

PIPELINES

NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

JUNE, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the May meeting. Thank you to **Melissa Emerson** and the staff at Calvary United Methodist for hosting the evening's program and dinner, and to **Rev. Stuart Gordon, Sam Levine**, and the Dixieland combo for their contributions to our worship.

Congratulations to the newly-elected officers: **Matt Phelps**, Dean-Elect and Program Chair; **Dawn Seidenschwarz**, Secretary; and **Gary Scott**, Treasurer, and new members of the Executive Committee: **Melissa Emerson, Woosug Kang**, and **Anthony Williams**. Three Executive Committee members had terms expiring in 2017: **Josh Coble, Marjorie Proctor**, and **Hank Woerner**. We thank them for their dedicated and thoughtful service. Thank you to everyone who considered a chapter role!

Our chapter is a strong one, in part because there are so many active participants in the chapter's activities. Each month's *Pipelines* brings updates to the Arts Calendar, Positions Available, and Member Updates and Information; **Gayle Sullivan, Charlotte Hughes**, and **Janet Schmidt** keep a close eye on these areas. **Darryl Miller** and **Sharron Lyon** are the team, though, that keeps us on track, pulls all the information together, and edits, resizes, and formats it to create the appealing and accurate finished product. After many years in the role, Sharron has asked to pass her editing baton to **Nick Bergin**. Sharron's unique organizational and editing skills have been deployed to our chapter's benefit for many years. In addition, she is so knowledgeable of our chapter members, their connections and stories, and has been a fount of support and information to our chapter's leadership. Sharron, we thank you for your many years of editorship and look forward to perhaps seeing you in another role!

Thank you for the honor of serving you this year as Nashville Chapter's Dean.

Rhonda Swanson

A WORD FROM THE INCOMING DEAN

Dear Nashville Colleagues,

I hope the summer brings refreshment and a chance to enjoy the longer (and, I hope, simpler) days of summer. We owe a great deal of thanks to the many members of our chapter who worked this last year to provide us with programs which were thrilling, informative, contemplative, and inspiring.

The program committee for next year, Darryl Miller, Jackson Schoos, Woosug Kang, and your new dean have planned a grand year for anyone interested in organ and choral music. Highlights include visits by John Ferguson, David Cherwien, Philip Stopford, and the great Fred Swann!

We hope you will plan to attend each meeting! And we also hope you will volunteer to help with our January Jubilee, a day of workshops, worship, and professional development.

I look forward to seeing all of you in September. Best wishes for a lovely summer!

Elizabeth Smith

NEW PIPELINES EDITOR

With this issue of *Pipelines*, I pass the editor baton to **Nick Bergin**. I am grateful to so many of our chapter members for their contributions through the years. **Darryl Miller**, typesetter extraordinaire, makes us all look good. Other members have provided updates on Programs, Membership, Job Openings and Substitutes, Arts Calendar, Snail-mail postal list, Website, Dinner Reservations, Nominations, Membership Directory, Treasury and so much more. Our chapter is in good hands with Nick and our Pipelines staff.

Cheers to all.

Sharron Lyon

MEMBER NEWS

One of our student members, **Nathaniel Brown**, is playing a Farewell Organ Concert on July 23 at 4:00 PM, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Congratulations to Nathaniel as he begins his master's degree at Florida State University.

We bid a fond farewell to **Caitlin Dowling** as she leaves Nashville for Atlanta. Congratulations on her new post at St. Luke's Episcopal Church as Music Associate/Principal Organist.

Congratulations to **Dr. Woosug Kang**. He graduated May 5 with a Doctorate in Music (DM), major in organ performance, minors in music history and sacred music, from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University.

Douglas Murray is one of five semi-finalists of the NCOI competition, to be held in Montreal in July. Congratulations.

Melvin Potts has a new email address: melorganist@gmail.com.

Condolences to **Dwayne Short** on the loss of his father in April and to **Abby Woods Haake** on the loss of her father-in-law in May.

Congratulations to **Janet Schmidt** on her new position as Organist/Music Director at Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Tennessee.

FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR JANET SCHMIDT

It was a very good year for Nashville AGO. Many of you send me contact info for prospective members, and I encourage all of you to do that. We especially need to focus on young organists and choral directors who would benefit from our programs and enjoy being part of our wonderful guild.

Our membership renewal drive is in full swing for those whose renewal date is July 1. National should have sent your invoice a few weeks ago. Contact me if you need any help with your membership renewal. As of May 26, 34 of our July 1st renewals have paid. That makes Gary Scott and me very happy. I'll begin emailing and phoning those who have not renewed after July 1.

