



PIPELINES

NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
SUMMER, 2016

DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

It's been a great joy and privilege to serve as your Dean this past year. We have a vibrant, active chapter, and I have learned so much from being involved in its leadership. Among other things, I now know that one of the primary reasons this chapter is so healthy are our outstanding officers. Having the support of these wonderful people has made my job doable and so much more enjoyable.

I would especially like to thank **Jonathan Setzer** for his unwavering support as Past-Dean, **Rhonda Swanson** and the Program Committee for putting together a really exciting 2016–2017 program year, **Gary Scott** for being such a hard-working and conscientious Treasurer, **Hildegard Cox** for taking excellent minutes at board meetings, **Felix Montgomery** for his words of prayer at chapter dinners, **Janet Schmidt** for her industrious work as membership chair, and **Sharron Lyon** for all manner of encouragement and advice. Thanks also to everyone on the Executive Board and to all who attended chapter meetings throughout the year.

Now, a few matters of business: First, the Executive Board has approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee to raise the cost of monthly dinners from \$15 to \$18. We have not raised the price in six years, whereas we had previously raised the price roughly every two years. More importantly, it has become increasingly difficult for caterers to provide a quality meal at the rate of \$15 per person. Our dinners together are such an important part of our life as a chapter, and we hope that a slightly higher cost will also mean better meals. As always, your board members stand ready to hear your comments and suggestions.

Second, if you haven't yet done so, please take a moment to renew your membership online by paying your annual dues through ONCARD. You may access ONCARD by pointing your browser to <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>. If you experience any difficulty logging in to ONCARD, or if you do not have access to a computer, contact Gary Scott, ONCARD Liaison for Nashville AGO. Gary Scott, fpc.organ@gmail.com or 615-453-8988.

Finally, our first program of the fall, an ecumenical worship service/concert featuring psalms, will take place on Monday, September 12 at West End Synagogue. We will gather for a kosher meal at the synagogue at 6:30 PM, and then we will assemble in the main sanctuary for the service at 7:30. Rabbi Joshua Barton, Assistant Rabbi of West End, will lead the program.

Best wishes to all of you for a restful, joyful summer!

Nick Bergin
Dean

CHAPTER OFFICERS for 2016-2017

Dean: Rhonda Swanson
Dean-Elect: Elizabeth Smith
Secretary: Dawn Seidenschwarz
Treasurer: Gary Scott
New Executive Committee:
Allison Boccia Williams
Dakota Hill
Eric Wyse

YEAR-END TREASURER'S REPORT (2015-2016)

The Nashville Chapter's fiscal year will end on June 30. This preliminary report is to let you know our financial status as that date approaches. Income this year was \$6,955 from member's dues, and \$4,296 from member's contributions. Program expenditures this year were \$15,364, which included \$4,000 in sponsorships from host churches and schools. Members of the chapter do not receive payment for their participation in our monthly programs.

As you may already know, our chapter retains only a percentage of the dues that are received. The remainder goes to National AGO to provide a number of important services and to pay for a subscription to *The American Organist (TAO)*. [The April issue of *TAO*, page 21, shows exactly how much of the dues from each membership category is retained by the chapter.] Of the \$15,057 in dues, which were paid by our members for the 2015-2016 year, the Nashville Chapter received \$6,955 (46.2%).

Other expenses which our chapter incurred during the year included printing and mailing the yearbook (approximately \$7.50 per copy) and maintaining our website (\$685). There was income from the sale of yearbook ads, which covered most of the yearbook costs.

We came very close to having a balanced budget this year. Our expenses exceeded income by only \$331. Because we did start the year with money in the bank, this deficit will simply reduce our end-of-year balance. The exact amount of our balance that will be carried forward to next year will not be known until after June 30. At this time (May 15), it appears that the carry-forward will be approximately \$4,900. Our chapter's Endowment funds are kept in separate accounts and currently total approximately \$123,000.

The Chapter's financial records are audited at the end of each fiscal year.

Gary Scott, Treasurer

CHAPTER DONATIONS

Membership renewal time is upon us. Each of you should have already received a renewal notice via email or snail mail from AGO National Headquarters. As we renew our memberships, may I encourage each of you to consider making a donation above and beyond your annual dues to our local chapter.

