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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

This Lenten season has certainly had its difficult moments for several of our colleagues. Laura Russell had successful knee replacement surgery on both knees. She is recovering, but it will be slower than she had hoped for. About a month ago also, Connie Lacey fell and dislocated her elbow which has sidelined her for the past weeks. That is now healing well but the cause of the fall she has discovered is the need for a hip replacement. That will take place the Monday after Easter. Frank LaGrande also continues to need our prayers. No lack of things to keep us focused on the Lord!

Although Jack Davis' death was not a surprise it will still mean a very tangible loss to our chapter. And just today I heard of the death of Kay Pearson. May God grant them both rest eternal.

I still remember the first meeting of our chapter which I attended about 9 years ago. Jack sought me out at the refreshment time to welcome me. (I had no idea who he was.) He got me talking (and listening) and we soon discovered points of intersection in our lives. (My son at the time was flying F-16's for the Air Force, and Jack had been a pilot in WWII.) Since I am shy by nature and not feeling at home in a group I didn't know, Jack went a long way toward making me feel that I belonged. We all have our "Jack stories" and should treasure them and share them. The AGO Board is discussing possible ways to have some kind of memorial for Jack in the future. Stay tuned.

After we recover from Easter our next chapter event is a dinner following a recital at West Point on April 25th. The recital by Anthony Rispo starts at 3 p.m. So around 5 p.m. those who would like to have dinner together can meet at the Schades Restaurant in Highland Falls. Go out the Thayer Gate on to Main St. It is on the right not very far down the road. It will be necessary to make reservations so we will need to call or email Eric if we would like to be included. You'll get a reminder about a week before.

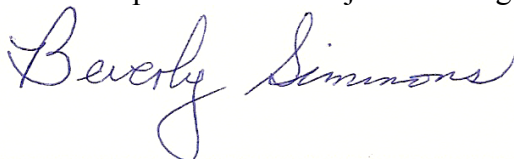
In order to be in compliance with the National By-laws we will be having an election this year. Since we hold biennial elections they are to be held in even numbered years. So everyone on the Board who has agreed to continue to serve plus 4 others who have agreed to run will need to be elected to two year terms. Then we can hold elections every two years according to our own by-laws. (Things got a bit mixed up at the time of our convention so we are trying to straighten them back out.) So next month you will receive a ballot containing the following names:

Beverly Simmons, Dean
Craig Williams, Sub-Dean
Eric Hepp, Treasurer
Laura Russell, Secretary
Nancy Harle
Charles Faverio
Susan Guse
Celestine Campbell
Glenn May
Barbara Bayers

Since we have decided to enlarge the number on the Board to 10, we will need to elect all the people listed or else have a write in candidate. The new Board members will begin their terms on July 1st.

As you are diligently practicing your Easter music don't forget to think about what you might like to play in our Member's Recital in June. More on that in our next newsletter.

Please keep our sick and injured colleagues in prayer. And have a very blessed Easter.



Beverly Simmons, SPC
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

In Memoriam: Jack Davis

Reprinted from The Poughkeepsie Journal

POUGHKEEPSIE - John Albert Davis, Jr., age 86, of Poughkeepsie, New York, died Thursday, March 18, at St. Francis Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer. "Jack" was born July 21, 1923 in Pulaski, New York, to John Albert Davis and Ruth Potter Davis. He graduated early from Pulaski Academy, and became an organ major at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. Jack interrupted his studies to join the Army Air Corps as a second Lieutenant during World War II. He served with distinction as a bomber pilot in the European Theater of Operations, flying 66 missions over Germany and its occupied countries. When he returned from duty, he was married to Dorothy Ann Deininger of Wollaston, Massachusetts on August 6, 1945. Jack resumed his studies at Westminster, graduating with a Bachelor of Music degree. He spoke often of this period in his life, and how much he enjoyed being totally immersed in the music community. He and "Dottie Ann" were both members of the college chorus, which was frequently hired to perform with such noted orchestras as the New York Philharmonic. After graduation, the couple was recruited by Park Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Jack became the organist and choirmaster, and Dottie Ann directed the children's choirs. In 1955 Jack was appointed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to serve as the organist and choirmaster at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. During this period he earned a Masters Degree in Musicology from Boston University. In addition to his chapel duties, he taught music appreciation courses at West Point, and was affectionately known as "Doc" by the cadets because of the honorary doctorate in music bestowed on him by Westminster Choir College. While at West Point he also directed the Ladycliff College Women's Glee Club for many years. Jack retired from West Point in 1985, and became the organist choirmaster at the Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie, New York. He remained there until December 2009. Jack was a Mason for over 50 years, and also a distinguished member of the American Guild of Organists. Jack is survived by his daughter Ellen and her husband Owen, his son John Alec, his son Peter and his wife Irma; two grandsons, George Adam and his wife Martha, and John Adam and his wife Erin; and one great grandson, Riley Adam. He is also survived by several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Dorothy Ann, and his two brothers Richard and Harold. Funeral services for John A. Davis, Jr. was held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 24, at the Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York. The Reverend Bob Geehan, pastor, officiated. Donations may be made to the Organ fund at the Reformed Church. Arrangements are entrusted to Schoonmaker Funeral Home, 110 Fulton Ave., Poughkeepsie. For John's guest book please visit www.hudsonvalley.funeralhomes.com.

