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Letter from the Dean

Greetings Friends.

So much has happened and so much more will happen in the next few weeks, it feels rather intimidating to try to pull the threads together and come up with a message worth reading. Let me start by saying thanks to our Program Committee, Greg Citarella, Jack Davis and Pat Maimone for all the work they've put into the events so far this season. We had a fine session with Agnes Armstrong, two very well attended Pedals, Pipes and Pizza programs – many interested young people; let's do what we can to keep them involved – and a Member's Recital that was varied, of good musical quality and a lot of fun. It was good to have participation from so many members, both old and new. Congratulations to all, and special thanks to Jack for seeing to all the details and to Connie Lacey for organizing the lovely reception.

And if you missed Craig's recital on Nov. 19, you missed a rare treat: many wonderful compositions on many familiar seasonal tunes. It was nice to have two of the composers

present, not to mention the delightful original compositions that Craig himself presented. He was way too modest to tell us ahead of time that he would be including these, but it's great that he did.

Our annual Spuds and Sundaes social is scheduled for Sunday, January 21 at the Fishkill Reformed Church, 4:00 PM. I am in possession of a box of very interesting used music that will be on sale for whatever price is offered. Please feel free to bring along those pieces you are no longer using or which are duplicates.

February will see the beginning of our prep course for the Service Playing exam. Please see the details in the calendar and in last month's letter. So far, no takers. Can we change that?

Finally, when I read over the December letters for the past few years, I kept coming across phrases like "You may provide the only live music some people will hear this Christmas" and "It is so easy to become overwhelmed..." I began to be concerned that I was encouraging folks to neglect practice and just say an extra prayer instead. Not at all. Our art demands the best we can give, and although we fall short of our ideals (at least I do), we move forward at the best pace we can find.

For me, the challenge of this season is setting priorities: what is really important? What can wait a day? Two days? What can be skipped? If this is the season when we celebrate the event that changed our broken world and set in motion a life that was to change the course of history for the better, what is the point of being so exhausted we can't be in the moment of our music? I know I need to come back home to this place again and again. I won't be seriously diminished if my house doesn't get the 2006 Better Homes and Gardens Christmas award. I need to know what I can do and do it simply and with God's help. I love the line in Wayne Mueller's book *Sabbath* where he says, "We don't stop because we are finished. We stop because it is time to stop." And stand in wonder of God's goodness and love.

A joyous Christmas to you and yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Sullivan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

John Sullivan, FAGO

Membership News

- *We received the following note from long-time member Clara Miller:*

To the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the AGO:

I received a letter from the Headquarters of the AGO, and saw it in the American Organist that you had made a Donation on my behalf. I certainly appreciate that.

When I lived in Buffalo, I was very active in that Chapter, but have moved on. I have played in many churches here, but now at 98, I can no longer play and move around. I have had offers of rides, but not always convenient. I respect John Sullivan for his

FAGO. I knew him years ago. I am proud to be a member of this Chapter and enjoy your monthly reports. Thank you.
Clara Pankow Miller

Preparation for Service Playing Exam

A complete list of the requirements for the Service Playing Exam was included in the November newsletter. It is also available in the July 2006 issue of The American Organist magazine, and on the AGO web site at www.agohq.org.

Format and Dates

A series of six two-hour classes, Sunday afternoons, 3:00--5:00 PM

February 4	Overview/Intro to sight-reading
February 11	no class; practice week
February 18	Literature Master Class
February 25	Transposition
March 4	no class; practice week
March 11	Hymn playing/Psalm accompaniment
March 18	Anthems
March 25	no class, practice time; snow date
	Private sessions scheduled between now and
April 15	wrap-up session

Exam administered: Saturday, April 21. "Rain Date" April 28.

The cost of the course, including one private lesson, is \$150, payable to CHVAGO. The exam fee is additional, \$60 payable to AGO headquarters. To sign up for the course or to register for the Service Playing Exam, please contact John Sullivan, FAGO, at jtcsul@earthlink.net or 845-454-7150. A registration form is included in this newsletter.

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.

Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Raymond C. Corey	845-229-5438	Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs)	845-888-5318
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Lois Hoger	845-229-7404	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	Erna Loerch	845-226-8094
Jimrae K. Lenser		Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-255-8293
	845-427-5884/914-388-6641	<u>Students</u>	
Pat Maimone	845-446-2395	David Parries (Sunday only)	845-297-6870
Darren Motise	845-223-3949	Jeffrey Parries	845-297-6870/845-702-4746
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249	Gregory S. Quaglieni	845-786-0011

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.

Joyce B. Auchincloss	203-754-2840	Patricia R. Maimone	845-446-2395
Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Darren Motise	845-223-3949
Raymond C. Corey	845-229-5438	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Charles Surber	845-223-4824
Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298		

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

Editor's Corner

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Position Openings

Editor's Note – 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.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - LATHAM, NY

Calvary UMC is a large and growing suburban church. Two Sunday morning worship services, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM (September – June). One service at 9:30 AM (July & August). Currently one adult choir and one choral ensemble with weekly rehearsals. Candidate should have the ability to work with choir members ranging in skill from Beginner to Advanced. Applicants are expected to creatively integrate a wide variety of sacred and secular music. Instruments available include a recently refurbished Rogers TR27 Digital Pipe Organ, a grand piano and numerous orchestral percussion instruments (Timpani, Bells, Chimes). Competitive salary commensurate with experience. Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to Calvary United Methodist Church, c/o Michael Danis, 15 Ridge Place, Latham, NY 12110 Church Office: (518)785-5142, calvarymeth@verizon.com
11/20/2006

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST (Part-time)
PLEASANTVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (PUMC) - PLEASANTVILLE, NY Filled 11/13/2006

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY

Enthusiastic Organist/Choir Director, able to work with the pastor and worship committee to provide musical selections to enhance each worship service. An ability to work with choir members ranging in skill from Beginner to Advanced, and creatively integrate musical styles from traditional to contemporary. Motivated to seek out other instrumentalists from within and outside the congregation for additional seasonal services.

One Sunday service at 10:00 AM from September through June and 9:30 AM during July and August. Choir rehearsal times negotiable. Salary in accord with experience and AGO guidelines with extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Wicks pipe organ has 10 ranks and a 2-manual, full pedal Austin console. Contact: Mrs. Kathy Sorce, [First Presbyterian Church](#), 2568 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 Tel: 845-297-2800 (M-F, 9 AM-12 noon) e-mail: FPCWF@Verizon.net. 10/29/2006

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH - ALBANY, NY

Historic [First Lutheran Church](#), located at 181 Western Avenue, Albany NY, is an ELCA Reconciling in Christ congregation. Regular Sunday services at 10:00 AM and special services. 3 manual Carlson pipe organ. Adult, Youth, and Chime Choirs rehears mid-week. Salary commensurate with experience and ability. If interested please send cover letter and resume to First Lutheran Church, 646 State St, Albany, NY 12203-1217, e-mail flc.office@verizon.net. 10/23/2006

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

THIELLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - THIELLS, NY

One Sunday service at 10:30 AM, additional services seasonally. Choir (adult volunteer, 8-9 members) practices on Wednesday evening. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Rodgers 2-manual electronic organ; upright piano. Salary negotiable according to experience. Contact: Ann Dacre, 65 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980 Phone 845-942-1481 - Cell 845-323-5475 - Fax 845-942-4292 – e-mail: adacre@aol.com, [Thiells United Methodist Church](#), 102 Rosman Road, Thiells, NY 10984 10/9/2006

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC (Part-Time)

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION - MT. KISCO, NY

One Sunday service at 10:00 AM. Additional Wednesday evening services (6-7 total) during Lent. Choir & bell rehearsal times to be determined by Director of Music and choir members. The Praiseband rehearses on Thursdays at 7:30pm. Our prior Director of Music rehearsed bell choir Wednesdays at 6:30pm; children's & adult choirs Thursdays (6:30pm & 7:15pm respectively). Choir sizes: Kids: 10-15, Adults: 10-15, Bells: 6, Praiseband: 6. (Please note that Director of Music will work with two leaders of praiseband to create cohesive worship; however, Director of Music is not expected to lead praiseband.) Weddings and funerals: Extra compensation, in accordance with scale suggested by AGO. Organ is a Rodgers, 3-manual, from mid-1980s and in excellent shape. Has midi-recorder/playback attachment. New piano (2005) and new handbells. Salary range is \$18-23K (To be worked out based on experience, possible benefits package offered, and/or use of space for private lessons.)