Have a wonderful summer! I look forward to seeing all of you in September and hope to see you at our Regional Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, June 10-14. My husband Dave and I lived in Jacksonville for many years, and I know that you will enjoy the organs and churches hosting this exciting event. Other attractions include the beautiful, mile-wide St. John's River, which flows north to the Atlantic Ocean, and Tuesday afternoon/evening in St. Augustine, the oldest U.S. city. If you're still considering attending, please register at

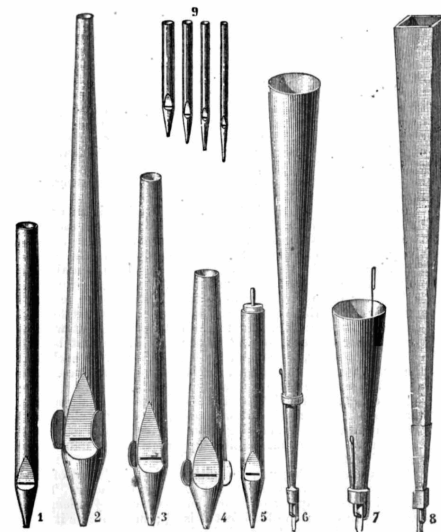
<http://www.jaxago.org/2017-regional-convention.html>

You won't regret it.

To join Nashville AGO, renew your membership, or update your information: www.agohq.org/oncard

To update your information for our online Chapter Directory: www.nashvilleago.org

Janet Schmidt
Nashville AGO Membership Chair
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**2017-2018
NASHVILLE CHAPTER PROGRAMS**

September 11, 2017 (Monday)

Opening Service with Michael Williams, Speaker

Cathedral of the Incarnation

2015 West Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203

October 9, 2017 (Monday)

Choral Reading Session

Philip Stopford, Composer

Belmont United Methodist Church

2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212

November 13, 2017 (Monday)

**Hymn Festival for 500th Anniversary
of the Reformation**

John Ferguson, Leader

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

908 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin, TN 37064

January 13, 2018 (Saturday)

January Jubilee

David Cherwien, Clinician

St. George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205

February 5, 2018 (Monday)

Back to the Future: Honoring Our Senior Members

Covenant Presbyterian Church

33 Burton Hills Blvd., Nashville, TN 37215

March 5, 2018 (Monday)

Sewanee Choir in Concert

Belle Meade United Methodist Church

121 Davidson Road, Nashville, TN 37205

April 9, 2018 (Monday)

Joshua Stafford, Organist

Westminster Presbyterian Church

3900 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205

May 7, 2018 (Monday)

Banquet with Fred Swann, Speaker

Cathedral of the Incarnation

2015 West Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203

DUES RENEWAL

It's that time of year when most of us need to renew our AGO membership for the upcoming year. Your membership expires on June 30th unless you have joined since December 2014. In the case of these newer members, your renewal/expiration date depends on the month when you first joined. It makes Gary Scott and Janet Schmidt very happy when dues are paid on time.

ONCARD is our dues collection method. Watch your email for an invoice from National AGO Headquarters. If you do not have an email address on file with National, your invoice will be mailed to you.

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 (address shown on invoice).

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 online membership directory comes 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.

New dues rates and revised categories are explained in detail in the following article.

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.

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

AGO DUES CHANGES

A new membership dues schedule was approved at the January 2017 meeting of the AGO National Council. Several notable changes were also made to membership categories. *All changes took effect on April 1 for new members*, and on the *renewal date for renewing members* with expiration dates beginning on or after July 1, 2017. Modest increases were made across all membership categories. Here are the details:

- A discount of \$8 is available to all members who elect to receive electronic delivery of TAO rather than a printed copy.
- The Student membership category (for full-time students) was eliminated and replaced with the Young Organist membership category (under age 30).
- The Partner membership category was eliminated.
- If you are a Regular or Special member, your dues will increase by \$5. However, if you choose electronic delivery of TAO, your dues will go down by \$3.
- If you are a Student member, your dues will go up by \$10 when you renew as a Young Organist. If you choose electronic delivery of TAO, your dues will go up by only \$2.
- If you are a Partner member, your dues will go up by \$30 if you renew as a Regular member and by \$5 if you renew as a Special member. If you choose electronic delivery of TAO, your dues will go up by \$22 if you renew as a Regular member or down by \$3 if you renew as a Special member.

TAO will remain available in electronic form to ALL members through the AGO website.

Membership Category Descriptions:

First rate shown includes print copy of TAO;

second rate does not include print copy.

Regular – Ages 30-64 - \$105 / \$97

Special – Ages 65 and older - \$80 / \$72

Young Organist – Under age 30 - \$50 / \$42

Regular Dual – 2nd chapter or more - \$41

Young Organist Dual – 2nd chapter or more - \$18

Chapter Friend (Nashville Chapter) – \$45

Gary Scott, Treasurer and ONCARD Liaison

JOB OPENINGS

Central Christian Church, Murfreesboro has an opening for an organist for one Sunday service (10:45 AM) and Wednesday evening choir rehearsal each week, as well as occasional special services during the church year. Rodgers 3-manual organ with Midi. Salary is negotiable. Contact Rev. Steve Odom at 615-893-2764 or steven.odom@gmail.com.

East End United Methodist Church, Nashville is searching for an organist beginning in July. This will include 9:00 and 10:30 AM services beginning in September (with a trial run in July; only one service in August). Children's choir and the sanctuary choir hold rehearsals on Sunday evenings at 5:00 and 6:00 PM respectively. Please contact Joe Lee, Director of Music Ministries at joseph.a.lee@hotmail.com.

