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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you have had a wonderful, joy-filled Christmas full of the wonder of the birth of our Savior. And for our Jewish friends I pray that you had a Happy Chanukah. Since that festival began and ended on Friday night I had the opportunity to play for two Chanukah services this year.

As we begin a New Year you may want to make a musical resolution or two: more practice time? Not waiting to the last minute to choose music? Learn that hard piece for Easter that you've always wanted to play? Whatever it is, I hope you get off to a good start.

On a playful note I have a challenge for you. A friend sent this to me and I can't do it. Can you? How smart is your right foot? 1. While sitting at your desk (or anywhere, really) lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles. 2. Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction. This will confuse

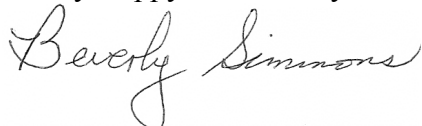
your mind and you will keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but you can't. It is pre-programmed in your brain! (It is from an orthopedic surgeon.)

Now on to something slightly more serious. On Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> we will meet for our annual social event called "Spuds and Sundaes". I can't host it at Trinity this year as I have for several years since I will be in New Zealand for the month of January. So Gregory Citarella (784 Old Route 9 N in Wappingers Falls) is graciously opening his home to us. We will meet at 5 and be done by 8 (or sooner if you need to leave) Do plan to come and bring any choral or organ music you no longer want, including CD's. We put it all on a table and anyone can have it by making a donation to the chapter. It is always fun to get together without a specific agenda and just have time to talk and share stories. I will miss it!

Once again a reminder to register for our National Convention, to be held in Washington, DC, Sunday through Thursday, July 4-8. I have already registered and have also made a reservation at the hotel for 5 nights. Now I need a room-mate or two. With one room-mate the shared cost for lodging will be \$89.50 per person per night. With three of us it goes down to \$66.33 per night. So please let me know if you are interested. (No night owls, please, I need my sleep!) I would also like to go with a group either in a van (parking is expensive unless we have a large group to share the cost) or together on the train.

Next month you will hear from our Sub-Dean, Craig Williams, since I will still be away. (Yes, it IS summer in New Zealand although I do plan to hike on a glacier.)

A very Happy and Healthy New Year to each of you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly Simmons".

Beverly Simmons, SPC, Dean

## **Membership News**

- Ruby Hyatt has a new e-mail address, effective immediately: [Jhyatt4@gmail.com](mailto:Jhyatt4@gmail.com).

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month. You may submit newsletter 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 newsletter, to be available the first week in February, is January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Eric Hepp	
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	(no weekday funerals)	845-489-2625
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-544-2782
Maris Kristapsons		<u>Student</u>	
(no weddings)	845-635-8837	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.

Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
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## Editor's Corner

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## 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](http://www.chvago.org), or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.***

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

ORGANIST - (Temporary)  
**ST. PATRICK'S RC CHURCH, HIGHLAND MILLS, NY**  
*11-20-2009*

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)  
**CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY**  
*10/22/2009*

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)  
**HOPEWELL REFORMED CHURCH - HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY**  
*9/5/2009*

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC/ORGANIST - Part-Time  
**ST. BONIFACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GUILDERLAND, NY**  
*5/12/2008*

