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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

According to the National AGO headquarters, chapters can hold elections either annually or biennially in even numbered years. Our chapter has chosen the latter. So a nominating committee consisting of Laura Russell, Lois Hoger and Gregory Citarella was formed. I told them that it was my intention to step down at the end of the current term, which is June 30th.

The following are the people nominated for the coming two years:

Dean: Craig Williams

Sub-Dean: Laura Russell

Secretary: Celestine Campbell

Treasurer: Eric Hepp

Membership Chair: Barbara Bayers
Members-at-large: Glenn May, Nancy Harle, Charles Faverio, Janice Grace and Susan LaGrande.

Other names may be added to the ballot if you have the person's permission. Please contact me if you wish to add someone. We will be electing 10 people to our Board. In our next newsletter we will have a ballot you can send in or you may cast your ballot in person at our May meeting which is the Members Recital. Results will be announced in our June newsletter and the new Board takes office on July 1, 2012.

That wonderful Easter Postlude that you have been practicing – why not play it at our Members' Recital on May 18th (Friday) at 7:30 PM? The recital is being held at Christ Church in Poughkeepsie on the recently refurbished Gress-Miles organ. Laura Russell is the contact person. You need to let her know what you are playing and you can also arrange practice time through her. She can be reached at lrussell@hvc.rr.com or 845-485-1648. I'm sure she would appreciate knowing sooner rather than later that you wish to participate – even if you aren't sure yet of your piece.

Please begin putting aside your dues money for the coming year. According to National, the new year begins on May 1st and dues should be collected after that time. Many of us have gotten sloppy about sending in the money in a timely fashion. We hope to correct that this year by sending out reminders after the initial period so that we can wrap it up by the end of summer at the latest. Note: National no longer furnishes Membership cards so please don't ask for one.

Last, but far from least, please remember our next program which is the week after Easter on April 15th (Sunday) from 2-4 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie. Our workshop Presenter, Phyllis Warner, comes to us from Dayton, Ohio. The title of the program is "T-N-T hymn introductions to ignite interest and enthusiasm in hymn singing". The program demonstrates 15 different styles of hymns by examining the Texts aNd Tunes. Ms. Warner will have a handout with a list of over fifty tunes to which the "set-the-mood" techniques can be applied. I believe this approach would be helpful to all of us in our hymn playing. I hope to see you there!



Beverly Simmons, SPC
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

Membership News

As mentioned in the Dean's Letter above, many of us have gotten sloppy about renewing our AGO memberships in recent year – your editor included! So this year we are going to try

very hard to get our membership renewals taken care of early. To that end, next month's newsletter will include a membership renewal form.

It may help you to know in advance that membership rates will be going up this year, from \$92 to \$97 for regular members and from \$67 to \$72 for special members. (Student membership and other categories will remain unchanged at \$37.)

But don't let the slight rise in fees discourage you from renewing your membership! Consider all the benefits that come with membership in the CHVAGO:

- Access to all services provided by AGO headquarters, including education, certification, publications, group insurance, discounts, and other benefits, some of which you may not even know about. For a complete list of these, visit the web page at <http://www.agohq.org/membership/benefits.html>.
- Frequent local chapter events that will inspire and instruct you, including workshops, concerts, socials, and field trips.
- Free access to our web site with all its useful features:
 - Chapter News (including a complete archive of newsletters going back over ten years)
 - Calendar of Events
 - Position Openings
 - Photo Gallery (sadly in need of some new photos submitted by YOU)
 - Sub List
 - List of Local Organs, with specifications and photos
 - List of Organ Teachers
 - Private Area (login required) for our membership roster and other personal information and communication
- Fellowship with and support from your fellow organists. Who else can understand your joys, your frustrations, your interests as an organist? Who else can laugh at your jokes?

We are fortunate to have a very congenial group of people who make up our chapter, from very diverse backgrounds, and with many diverse gifts. It is always a pleasure when we get together and we wish we could do it more often. Don't let this opportunity slip away! Fill out your membership renewal form as soon as you receive it and send it in right away! You'll be glad you did.

An Invitation

Stu Ballinger will be celebrating his 65th Birthday on Saturday, March 31, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at St. Andrews Episcopal Church; 110 Overlook Road, Poughkeepsie. If you miss the party, birthday wishes may be sent to: Mr. Stuart Ballinger, 11 Lown Court, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-3321.

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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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.

Please note that only CHVAGO members in good standing are eligible to be included in this list. If you would like your name listed, please contact the editor using the information above.