First United Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN, has an 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. Salary is negotiable. Contact Donna Campbell, Director of Music, at 931-808-8415 or Senior Pastor Tommy Vann at 931-473-4419 (church) or 931-626-9388 (cell).

Grace Baptist Church, Nashville is seeking someone to fill the position of organist. It is a part-time position requiring around six hours a week on campus. We require up to three hours on Wednesday evenings for worship and choir rehearsal and about three hours on Sundays for worship with special events extra. Those interested may contact David Harbison at dhARBISON@gbcnashville.com or by calling (615) 865-6262.

Rivermont Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Chattanooga, TN is accepting applications/resumes for the part-time position of organist — responsibilities include playing organ, accompanying the choir, and accompanying occasional soloists for the 11:00 AM Sunday service and Wednesday evening choir rehearsal. Special services will also be included. Send resumes and inquiries to rpcorganist@gmail.com or mail to the church C/O Beth Russell. Mailing address is 3319 Hixson Pike, Chattanooga, TN 37415.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro is seeking applicants for a part-time Worship Accompanist to provide piano and organ accompaniment that supports the music and worship ministries of the church. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter describing their interest and professional resume, including contact information for three references, to the Worship Accompanist Search Committee via email to Rev. Mary Dicken at mary@stmarkstn.org. A complete job description is available on the church's website <http://www.stmarkstn.org> under the "Jobs" tab.

Union Hill Baptist Church, Goodlettsville TN, is searching for an organist to play the 11:00 AM Sunday worship service, Wednesday night choir rehearsals, and any special programs. For further information, call or text Marti Hartman, Worship Leader, at 615-202-1476, or e-mail her at marti-jo@comcast.net.

SUBSTITUTES

An updated substitute list is available on the chapter website: www.nashvilleago.org

Charlotte Hughes, Placement Chair

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Our Chapter Membership Directory is available on our chapter website, and is updated on a regular basis. Simply go to the website: <http://www.nashvilleago.org/>. Click on the "Members Section" tab, and you will be prompted to enter a Username and Password. The Members Section includes two versions of the Membership Directory, which you may view, save to your desktop, tablet, or smart phone, or print. The Members Section also includes the Photo Album from our last edition of the printed Yearbook.

If you have not received the username and password, or for issues concerning the website or Members Section access, please contact Pat Parris: peparris@parrisgraphics.com

For questions concerning the Membership or Photo Directories, or to request a printout of the Directory or other Chapter documents, please contact Jonathan Setzer: jonathancsetzer@gmail.com

Jonathan Setzer, Membership Directory Editor

MAY DINNER BLESSING

Deuteronomy 31:16, 19, 22

GOD spoke to Moses: "You're about to die and be buried with your ancestors. You'll no sooner be in the grave than this people...will abandon me and violate my Covenant..." "But for right now, copy down this song and teach the People of Israel to sing it by heart. They'll have it then as my witness against them..." So Moses wrote down this song that very day and taught it to the People of Israel. (from The Message)

Creator, composer Lord: You made us for harmonious fellowship with you. Yet it is so easy to rewrite stanza and refrain of your expectations. Forgive us when we live out-of-tune with you. Like Moses, we are indebted and grateful for the songs you have put in our hearts; songs to teach, reveal, inspire, and encourage. Within our hearts there are melodies, hymns to assure us you live and to enable us to do your will and work. Thank you for our meal and for our new chapter leaders. While apart this summer, bind our hearts with your presence. Your grateful servants, Amen.

Dr. Felix Montgomery

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THE RALEIGH RINGERS IN CONCERT

Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 4:00 PM

First Baptist Church, Nashville



The Raleigh Ringers are an internationally acclaimed concert handbell choir based in Raleigh, North Carolina. Since their founding in 1990, The Raleigh Ringers have been dazzling audiences with unique interpretations of sacred, secular, and popular music arranged for handbells.

Directed by David M. Harris, The Raleigh Ringers perform on one of the most extensive collections of bells and bell-like instruments owned by any handbell ensemble in the world. They have made a significant impact on the world's handbell music repertoire by commissioning more than 130 compositions and arrangements for handbells.

The ensemble was nominated for a Mid-South regional Emmy, which represents a groundbreaking event since it was the first time any handbell group had ever received an Emmy nomination. They were also honored with the City of Raleigh's "Medal of Arts" award given for their exemplary contributions to the arts community.

Raleigh Ringers website: rr.org

J.W. PEPPER PRESENTS:

SACRED SOUNDS MUSIC READING SESSION AND WORKSHOP

Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 8:30 AM–2:00 PM

First Baptist Church, Nashville



Join clinicians Mary McDonald and Mark Cabaniss to read through all-new sacred choral anthems for the fall, Advent, Christmas, and more. This will be an exciting time for fellowship and song with a focus on traditional and blended music for choirs of all shapes and sizes.

Register online by following this link:

<https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/events?option=register&event=509>