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Letter from the Dean

Happy “May Day” to all of our CHVAGO members and friends! Gee, I never thought about what a “loaded” month this one is with what seems like a separate spring festival of one kind or another for every day of the first week! Did anyone get to go somewhere to dance around the May pole this year?

Of course, it also occurs to me that “Mayday” is a pretty loaded word indeed in terms of an expression to say there is a major emergency requiring URGENT ACTION! So, um, ok....I am choosing to just leave that RIGHT THERE on the table and move on! Yikes!! To my knowledge, NO such emergency exists right now, so I pray for all of us that it remains so!

I DO hope that everyone with liturgical responsibilities during recent Holy Week and Easter celebrations (or the equally important Orthodox observances one week later), OR Passover OR....whatever such observances you celebrate in your neck of the woods had a very meaningful and thrilling celebration. To be honest, that was why Susan LaGrande and I decided NOT to try to publish an April newsletter since THAT WAS THE EXACT WEEK IT WOULD HAVE GONE OUT and we figured none of you would have any time, energy,

or reason to look at it! Somehow I do not think you missed us, but now with the beautiful month of MAY we are BACK with – as they say – bells on!

Our next upcoming program will be a joint venture between Central Hudson Valley and our near neighbors, the Westchester chapter of AGO. Together we will present an organ recital to showcase the relatively new Schoenstein organ at St. Philip's in the Highlands Episcopal Church in Garrison, NY, on Saturday, May 20th at 1:00 PM. For further details, see below.

The folks in Westchester have a VERY busy summer coming up, also, with their hosting of the Northeast Regional Convention of the Guild at the beginning of July! LOTS of opportunities for summer fun and enrichment. Please do GO and ENJOY TO THE FULLEST (or likewise take in one of the denominational summer events such as the NATIONAL MEETING of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians which takes place in nearby Philadelphia in July. Information on that event may be found at their website, alcm.org)!

Please accept my best wishes for all of you to find summer REST and RENEWAL in whatever activities you seek out! WE NEED YOU to work as we all do to protect our mental and physical health in this demanding profession of ours!

Best wishes,



Benjamin T. Vise, MM, Dean
Central Hudson Valley Chapter of AGO

Member News

- We are so pleased to announce that a new member is joining us! Her name is Karlyn Maschhoff, and she writes:

"I am an active duty chaplain in the army and I am on PCS orders to West Point Military Academy where I will serve as the Garrison Chaplain. I am on the waiting list for housing on post, but will report in June. I joined the chapter as a part of making West Point my new home when I renewed my AGO membership.

I am studying organ currently. My teacher is Dr. Paul Tegels who teaches at Pacific Lutheran, but I study privately with him. I play for our Chapel services on post here at Joint Base Lewis McChord. We have a renovated (several times) Reuter organ that was originally built in the 1930s in our Main Post Chapel. I have been quite busy in the repairs and maintenance since I came. The organ I play for chapel services each Sunday is not so fancy, an electric Allen organ from the 1970s, but the people enjoy the organ music nonetheless.

I have enjoyed sharing the organ with our young Soldiers and their families, some of whom had never heard an organ live before. I have been able to link a few new organ recruits to our local AGO Tacoma chapter. Doing my part to build the future.

I hope this answers some of your questions. I will be visiting West Point for a few days the first week of May before my move in June. A good phone number for me is 505-340-6167.

I go by the name Kari so my Facebook name is Kari Maschhoff. Not to be confused with my twin sister, who is Kristi. I also have a sister in Philadelphia who will be my closest family member after I move to New York."

- We have received the following Easter Greetings from the family of long-time member Connie Lacey, who was formerly organist at Fishkill Reformed Church before her retirement. She now resides at The Pines in Poughkeepsie:
"Thank you for sending cards and reaching out to Connie. Connie will be spending Easter with us at church, hiding eggs for the children in the playground and then brunch at our home. All four kids will be in town along with Lisa's sister's family. Easter used to be full of music and rehearsals as Connie celebrated the holy week so now she is looking forward to going to church and visiting with family.

She plays and electric organ in the dining room and enjoys the many programs, especially the musical events and bingo. She can receive guests who show a negative test (provided and self-administered in the lobby). Thank you again for the many cards and note! She will re-read them several times. Do not hesitate to phone John at 845-750-3114."

Connie can be reached at: Connie Lacey c/o Pines Poughkeepsie, 100 Franklin Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or Connie Lacey c/o 2428 Salt Point Tpke, Clinton Corners, NY 102514.

Upcoming Joint Members' Recital

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 1:00 PM, our chapter will join with the Westchester Chapter to present an organ recital at St. Philip's Church in Garrison, NY. The organ is a new (2019) 3-manual, 16-rank Schoenstein pipe organ (Opus 176). [Click here](#) for a complete stop list. Craig Williams presented the dedicatory concert, which was originally scheduled for March of 2020, but which because of Covid was postponed until October of 2022.

We are hoping to have five performers from each chapter perform in this upcoming recital, and so far from our chapter we have only one commitment to play. We understand that time is short, but we strongly encourage you to join this elite group! If you are interested in presenting a piece to an appreciative audience on this fine instrument, please contact the Westchester chapter Dean, Chris Fasulo, at agowestchester@gmail.com. Chris will be able to advise you about practice times, suitability of repertoire, etc.

Following the recital, anyone interested will be able to try out the organ. A festive reception will follow in the Parish House. The concert is free and everyone is welcome.

List of Organ Substitutes

The following chapter members have indicated on their membership application 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, unless otherwise approved by the Board. More information about each substitute is provided on our web site at www.chvago.org. If you would like your name listed, or if you need to update your information, please contact the editor using the information above.