Editor's Corner

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Deadline for Next Newsletter

We are always glad to receive input for the chapter newsletter in the form of calendar items, reviews of recent concerts and events, biographies, letters, photographs, etc. In order to make sure these submissions can be processed in a timely fashion, please make sure they are received by the 23rd of each month. However, material such as calendar items may be submitted at any time; even if the material may not make it into the printed newsletter, it can be quickly posted on our web site at www.chvago.org.

You may submit newsletter or web site material by mail, e-mail, fax or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given below. Remember, the deadline for the next printed newsletter, to be available the first week in May, is April 23rd.

List of Organ Substitutes

The following chapter members have indicated that they will serve as substitute organists. Please contact them directly if you would like more information.

Denise Bassen	845-226-1564	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Barbara Bayers	203-260-4295	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs)	845-888-5318
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Eric Hepp	
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	(no weekday funerals)	845-489-2625
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-544-2782
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		<u>Student</u>	
Maris Kristapsons		Gregory S. Quaglieni	845-786-0011
(no weddings)	845-635-8837		

List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated that they are accepting new organ students. We are in the process of soliciting brief biographies from each of them, which will be posted on our web site as they are received. Please contact the teachers directly if you would like more information.

Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Charles Surber	845-544-2782

Position Openings - Summary

Position openings are listed without charge for three months unless an extension is requested. If you would like to place a listing, please contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

Editor's Note – Due to space considerations, the following list of position openings includes only the type of position and hiring institution. Complete information about positions is available on our web site at www.chvago.org, or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - STAATSBURG, NY 3-15-2010

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC (Part-Time)
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - RED HOOK, NY 3-15-2010

CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)
LYALL MEMORIAL FEDERATED CHURCH - MILLBROOK, NY Filled

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER (Part-Time)
HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, KINGSTON, NY. 12/21/2009

ORGANIST - (Temporary)
ST. PATRICK'S RC CHURCH, HIGHLAND MILLS, NY Withdrawn 3-29-2010

HOPEWELL REFORMED CHURCH - HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY Filled 3/5/2010

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH - WALDEN, NY Renewed 11-23-2009

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.

Events listed in the calendar are not necessarily endorsed by CHVAGO.

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, April 25, 2010
3:00 PM

Organ Concert by Anthony Rispo
Mr. Rispo is a student of Todd Wilson at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY.
Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday, April 25, 2010
following the concert at
West Point

Chapter Dinner
Those attending the Organ Recital by Anthony Rispo are invited to have dinner together following the recital at Schades Restaurant, 457 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY. Exit through the Thayer Gate and proceed on Main Street about 800 feet to the restaurant on the right. We do need to have a head count to make a reservation. If you plan to attend, or for more information, please contact **Eric Hepp** at 845-790-3381.

Sunday, May 2, 2010
Time TBD

Organ Crawl in Kingston, NY
Watch for details in next month's newsletter!

