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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Easter is around the corner and hopefully (in spite of the snow currently coming down!) spring as well. I know it will be a welcome relief this year to say good-bye to winter. After Easter we all need to get ready for the Member's Recital at Zion Episcopal in Wappingers Falls on May 22 at 3:00 PM. If you are able to practice during the day you may go to the office (in the house next to the church) and ask the administrator, Chris, for the keys. (Zion's phone is 845-297-9797.) She is there Monday through Thursday from 8 to 4:30 (with a lunch break from 12-1). If it is absolutely impossible to go during any of those times then Gregory Citarella has agreed to be the person to contact (845-297-7693). He will have a set of keys and can let you in to practice. (All of this will be in place after Easter. Before that I'm sure

we're all busy in our own parishes.) You can, however, send ea message at beverlysim@verizon.net or call me at 845-463-1249 anytime to let me know what piece you will be playing, the composer and dates and the approximate length. I will be putting the program together.

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to attend a workshop given by Brian Wren, the hymn writer. If you check your denominational hymnal in the author index you will most likely find a number of entries. He wrote "I come with joy to meet my Lord" as well as "Christ upon the mountain peak" and "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing." He had been commissioned to write a new hymn for this conference and I would like to share it with you here. The text is perfect for Maundy Thursday as well as other occasions. The meter is 10. 10. 10. 10. 10. It can be sung to *Unde et memores* or *Song I*. There are no doubt other tunes with the same meter. Do remember that you need a copyright license (such as onelicense.net) to reprint the words or use them in any way. We have such a license at Trinity so I plan to use it during the foot washing on Maundy Thursday.

*Christ Jesus, on the night you were betrayed
you knelt to wash our feet, and called us "friends."
Then from the heart, with all your heart you prayed
to God, the Life on whom all life depends,
that we would take the Way you had begun,
walk in your love, and in your love be one.*

*Forgive us when we do each other down
with gossip, insult, ridicule or guile,
or when we do not care enough to frown,
debate and differ, clash and reconcile.
Give us persistent zeal in all we do
to love as you love us, and follow you.*

*Good Shepherd, through our glory, grief and shame
you pray for us, and daily, hour by hour,
lift every life and utter every name
with dying love and resurrection power.
A towel and basin shall declare
our joint thanksgiving and your constant prayer.*

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As we celebrate Easter this year let us also remember those who are celebrating in the nearer presence of God. I'm thinking especially of Jay Shupe, a long- time friend and supporter of our chapter. We were all saddened to learn of his death in February and we send our sympathy to Jeanne, his widow. His cheerful countenance and support will be greatly missed.

In the near future we hope to have a "choral lending library" in the "Private" section of our website. Those of us who have our libraries on the computer and who are willing to lend out

music will be able to post lists of our holdings. Then anyone wanting to borrow a piece can contact that director and make the arrangements. I'll tell you more when we actually have it up and running.

I hope you have a blessed Lent and a glorious Easter. Happy Passover to our Jewish friends.



Beverly Simmons, SPC
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

In Memoriam: Jasper A.D. Shupe, Jr. (1921 - 2011)

FISHKILL - Jasper A.D. "Jay" Shupe, Jr. of Fishkill, NY, beloved husband of Jeanne Shupe, passed away on February 23, 2011. Jay has been a highly valued friend of our chapter for many years.

Jay was born on July 23, 1921 in Collierstown, VA to Jasper A. D. Shupe and Josephine Mitchell Shupe.

After graduation from Powhatan (Virginia) High School he came to New York City to work for Norman Bel Geddes, who built the General Motors Exhibit for the 1939 Worlds Fair. After the Worlds Fair he began his banking career with the New York Chapter, American Institute of Banking and was with a savings bank in New York City until he enlisted in the Navy on December 8, 1941 following the attack on Pearl Harbor. His service in the Navy included participation in the invasions of Leyte and Salerno (Italy) and five invasions in the Pacific.

