer: BM from Mississippi College under Dr. Jeff McLelland and Dr. Robert Knupp. Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of Southern Mississippi

List the churches/institutions where you have played and/or conducted and/or taught, etc. and number of years OR your present line of work: Former organist at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, MS; St. Charles Ave. Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, LA; Rayne United Methodist Church, New Orleans, LA; St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Long Beach, MS; and currently sabbatical organist/choir director at Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN List some of your accomplishments: swing dancer and former spelling bee champion List funny and/or memorable experiences from your career in music: Every single memory I have stored in my mind is somehow related to music!

If new to our area, what brought you here and to the Nashville chapter: Searching for a new place to call home; moving away from an area devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Name: JOHN T. WEBB

Where did you grow up: I grew up in a small town near Paducah, Kentucky. Where did you study music and who were your organ teachers or list other degrees/majors, if you prefer: In 2005, I earned a Masters in Business Administration. I earned undergraduate degrees in Business and Music from Berea College in Central, KY. My teachers included John Courter, FAGO, and Dr. Peter Latona.

List the churches/institutions where you have played and/or conducted and/or taught, etc. and number of years OR your present line of work: I am currently the Director of Music at Tulip Street United Methodist Church in East Nashville. Prior to moving to Nashville, I was the organist and director of music at Peace Moravian Church in Charlotte, NC.



**List some of your accomplishments:** Before moving to Nashville, I was the Sub-Dean of the Charlotte AGO. During 2007, I was selected as the chairperson for the 2009 Moravian Music Festival and continue to serve on the Inter-provincial Moravian Music Committee for the Southern Province.

**List memorable experiences from your career in music**: Working with the Moravian Music Foundation to perform a recreated Love-feast from 1783 and America's first Independence Day celebration from 1783. **If new to our area, what brought you here and to the Nashville chapter:** I moved to the area changing jobs and to be closer to family.

#### Do you have any suggestions for our chapter:

I am very excited to be a part of the Nashville AGO. Having been actively involved in the Lexington, Cincinnati, and Charlotte Chapters, Nashville is much more active. I am overwhelmed by the tremendous support of the members attending each program.

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