November, 2006

Fusion of contemporary Christian music and traditional hymns and liturgy; all age ranges (families, singles, seniors); progressive, dynamic pastor; positive (and fun!) environment; we are all family here! Excellent opportunity for someone with ideas, energy and Spirit — we are moving forward! [Lutheran Church of the Resurrection](#), 15 South Bedford Road, Mount Kisco, NY 10549. 914-666-5123 (ph), 914-244-1080 (fax) Contact: Pastor Jack Horner at jack.horner@LCRonline.org 8/31/2006

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

PLEASANTVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - PLEASANTVILLE, NY *Filled 11/15/2006*

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC (Part-Time)

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MONROE, NY

Two Sunday services, plus 15-20 traditional seasonal services per year. Adult choir sings weekly, children's choir sings monthly. Rehearsals: 2 weekly. Other instrumentalists available for festive occasions. Other music staff: volunteer director of handbell choir (youth and adult), volunteer piano accompanist, Saturday worship service musician (contemporary service). Allen Digital Organ, acoustic and electronic pianos. Salary: \$16,000+, commensurate with experience. Paid vacation. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Requirements: BA in Music or equivalent; 3 years church experience (Lutheran preferred) in playing piano and organ, accompanying congregational singing, as well as in directing voice choirs. Contact Dan Madrid, c/o [St. Paul Lutheran Church](#), 21 Still Road, Monroe, NY 10950, 845-782-5600, fax 845-782-3703 or e-mail church@stpaulmonroe.org 8/19/2006

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

LYALL MEMORIAL FEDERATED CHURCH - MILLBROOK, NY

One Sunday service, three choirs (adult, youth, children). Additional seasonal services. The organ is a 1927 Moeller with three manuals, updated in 1990. Salary \$22k and up, dependent upon experience. For inquiries call Muriel Verdibello, Chair, Personnel Committee, at 845-677-5279. Resumes with references and salary requirements should be mailed to the Personnel Committee, [Lyll Memorial Federated Church](#), Maple Avenue, Millbrook, NY 12545, or emailed to mfverdibello@hotmail.com. 8/18/2006

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - CLIFTON PARK, NY

Filled 11/28/2006

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - EAST GREENBUSH, NY

Weekend services: Saturday 4 PM; Sunday 8:30, 10 & 11:30 PM. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 PM. Additional services (holy days, etc.): one Mass at holy day, according to the Catholic liturgical calendar, also Triduum, First Eucharist and a Mass of Remembrance in November. Wedding and funerals extra: funerals -\$75, marriages -\$100. Adult choir, 10-14 voices, helps to lead assembly in song one Mass a weekend from Sept thru early June; also teens/middle school students with instruments, on occasion (growing). Organ: details forthcoming. Flute and strings from time to time. Coordinate with pastor and Prayer & Worship Committee. Applicant should have flexible, collaborative, attitude which speaks of invitation and participation. Salary in the low/mid \$20K range. Contact information: 518-

477-7925/phone, 518-477-7926/fax, holyspiriteg@nycap.rr.com. Send cover letter & resume to: Search Committee, Church of the Holy Spirit, 667 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush, NY 12061 *Renewed 9/8/2006*

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.

- Saturday, December 2, 2006 7:00 PM TreasureHouse Chorale 17th Annual Advent-Christmas Concert
Church of the Annunciation, 470 Westchester Avenue, Crestwood, NY 10707. Chamber Orchestra, Soloists and Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Joseph J. Nigro, will present a program entitled "A Classical Christmas", with works by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Vittoria, Haydn, Rutter and others. We will also honor Mozart's 250th anniversary of his birth, presenting his glorious "Alleluia" and two Church Sonatas. Program concludes with a Festival of Carols. Tickets \$20 in advance by calling 914-779-7345. For directions or more information, or visit our web site at www.treasurehousemusic.org.
- Sunday, December 3, 2006 3:00 PM Concert at the Cadet Chapel
Handel's *Messiah*
Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY.
Click here for information about the awesome organ.
Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact Craig Williams, 845-938-7352.
- Sunday, December 17, 2006 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM Premier Performance - Jazz Cantata
The Chancel Choir of Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church will be presenting the premier performance of Gretchen Gould's JAZZ CANTATA. This cantata for Advent features five portions of the Mass sung in both Latin and English. It will be accompanied by piano (Gretchen Gould), bass, percussion, flute, and saxophone with **Polly James** conducting the ensemble of Chancel Choir, soloists, and instrumentalists. The cantata will be performed as part of the worship services at 8:30 and 10:45 on December 17th. Gretchen Gould, Poughkeepsie resident and member of the

Chancel Choir, composed this work in 1984 in memory of her dear friend Gary McCartney who died at the age of 39. All are welcome to worship with us and hear this Jazz Cantata!