After the war he resumed his banking career in New Jersey, was a Federal Deposit Insurance Bank Examiner and joined the Beacon Savings Bank in 1959, serving as President from 1961 to 1974, and retired from Albany Savings Bank in December 1981.

Jay was an active member of the Beacon Kiwanis Club for over 45 years, served as club President and as a New York Lieutenant Governor and in the Seminole, FL Kiwanis Club. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Spruce Ridge Condominium Association, where he also served as Chairman of the Landscaping Committee. He was a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of the former Highland Hospital, Beacon. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, where he and his wife sponsored an annual concert at the church in celebration of their wedding anniversary. In his later years Jay became a student of pipe organs, traveling throughout the Northeast to listen to their unique tonal qualities and learn about their construction and maintenance.

On September 19, 1942 he married Jeanne Tremblay in Metuchen, New Jersey. In addition to his wife of 68 years he is survived by his sons Jasper (Jay) Shupe, III (Wendy) of Glenville,

NY and Donald Shupe (Jane) of Salisbury, NC, grandchildren David Shupe (Ronnie) of Neptune, NJ, Stephanie Shupe Comeau (Richard) of Clifton Park, NY, Renee' Shupe of Durham, NC and four great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, brothers Raymond and Finis and sisters Jane and Ruth.

Services and interment will be private and at the convenience of the family.

A memorial concert and service at the First Presbyterian Church of Beacon will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Libby Funeral Home, Inc. 55 Teller Ave, Beacon, NY

For directions or to leave an online condolence please visit libbyfuneralhome.com.

Obituary published in the Poughkeepsie Journal on February 25, 2011.

2011 POE Dates and Locations Announced

AGO PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS WITH THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Nine Summer Educational Programs for Teenagers and Adults Announced by the AGO with Generous Funding Provided by the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America and the American Institute of Organbuilders

NEW YORK CITY—The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is proud to announce six PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS (POEs) and one POE (Advanced) for students aged 13–18; one POE (Technical) for students aged 16–23; and one POE+ program for adult students in 2011. Generous funding from the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America (APOBA) and the American Institute of Organbuilders (AIO) will support the summer programs, which will be held from coast to coast. Complete contact information for each Pipe Organ Encounter can be found in The American Organist magazine and online at www.agohq.org. The summer schedule follows:

POE for ages 13–18

June 5–10 Waco, Tex.

June 12–17 Birmingham, Ala.

June 12–17 Colorado Springs, Colo.

June 19–24 Wilmington, Del.

June 26–July 1 Ann Arbor, Mich.

July 10–14 Portland, Oreg.

POE (Advanced) for ages 13–18

July 17–22 Boston, Mass.

POE (Technical) for ages 16–23

July 17–22 Boston, Mass.

POE+ for Adults
June 6–11 Rockford, Ill.

“The AGO and APOBA have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship since 1975,” declared AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. “Likewise, the AIO has been active in supporting the Guild’s educational programs, beginning with their partnership in Pulling Out All the Stops, a video produced jointly by the AGO, AIO, APOBA, the Organ Historical Society, and the American Theater Organ Society in 1996. Collectively, APOBA and the AIO have contributed more than \$350,000 in support of the AGO’s educational programs over the past 15 years. For their ongoing, committed generosity in supporting the Guild’s mission to ‘promote the organ,’ we are extremely grateful.”

The PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER is an introduction to the pipe organ through instruction in organ playing, repertoire, history, design, and construction. These regional summer organ music institutes for teenage students provide private and group instruction in service playing and solo repertoire, opportunities to learn about the musical heritage of various religious denominations, and a chance for young musicians to meet others with similar interests. Basic keyboard proficiency is required, although previous organ study is not necessary. The POE (Advanced) provides intermediate to advanced classes in areas such as organ literature, history, pipe organ construction and design, music theory, improvisation, conducting, and service playing for students who have achieved a high level of success in organ study. The POE (Technical) is a program designed for students who are interested in learning the art and craft of organ building. Scholarship assistance is available. The POE+ is a summer program filled with practical information and instruction for adult keyboard musicians interested in improving their service-playing skills. Participants will be introduced to basic organ skills through private instruction and classes. The weeklong experience will lead to greater confidence and competence at the organ.