For the past few years our membership has had the privilege of enjoying many outstanding monthly programs. Your Chapter Leadership has a wonderful list of programs planned for our 2016-2017 program year. As you know, in order to have good quality programs, your local Chapter must have financial funding. Since the advent of online membership renewal provided by our National Headquarters, it is even easier. If you are willing to make your contribution using National's ONCARD system via credit card, National Headquarters will pay all credit card fees. If you use the chapter's local website to make your contribution via credit card, your local chapter pays the fee and receives less of your intended contribution. Of course, we are always happy to receive an old-fashioned check. Those can be sent to our chapter treasurer Gary Scott, 9914 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Lebanon, TN 37090. Please consider making a contribution. Every penny received will make all the difference in the quality of programming each and every year. All contributions above and beyond your annual dues will be recognized in our chapter's printed programs.

Supporter: \$1 - \$99

Friend: \$100 - \$249

Patron: \$250 - \$499

Benefactor: \$500 - \$999

Sustainer: \$1000 or above

Remember no gift is too small. Please join your fellow chapter members in making the Nashville Chapter one of the best in the country. Thank you in advance for your support of our great Chapter.

James Jordan, Finance Chair

2016 AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 19-23, 2016 Houston, Texas

agohouston2016.com

JOB OPENINGS

First Presbyterian Church, Columbia TN is seeking a part-time Organist with proficiency in sacred organ repertoire and strong accompanying skills to serve a traditional music ministry. Responsibilities include two Sunday morning services and weekly choir rehearsals. Compensation commensurate with qualifications and experience and includes continuing education allowance, AGO membership, teaching privileges, and paid vacation. Church's web site is www.1stprescolumbia.org. Contact John Cotham, personnel chair, at cofam1@att.net.

First United Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN has an immediate opening for an Organist for one Sunday service (10:30 AM) and Wednesday night rehearsal each week, as well as any special services during the church year. Pianists are welcome to apply on a temporary basis. Salary is negotiable. Contact Donna Campbell, Director of Music, at 931-808-8415 or Senior Pastor, James Johnson at 931-473-4419.

Prepared by Charlotte Hughes, Placement Chair

2016-2017 PROGRAMS NASHVILLE AGO

Monday, September 12, 2016

Psalm Service with Rabbi Joshua Barton

West End Synagogue

3810 West End Avenue, Nashville

Monday, October 3

Sursum Corda

Cathedral of the Incarnation

2015 West End Avenue, Nashville

Monday, November 7

Craig Cramer, Organist

First Presbyterian Church

4815 Franklin Road, Nashville

(no program in December)

Monday, January 9, 2017

Jonathan Rudy, Organist

West End United Methodist Church

2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

Monday, February 20

Richard Webster

Hymn Festival with choir and brass

Saint George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

Monday, March 13

"Three under 30" recital

(**Nick Bergin, Caitlin Dowling,**

Michael Gebhardt)

Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

908 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin

Monday, April 3

MTSU Women's Chorus

Angela Tipps, conductor

Location TBA

Monday, May 1

Installation of Officers and Evening Worship

(with choir)

Westminster Presbyterian Church

3900 West End Avenue, Nashville

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Bratcher
(1933-2016)

Robert Brown
(1944-2016)

Peter N. Fyfe
(1923-2016)

Marjorie Jennings
(1930-2016)

Marian Ross
(1923-2016)

ARTS CALENDAR — JUNE

JUNE, 2016

June 5 — 4:00 PM
Chancel Choir Concert
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
110 E. Lincoln Street, Tullahoma, TN
Evans Baird, Director
Retirement Concert and Reception

June 27 — 7:30 PM
“Bach for Everyone” concert
(part of Association of Lutheran Church Musicians
Region 2 Conference)
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
908 Murfreesboro Road
Franklin, TN

June 28 — 7:30 PM
Bach Vespers with Cantata
Rick Erickson, Conductor, with strings
(part of Association of Lutheran Church Musicians
Region 2 Conference)
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
908 Murfreesboro Road
Franklin, TN

The complete arts calendar is available at our chapter website, Nashvilleago.org

Prepared by Gayle Sullivan, Arts Calendar Chair

AVAILABLE SUBSTITUTES

A current list of available substitutes can be found at our Chapter Website, www.nashvilleago.org.

MEMBER NEWS

Sincere condolences to family and friends of **Peter Fyfe**. His service will be held on June 6 at 11:00 AM at Christ Episcopal Cathedral with visitation at 10:00 AM.

Condolences to the family and friends of **Robert Bratcher**. Arrangements are pending.