Denise Bassen	845-345-1500	<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>	
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	Maris Kristapsons	
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	(no weddings)	845-635-8837
Nickie Collins	845-462-2240	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814		845-489-2625
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Charles Surber (no weddings)	
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474		845-544-2782

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
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Charles Surber	845-544-2782

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.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

HYDE PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - HYDE PARK, NY

Hyde Park United Methodist Church, 1 Church Street, Hyde Park, is looking for a part-time organist and choir director to play for one Sunday liturgy a week at 11:00 AM and approximately 5 mid-week evening services during the year and to lead our choir. The choir consists of 15 volunteers who practice Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM. 2-manual Allen electronic organ, 1980 vintage, with a computer card reader. The Pastor would like to work collaboratively with the organist/choir director. The hymns are chosen by the pastor well in advance from the UMC Hymnal, as well as from The Faith We Sing. The organist would choose the prelude, postlude, and anthem each week. Our liturgical style is traditional Methodist. The stipend is negotiable, paid twice monthly. Funerals and weddings would be extra. The parish pays Workers' Comp and the employer's share of FICA and Medicare taxes. The organist would have free access to the church during the week for practice and/or lessons. References required. Those interested should contact the Pastor, Rev. Eileen Freeman, at 845-229-2114 extension 11 or rev_freeman@verizon.net. 2/18/2012

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

RHINEBECK REFORMED CHURCH - RHINEBECK, NY

The Rhinebeck Reformed Church, a 278-year-old congregation affiliated with the Reformed Church in America, is looking for an organist and/or choir director to collaborate in the leading of worship and to provide musical leadership to approximately 10 adult singers, whose musical background and gifts vary. The ideal candidate must have proficiency in both organ and piano, and should possess experience in leading vocalists. Also, the ideal candidate should have excellent interpersonal, leadership and communication skills across intergenerational lines and musical genres, given that we have a demographically diverse congregation and a blended service. The organ is a fine historic 2-manual, 10-rank tracker instrument built by Frank Roosevelt in 1894; it is original to the building and has been well maintained. The key action is pneumatic. Choir rehearsals take place on Thursdays, from 7 to 8:30 PM, and there is a brief rehearsal prior to worship on Sundays. Other responsibilities will include working with the junior choir and playing, as needed, on Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday Christmas Eve services. Salary is \$12,000 - \$13,000 and predicated on scope of experience, skill sets and responsibilities assumed. Please submit resume and three professional references to the Rhinebeck Reformed Church, 6368 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572 or by e-mail at rhinebeckreformed@frontiernet.net. 2/18/2012

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.

- Friday, April 6, 2012 Senior Recital: Susan Randolph, organ
5:00 PM Music of Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Franck, and Messiaen.
 Vassar College, Poughkeepsie. Free. Info: 845-437-5370.
- Saturday, April 14, 2012 A Concert of Medieval and Renaissance Music, with Medieval
4:00 PM Dinner
 St. John's Recorder Ensemble (Maris Kristapsons, director); Susan
 Guse, harpsichord; Eric Roth, lute; Mary Schappert, harp. An hour-
 long program of European music from medieval and Renaissance
 times, from a variety of countries, composers, and styles. Freewill
 offering will be taken.

After the concert, stay for a festive Medieval Dinner, featuring varied authentic medieval fare.

Dinner prices:

ADULTS \$12 advance/\$15 at the door

SENIORS/STUDENTS \$11 advance/\$12 at the door

CHILDREN (5-10 yrs. old) \$6 advance/\$8 at the door. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 161 Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Tickets & Info: 845-452-8440

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| Sunday, April 15, 2012
2:00 - 4:00 PM | Workshop: "T-N-T hymn introductions to ignite interest and enthusiasm in hymn singing"
Workshop leader is Phyllis Warner from Dayton, Ohio. She will demonstrate ideas to introduce different styles of hymns by examining the Texts and Tunes. Handouts will be distributed.
Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: 845-463-1249. |
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- Sunday, April 15, 2012
3:30 PM Tower Music Series presents The Strawberry Hill Fiddlers
 The Strawberry Hill Fiddlers will give a concert at the Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Free-will offering (suggested donation \$10). Info: towerseries@hvc.rr.com, or check out our website, or call The Reformed Church at 845-452-8110.

- Saturday, April 21, 2012
3:00 PM Recital and Gala Benefit Reception honoring John and Marianne Weaver
 Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia, PA. The recital will feature John and Marianne Weaver, joined by Diane

Meredith Belcher, Chelsea Chen, Ken Cowan, and Alan Morrison. The gala benefit reception will follow. A pre-concert on-stage conversation with the performers will be moderated by Pipedreams Host Michael Barone beginning at 2:15 PM. The gala is sponsored by the AGO National Council, Eileen Guenther, president, and the AGO Development Committee. All proceeds will benefit the AGO Endowment Fund in the Weavers' honor. Recital and Gala Benefit Reception Tickets are \$100 (\$75 tax deductible) and may be purchased by calling 212-870-2311, ext. 4308.