Sunday, January 21, 2007 4:00 – 6:30 PM	Spuds & Sundaes Social Every year our chapter gets together for baked potatoes and ice cream, both with a variety of toppings, along with good fellowship and a "musical bake sale" (bring your old or unwanted sheet music and browse through everyone else's contributions). Location: Dubois House at the Reformed Dutch Church in Fishkill. For information and directions, call Connie Lacey at 845-897-5962.
Sunday, February 4, 2007 3:00 - 5:00 PM	Preparation for Service Playing Exam - Session 1 Overview/Intro to sight-reading. To sign up for the course or to register for the Service Playing Exam, please contact John Sullivan, FAGO, at jtcsul@earthlink.net or 845-454-7150.
Sunday, February 18, 2007 3:00 - 5:00 PM	Preparation for Service Playing Exam - Session 2 Literature Master Class. To sign up for the course or to register for the Service Playing Exam, please contact John Sullivan, FAGO, at jtcsul@earthlink.net or 845-454-7150.
Sunday, February 25, 2007 3:00 - 5:00 PM	Preparation for Service Playing Exam - Session 3 Transposition. To sign up for the course or to register for the Service Playing Exam, please contact John Sullivan, FAGO, at jtcsul@earthlink.net or 845-454-7150.
Sunday, February 25, 2007 3:00 PM	Recital of the Fritts Organ <u>Gail Archer</u> (professor at Manhattan School of Music and Barnard College), organ. Program: Sweelinck and his pupils. Martel Recital Hall, Vassar College, Skinner Hall of Music. Click here for information about organs at Vassar College. No admission fee. Info: 845-437-7294
Sunday, March 4, 2007 3:00 PM	Concert at the Cadet Chapel Meredith Baker, USMA Director of Music Most Holy Trinity (Catholic) Chapel <u>Cadet Chapel</u> , US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Click here for information about the awesome organ. Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact <u>Craig Williams</u> , 845-938-7352.
Sunday, March 4, 2007 3:00 - 5:00 PM	Preparation for Service Playing Exam - Session 4 Hymn Playing/Psalm Accompaniment. To sign up for the course or to register for the Service Playing Exam, please contact John Sullivan, FAGO, at jtcsul@earthlink.net or 845-454-7150.

Sunday, March 18, 2007
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Preparation for Service Playing Exam - Session 5
Anthems. To sign up for the course or to register for the
Service Playing Exam, please contact John Sullivan, FAGO,
at jtsul@earthlink.net or 845-454-7150.

Sunday, April 15, 2007
3:00 PM

Recital by Olivier Latry
Titular organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris,
France. Co-sponsored by the Eastern New York Chapter,
AGO. First United Methodist Church, 604 State Street,
Schenectady, NY Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403

Sunday, April 15, 2007
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Preparation for Service Playing Exam - Session 6
Wrap-Up Session. To sign up for the course or to register for
the Service Playing Exam, please contact John Sullivan,
FAGO, at jtsul@earthlink.net or 845-454-7150.

Saturday, April 21, 2007
(Alternate date April 28)
Time to be arranged

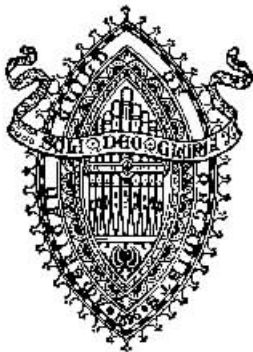
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Service Playing Exam, please contact John Sullivan, FAGO,
at jtsul@earthlink.net or 845-454-7150.

Sunday, May 6, 2007
3:00 PM

Concert at the Cadet Chapel
Frederick Hohman, Concert Organist
(Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series)
Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY.
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