Long-time member, **Lee Engles**, has retired as organist at Rehoboth UMC, Gallatin. He completes 60 years as a church musician. Lee has made a generous offer of his vast organ music library for free. Elizabeth Smith is making it possible for you to browse Lee's library at Lois Fyfe Music. Thank you to Elizabeth and especially to Lee; we send our congratulations.

Recently **Wilma Jensen** played a concert at The Episcopal Church of Saint Barnabas on the Desert in Scottsdale, Arizona, followed by her presentation of a class on “Developing Natural Keyboard Technique” the next morning. The event was co-sponsored by the Central Arizona AGO Chapter. Paul Lee, Choirmaster/Organist of Saint Barnabas and former student of Wilma's at Indiana University, invited her to conduct the choir and play a Closing Voluntary for services on Sunday morning.

The Music Ministry of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Tullahoma will hold a Hymn Festival on Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 PM at the church, 110 E. Lincoln Street in Tullahoma. The concert will consist of anthems by the St. Barnabas' Chancel Choir under the direction of **Evans Baird**, congregational hymn singing, and organ voluntaries and hymn improvisations by Don Dicie on the newly enlarged Casavant Freres pipe organ. After the concert, a reception honoring Evans Baird, who is retiring after 20 years as Director of Music at St. Barnabas, will be held in the Parish Hall.

Welcome New Members:

Isaiah M. Evans (Student)
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Caroline Stouffer (Student)
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Caroline and Isaiah are students of Nick Bergin.

FROM JONATHAN SETZER, YEARBOOK EDITOR

After a two-year study by members of the Yearbook Staff and a special Yearbook Task Force of the compiling, editing, and printing of our annual Yearbook, the Executive Board has unanimously voted to approve the implementation of a digital Membership Roster, which will be available to all Chapter members in a member login/password protected area of our Chapter website. Members will be able to login from the website, open, and view the PDF of the roster file. Members will be able to print a copy, or save to their desktop, tablet, or smart phone.

Because of rising print, production, and mailing costs (almost \$1,700 this past year), and shrinking advertising funds to help offset these costs, the Executive Board also voted to cease the printing of an annual Yearbook. This move from an annual printed directory to a digital-only format is in line with many other chapters of our size, and will allow us the ability to continually edit and update member information, and to add new members as they join. For our snail-mail members, a printed copy of the Membership Roster will be provided, and help will be available to any member who may have difficulty accessing or printing a copy from the website.

The member photo section of the current printed Yearbook will also be included in this “member only” section of the website. We will be working to update this file with more recent photos from scheduled photo shoot-nights before Chapter dinners and individual member picture submissions.

The login and password information to access the Membership Roster will be sent later this summer to all members in a Chapter email. Included in the email will be instructions on how to access, save, and print the file, and whom to contact if assistance is needed.

Many thanks to members of the Yearbook Staff and Task Force, who have worked to make this possible for our Chapter. I add a very special thanks to **Sharron Lyon, Darryl Miller, Pat Parris, Gary Scott, and Ken Stein** for countless hours of contribution on past and present Yearbooks and the implementation of the new digital Membership Roster.

Jonathan Setzer
Membership Roster Editor

DUES RENEWAL

It's time to renew your AGO membership for 2016-2017. Unless you are a newer member (joined AGO since December 2015), your membership expires on June 30th. You are encouraged to pay your dues by June 1. It makes Gary Scott and Janet Schmidt very happy when dues are paid on time.

ONCARD is our dues collection method. You should have received your invoice by email or snail mail from National AGO Headquarters.

Renewal payments can be made in either of two ways:

1. Online to www.agohq.org using a credit card
2. Mailing your printed invoice with a check to National AGO headquarters

VERY IMPORTANT: Along with paying your dues, login to ONCARD and verify your personal information: home mailing address, all telephone numbers, AGO certificates held, your church/institution position(s), your availability as a substitute, etc. Our 2016-2017 Yearbook will come directly from the information in ONCARD.

If you need help verifying your personal information, please contact Gary Scott, our ONCARD LIAISON. His contact information is shown below.

Dues amounts remain unchanged from last year. Here are the amounts for each membership category:

Regular.....	\$100
Student.....	\$ 40
Special.....	\$ 75 (age 65 and above)
Partner.....	\$ 75 (no TAO subscription)
Friend.....	\$ 45 (no TAO subscription)

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Other questions may be directed to Janet Schmidt, Membership Chair, Nashville AGO, janetschmidt@gmail.com or 615-400-9537.

Have a wonderful summer!

Gary Scott and Janet Schmidt