<p>Sunday, April 22, 2012 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Field Trip to hear Craig Williams at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, NYC Craig S. Williams is organist and choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. He will play the Evensong service at 4:00 PM followed by the organ recital at 5:15 PM. St. Thomas Church, located on Fifth Avenue in New York City, boasts two organs of note; Mr. Williams' program will showcase both instruments. On the Loening-Hancock Organ: <i>Praeludium et Fuga in G, BWV 541</i> - Bach; <i>Fantasia super "Christ lag in Todes Banden," BWV 695</i> - Bach; <i>Theme and Variations (1844)</i> - Mendelssohn. On the Arents Memorial Organ: <i>Carillon, Opus 27 No. 4</i> - Marcel Dupré; <i>"Apparition de l'Eglise éternelle"</i> - Messiaen; <i>Prelude on "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"</i> - Rinehart; <i>Toccata</i> - Faxon.</p>
<p>Sunday, May 6, 2012 3:00 PM</p>	<p>FUMC Concert Series - Handbell Concert by New England Ringers Presented by the First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. The New England Ringers is a 15-member community handbell ensemble playing the most advanced level of handbell literature. Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403.</p>
<p>Sunday, May 6, 2012 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Juilliard Trombone Choir The Juilliard Trombone Choir returns for their fourth year in what has become a new favorite West Point spring event! Director Joseph Alessi is the Principal Trombonist of the NY Philharmonic. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact Craig Williams at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu</p>
<p>Sunday, May 6, 2012 7:30 PM POSTPONED - Watch this space for new date in the fall.</p>	<p>Mostly Mozart Concert Flute & Harp Concerto; Haydn or Mozart Symphony Ave verum corpus; Solemn Vespers - Performed by Choir and Orchestra. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Info: 845-452-8220 - POSTPONED</p>
<p>Friday, May 18, 2012</p>	<p>Members' Recital Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Watch this space for further information.</p>

Sunday, May 20, 2012
3:30 PM
Organ Concert by Thomas Sheehan
Former CHVAGO member Thomas Sheehan will give an organ concert at the Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Free-will offering (suggested donation \$10). Info: e-mail us at: towerseries@hvc.rr.com, or check out the Tower Series web site, or call The Reformed Church at 845-452-8110.

Sunday, June 24 through Friday, June 29, 2012
Liturgical Music Institute
The Liturgical Music Institute is a five day comprehensive program whose aim is to offer musical, liturgical and pastoral formation for both new and experienced liturgical musicians. Costs include \$420 for tuition, \$150 for meals and \$270 for accommodations (optional). Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743. Phone: 631-423-0483 ext. 112 - e-mail: music@icseminary.edu.

Sunday, July 8 through Friday, July 13, 2012
Organ Historical Society Convention
Chicago, IL. Info: <http://www.organsociety.org/2012/>.

Monday through Thursday, July 9-19, 2012 from 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Rehearsals for BachFest 2012
The BachFest choir will rehearse Monday through Thursday nights from 7 to 9:30pm the week of July 9 and the week of July 16 at Christ Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie. Go to www.christchurchpok.org for directions to the church. Please contact Laura Russell at LRussell@hvc.rr.com or call 845-485-1648 if you wish to sing in the choir. Choral experience is required. Solos will be selected from within the group, if possible. Attendance at all rehearsals is expected unless a prior arrangement has been made with the director. Deadline for announcing your intention to sing with the choir: early May 2012. Choral selections to be announced.

Friday through Sunday, July 20-22, 2012
BachFest 2012
FULL BACHFEST SCHEDULE: (also see website for updates at www.hudsonvalleysocietyformusic.org)
Keyboard Marathon: Friday, 7/20 at 7:30 PM at Cornwall Presbyterian Church - Contact: Ruthanne Schempf – 845-534-2166
Young Person's Concert: Saturday, 7/21 at 2:00 PM at Cornwall Presbyterian Church - Contact: Emily Faxon – 845-534-8368
Organ Recital and Choral Concert: Saturday, 7/21 at 7:30 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie - Contact: Laura Russell – 845-485-1648
Bach Sunday services: Sunday, 7/22 – various times and places – check website for details - Contact: Emily Faxon – 845-534-8368 and Ed Lundergan

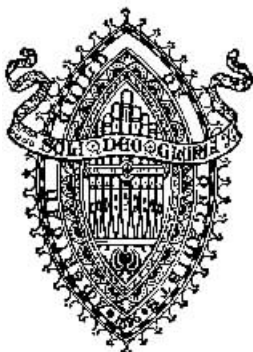
Sunday, July 29, 2012 3:00 PM	Annual Picnic at the home of Eric Hepp, 24 Lor-Mar Court, Wappingers Falls. Watch this space for details as the date approaches.
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It's not too late to register for the AGO National Convention in Nashville, TN - July 1-6, 2012!





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