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	<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>
Barbara Bayers	203-260-4295	Maris Kristapsons
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	(no weddings) 845-635-8837
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	Beverly Simmons 845-463-1249
Nickie Collins	845-462-2240	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Alice Cann 845-223-5344
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Greg Citarella 845-297-7693
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	845-489-2625
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814	Charles Surber (no weddings)
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	845-544-2782
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	
Anne Ressler	845-446-8035	

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
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119		

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 above. Remember, the deadline for the next printed newsletter, to be available the first week in May, is April 23rd.

Editor's Corner

This newsletter is published by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The editor is:

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Position Openings

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, older position openings may include 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.

INTERIM ORGANIST (FOR MAY & JUNE 2011)
ST. AEDAN'S RC CHURCH - PEARL RIVER, NY – Updated 3/30/2011

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
THE REFORMED CHURCH OF POUGHKEEPSIE - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY
11-1-2010

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - (Part-Time)
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE -
WASHINGTONVILLE, NY *6/29/2010*

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
RHINEBECK REFORMED CHURCH - RHINEBECK, NY. *6-24-2010*

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

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 3, 2010
3:00 PM
Organ Recital by Jung-A Lee
Dr. Lee is organist at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, CA and is associated with Vanguard University and the University of California Irvine. She is a former organ scholar of Harvard University. Masterworks include the famous Toccata and Fugue in d by Bach and Sonata on the 94th Psalm by Julius Reubke.
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Thursday, April 7, 2011
7:00 PM
A Lenten Evening of Prayer and Sacred Music
Presented by The Music Ministries of Saint Augustine Church, 140 Maple Avenue, New City, NY 10956. Join us this evening for a beautiful service of sacred music, prayer and reflection for the Lenten season. Including the prayerful music of the Taizé community from the French countryside, we will celebrate the evening prayer of the Church with psalms, readings and hymnody. Instruments include the SUNY Purchase strings and winds, and our Peragallo pipe organ. Saint Augustine's pastor Father Bill Cosgrove offers thoughts and reflections on the holy and solemn season of Lent. Be sure to make this inspiring evening a part of your Lenten preparations. Suggested offering \$10. For more information call 914-318-3268.

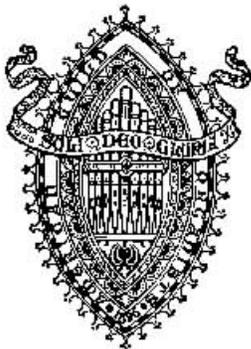
Saturday, April 9 2011
Organ Recital by Peter Krauss
Since 2009, Peter Krauss has been the organist at Blessed Kateri RC