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Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Christopher Wynkoop	845-926-7389

List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated on their membership application that they are accepting new organ students. Please note that only CHVAGO members in good standing are eligible to be included in this list. More information about each teacher is provided on our web site at www.chvago.org. If you would like your name listed, please contact the editor using the information above.

Meredith Baker	914-261-0028	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-294-8138
Gregory Citarella	845-559-4013	Michael Oosterhout	301-910-5307
Justan Foster	518-965-2389	Benjamin Vise	330-327-0895
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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 above. Remember, the deadline for the next printed newsletter, to be available the first week in June 2023, is May 23.

Editor's Corner

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Position Openings

Editor's Note - Hiring institutions are encouraged to check references from applicants' previous employers. It should not be assumed that applicants who learn of position openings via these listings are endorsed by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. 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 or email chvagoboard@gmail.com.

Editor's Note – Because there are so many new position openings this month, we are choosing not to list all of them in their entirety. If you have questions about a position, please contact the prospective employer directly using the information provided in the complete listing online at http://www.chvago.org/CHVAGO_Positions.php. If you need help accessing the online information, please call Susan LaGrande at 845-226-6496.

ORGANIST/PIANIST - (Part-Time)

SCOTCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - MIDDLETOWN, NY

4/28/2023

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Part-Time

THE CHURCH OF ST MARY - WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY

4/21/2023

PARISH DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Part-Time

**THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ST.JOSEPH AND OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL -
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY**

Revised 4/19/2023

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH - GOSHEN, NY

3/24/2023

MUSIC LEADER - (Part-Time)

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WOODSTOCK, NY

11/28/2022

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWBURGH, NY

11/28/2022

MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part Time)
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - CORNWALL, NY
10/22/2022

CHORAL DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY
Renewed 4/20/2023

ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR (Part-time)
OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH - FISHKILL, NY
5/27/2022

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST - Part-Time
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MIDDLETOWN, NY
3/28/2022

Calendar of Events

If you are interested in having an event posted on this calendar, please contact the web site administrator, [Susan LaGrande](#). Events are selected for inclusion based on their relevance and interest to the members of the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The chapter reserves the right to decline or withdraw listings at any time.

Saturday, May 13, 2023
3:00 PM Organ Concert by Felix Hell
[Felix Hell](#) returns to the Hudson Valley with a concert featuring music by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, and others. [Click here](#) for the concert program. [Click here](#) for organ specifications. [St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church](#), 55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Info: 845-452-1550. Donations accepted.

Saturday, May 20, 2023 Joint Members' Recital
The Central Hudson Valley chapter and the Westchester chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a joint recital by members of both chapters, performing on the new (2019) Schoenstein pipe organ (Opus 176; 16 ranks, 954 pipes, 4 divisions, 3 manuals, 14 stops, 38 registers). [Click here](#) for a complete stop list. Following the recital, anyone interested will be able to try out the organ. A festive reception will follow in the Parish House. [St. Philip's Church in the Highlands](#), 1101 Route 9D Garrison, NY 10524. Free admission. Info: 845-424-3571

Saturday, June 17, 2023
3:00 PM 2023 BachFest Keyboard Festival
Piano and Organ works by J.S. Bach, featuring the *Partita in D major BWV 828* - Sylvia Buccelli, pianist.
Organ works TBD. [Skinner Hall, Vassar College](#), 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Donations accepted. Info: 845-437-7319

Sunday, June 18, 2023 3:00 PM 2023 BachFest Choral and Orchestral Concert
Concerto for Two Violins in D minor BWV 1043 - Carole Cowan and Marka Young, violin soloists
Harpsichord Concerto in E major BWV 1053 - James M. Fitzwilliam, harpsichord soloist
Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in D minor BWV 1049 - Rachel Crozier, violin soloist; Marcia Gates & Amy Hersch, flute soloists
Motet No. 3: Jesu, meine Freude BWV 227 - Laura Ramsey Russell conducting the BachFest Choir.
[Skinner Hall, Vassar College](#), 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Donations accepted. Info: 845-437-7319

Monday, July 3 - Westchester 2023 - AGO Regional Convention
Thursday, July 5, 2023 Westchester2023 is the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention of the AGO. Please join us in July in Westchester County, NY, home to world-class instruments, stunning edifices, and exquisite dining and shopping - all within the beauty of the lower Hudson River Valley. Opening Worship is at Rye Presbyterian Church with the New Choral Society, John T. King, conductor; Janet Yieh and Dina Foster-Osbourne, organists. Closing Concert will also be at Rye Presbyterian Church with the Modus Operandi Orchestra, Justin Bischof, conductor and David Enlow, organist. Solo Recitalists: Peter Richard Conte, Nathan Avakian, Anne Laver, Janet Yieh, Craig Williams, Renee Anne Louprette, Jennifer Pascual, Amanda Mole, and Caroline Robinson. Conference Headquarters: [Sonesta White Plains](#), 66 Hale Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601. Early registration deadline: April 15, 2023. [Click here](#) for more information.

Wednesday, July 5, 2023 2:30 PM Recital by Renée Anne Louprette
Chapter member Renée Anne Louprette will present a recital on the marvelous [1898 Jardine organ of St. Peter's Church in Haverstraw](#), as part of the [Westchester AGO Regional Convention](#). [Click here](#) for Renée's Biography.

Saturday, November 11, 2023 3:00 PM Organ Recital by Renée Anne Louprette
[St. Thomas Church](#), 1 West 53rd Street, New York, NY 10019. More details to be announced.



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