Saturday, May 8, 2010
7:30 PM

Mother's Day Concert by the Evergreen Chorus
The Evergreen Chorus is a member chapter of Sweet Adelines International (women's a cappella harmony). St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 110 Overlook Road, Poughkeepsie, NY. Free. Info: 845-452-6832

Saturday, May 8, 2010
8:00 PM

Kairos: Spring A Cappella Concert
Kairos: A Consort of Singers, under the direction of Edward Lundergan, presents its Spring a cappella concert featuring works by Rheinberger, Brahms, Messaien, Duruflé, Monteverdi, Schütz and Ginastera. Location: Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 30 Pine Grove Avenue, Kingston, NY. Tickets are \$12 general admission; \$10 seniors; \$5 youth and students. Tickets can be ordered on-line at <http://www.kairosconsort.org/orderform.htm>. Info: 845-256-9114.

Sunday, May 9, 2010
3:00 PM

Juilliard Trombone Chorus Concert
Condcuted by Joseph Alessi, Principal Trombonist of the NY Philharmonic. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday, May 9, 2010
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Kairos: A Consort of Singers, under the direction of Edward Lundergan, presents its Spring a cappella concert featuring works by Rheinberger, Brahms, Messaien, Duruflé, Monteverdi, Schütz and Ginastera. Location: Poughkeepsie Friends Meeting, 249 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY
Tickets are \$12 general admission; \$10 seniors; \$5 youth and students. Tickets can be ordered on-line at <http://www.kairosconsort.org/orderform.htm>. Info: 845-256-9114.

Sunday, May 16, 2010
3:00 PM

USMA Concert Band
LTC Timothy Holtan, director. A variety of classic and patriotic favorites in the beautiful acoustical setting of the Cadet Chapel. The USMA Band will join with Organist/Choirmaster **Craig S. Williams** in the performance of Bert Truax's *Legacies of Honor* and Saint-Saëns' *Organ Symphony*. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday, June 6, 2010
4:00 PM

Kairos: 2010 Bach Cantata Series
Kairos: A Consort of Singers, under the direction of Edward Lundergan, will present the third in its 2010 Bach Cantata series with a performance of Cantata 186, *Ärgre dich, O Seele, nicht*, with chamber orchestra. The concert will also feature an instrumental work by the Baroque master. The concert is free to the public (free-will offering gratefully accepted). The cantata

and instrumental work will be performed as part of a choral evensong service. Location: Holy Cross Monastery, Route 9W, West Park, NY. Info: 845-256-9114.

Sunday, June 6, 2010
6:00 PM

"Peace Through Music" - Dutchess County Interfaith Council Music Festival

Please join this year's Combined Interfaith Choir - sing yourself and urge your friends to join in. Singers need to attend at least three rehearsals. The rehearsal schedule is:

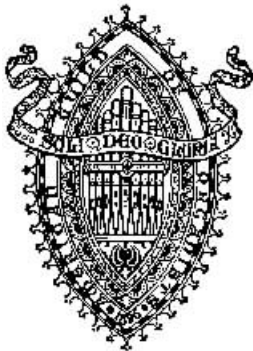
- Sunday, April 11, St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie
- Sunday, April 18, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 2611 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls
- Sunday, May 16, St Paul's Episcopal Church, 161 Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie
- Sunday, May 23, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 2611 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls

Singers need to attend at least three rehearsals. Concert location: Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 2611 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY. For more information contact the DCIC office at 845-471-7333.

<p>Sunday, June 13, 2010 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Annual Members' Recital Start practicing now! Prospective performers must contact Eric Hepp at 845-790-3381 with information on what they intend to play. For practice times please contact Susan Guse at 845-227-7696, who will provide information about the organ. The concert is open to the public and will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY. Free will offerings will be accepted.</p>
<p>Monday, June 21 through Saturday, June 26, 2010</p>	<p>Organ Historical Society Convention Pittsburgh, PA. Info: www.organsociety.org</p>
<p>Sunday, July 4 through Thursday, July 8, 2010</p>	<p>AGO National Convention 2010 Washington, DC. For details see this month's issue of <i>The American Organist</i> or visit the web site at www.ago2010.org.</p>
<p>Sunday, July 18, 2010 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Annual Chapter Picnic To be held at the home of Eric Hepp, 24 LorMar Court, Wappingers Falls, NY. Further details to follow.</p>
<p>Sunday, October 24, 2010 Time TBD</p>	<p>Choral Evensong Further details to be announced in upcoming newsletters.</p>



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