- 7:30 PM Church in LaGrangeville, NY. He has been teaching piano and organ to students of all skill levels since 1990. His musical training includes undergraduate studies at Oberlin Conservatory and a Masters Degree in Music from the Juilliard School of Music. The concert will feature improvisational and original works by Mr. Krauss as well as *Prelude and Fugue in A minor* by Bach and *Fantasia in A major* by Franck. Blessed Kateri Church, 1925 Route 82, LaGrangeville, NY. Admission is free. Info: 845-227-1710.
- Sunday, April 10, 2011
3:00 PM Silent Film wth Live Organ Accompaniment by John Baratta Presented by the New York Theatre Organ Society. The film is Buster Keaton's opus *Steamboat Bill Jr.* John Baratta is Staff Organist at the Lafayette Theatre in Suffern, NY and also organist and choir director at Grace Lutheran Church in River Edge, NJ. Featuring the newly-installed Allen theatre organ at Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School, 156 South Cross Road, Hyde Park, NY. Tickets available at the door and at Molloy's Pharmacy: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and children. All Proceeds to benefit the Organ Teaching Program. Info: 914-475-0444 or jovanderlee@vassar.edu.
- Friday, May 6, 2011
7:30 PM Organ Recital by Craig S. Williams
Craig Williams is Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Christ Episcopal Church, Academy and Barclay Streets, Poughkeepsie. Part of an ongoing series of musical events dedicating the new console of the Gress-Miles pipe organ (III/55). Program will include works by Bach, Dupré, Guilmant, Karg-Elert, Marilyn Rinehart and Vierne. Info: 845-452-8220.
- Sunday, May 8, 2010
3:00 PM Juilliard Trombone Choir Concert
Joseph Alessi, director. Joseph Alessi is the Principal Trombonist of the NY Philharmonic. This concert will feature a new commissioned composition for organ and trombone choir. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu
- Sunday, May 15, 2011
4:00 PM Recital and Gala Benefit Reception honoring organist Thomas Murray Yale University in New Haven, CT. The recital will take place at Woolsey Hall and will feature Thomas Murray giving a solo performance on Yale's world-renowned Newberry Memorial Organ. His program will include Franck's Symphony in D Minor, trans. Calvin Hampton. Craig Whitney, New York Times assistant managing editor (retired) and author of *All the Stops: The Glorious Pipe Organ and Its American Masters*, will serve as emcee. The recital is free and open to the public. The gala benefit reception (tickets required) will follow in the Yale President's Room. All proceeds will benefit the AGO Endowment Fund in Thomas Murray's honor. Gala Reception Tickets are \$100 (\$75 tax deductible) and may be purchased online at www.agohq.org or by calling 212-870-2311, ext. 4308.

Sunday, May 22, 2011 3:00 PM	Annual Members' Recital Start planning your performance piece now! Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls, NY. Further details to be announced.
Sunday, May 22, 2011 7:00 PM	Rockland Vicariate Spring Choir Festival Church of Saint Francis of Assisi, 128 Parrott Road, West Nyack, NY. Individual parish choirs and ensembles from the Vicariate of Rockland County will perform, and will also join forces for several of the choral pieces. The program will include choral works of various composers, assembly hymns and songs, all accompanied by full brass, tympani, and the magnificent 3-manual Rodgers organ at Saint Francis Church. Music ministry members may register with your parish director of music, or contact one of the event coordinators (contact info below). The suggested free-will offering is \$10. Everyone is cordially welcome to attend this wonderful celebration of music ministries. Info: Contact Kyle Mange at 917-685-4945, KyleMange@hotmail.com, or Joe Nigro at 914-318-3268, treasurehousemus@aol.com.
Sunday, June 5, 2011 4:00 PM	Dutchess County Interfaith Council Music Festival New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1860 Rt. 376, Wappingers Falls NY 12590. This well-loved event is DCIC's biggest fund raiser all year. Rehearsals have been scheduled through out the month of May leading up to the Festival. All singers are welcome to attend. For rehearsal info, please visit the web site at http://www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org/music_festival.html .
Sunday, June 12, 2011 4:00 PM	Workshop for Part-Time Organists "Effective Repertoire for Playing Preludes and Postludes throughout the Liturgical Calendar Accessible on a Part-Time Practice Schedule" Presented by Jonathan Hall. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie, NY. Info:845-452-1550
Sunday, July 17, 2011 3:00 PM	Annual Chapter Picnic to be held at the home of Eric Hepp , 24 Lor-Mar Court, Wappingers Falls, NY. Further details forthcoming.
Sunday, November 13, 2011 4:00 PM	Concert of Patriotic Organ and Choral Music – to honor our Veterans Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The concert will include patriotic music played by Craig Williams on the newly refurbished Gress-Miles pipe organ; Favorite Hymns of American Presidents; and Patriotic Choral Music sung by a regional massed choir directed by Laura Ramsey Russell . To sign up to participate in the choir, please email Laura at LRussell@hvc.rr.com. Freewill donations accepted at the door.



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