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](http://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, January 9, 2010 8:00 PM	<b>Convert by Kairos</b> Location: The Reformed Church of New Paltz, 92 Huguenot Street, New Paltz, NY <b>Kairos</b> is excited to announce that our 15th anniversary celebration will culminate with our final 2009 Bach Cantata Series performance of Bach's splendid Magnificat and Handel's early and rarely-performed work Dixit Dominus with chamber orchestra. Tickets for this special Cantata Series performance are \$15 general admission and \$12 seniors/students. Supported in part by a grant from the Dutchess County Arts Council, administrator of public funds through NYSCA's Decentralization Program.
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<p>Sunday, January 10, 2010 Time TBA</p>	<p>Spuds &amp; Sundaes Social Join us and bring a friend to our annual winter social, featuring a menu of baked potatoes and ice cream sundaes, both with all kinds of toppings. This is also the time to browse through piles of sheet music and CDs at our Musical Bake Sale. You may bring any unwanted sheet music to add to the accumulated selections. All proceeds will benefit the chapter. Location: the home of <b>Gregory Citarella</b>, 759 Old Rte 9 N, Wappingers Falls (call 845-297-7693 for directions). Time: 5:00 PM to about 8:00 PM.</p>
<p>Sunday, January 10, 2010 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Concert by Kairos Location: Vassar Chapel, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY <u>Kairos</u> is excited to announce that our 15th anniversary celebration will culminate with our final 2009 Bach Cantata Series performance of Bach's splendid Magnificat and Handel's early and rarely-performed work Dixit Dominus with chamber orchestra. Tickets for this special Cantata Series performance are \$15 general admission and \$12 seniors/students.  Supported in part by a grant from the Dutchess County Arts Council, administrator of public funds through NYSCA's Decentralization Program.</p>
<p>Saturday, January 23, 2010 7:30 PM</p>	<p><i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> by W.A. Mozart in Opera Ritaglia Presented by The Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra. Location: Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park, NY. The NDSO was formed in 2006 to bring live orchestral music to Northern Dutchess County and the surrounding Hudson Valley area. The orchestra membership includes both professional musicians and talented youth musicians. Tickets priced at \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$5 for students are available in advance at Molloy's Pharmacy (Rt.9) in Hyde Park, NY, Dutchess Pharmacy (E. Market Street), and Oblong Books (Montgomery Street) both in Rhinebeck, NY. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the evening of the concert, beginning at 6:45pm. Roosevelt High School is located at 156 South Cross Road in Staatsburg, NY. Further information is available at <a href="http://www.ndsorchestra.org">www.ndsorchestra.org</a> or by calling 845-635-0877.</p>
<p>Sunday, February 6, 2009 (Snow Date February 21, 2009) 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Historical Organ Methods Presentation by Dr. Robert Chase on three centuries of organ methods/tutors/schools used for organ instruction. Sponsored by the Westchester Chapter, AGO. Church in the Highlands, 35 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605.</p>
<p>February 11–13, 2010</p>	<p>"We the People" - American Choral Directors Association, Eastern Division Conference The American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) is extending its discounted ACDA member registration rate to AGO members attending the winter conference in Philadelphia. Of particular interest to AGO members is the first-ever United in Praise Festival Chorus, which will draw its members from select church and synagogue choirs in the ACDA Eastern</p>

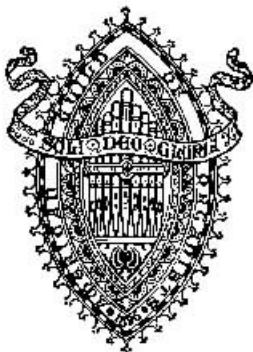
Division states (Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia). This 200-voice choir will be presented in worship at the United in Praise Interfaith Worship Service on Friday, February 12, at 5:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia. After a day of rehearsals with Craig Courtney, noted American composer of sacred music and editor for Beckenhorst Press, the chorus will be ready for a major role in the service. AGO members are invited to recommend this opportunity to their choirs. The postmark deadline for application is October 1, 2009. For further information, please e-mail Ken Steele, Chairman, Music in Worship Repertoire and Standards, ACDA Eastern Division, at [krsteele45@comcast.net](mailto:krsteele45@comcast.net) with "Festival Chorus" in the subject line.

<p>Saturday, February 20, 2010 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Choral Techniques Workshop presented by Christine Howlett Postponed from September 19, 2009. Christine Howlett is Director of Choral Activities at Vassar College and Artistic Director of Capella Festiva. She also directs several other choruses and is a member of Kairos: A Consort of Singers. Location: Tekla Hall in the Skinner Building at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie. Info: 845-463-1249.</p>
<p>Saturday, March 6, 2010 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM (with lunch break)</p>	<p>AGO Certification and Advancement Workshop Sponsored by the Westchester Chapter, AGO. CHVAGO members are invited to participate at no cost. Place: St. Barnabas Church, 15 North Broadway, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY. Presenter: Dr. Jan-Piet Knijff, DMA, FAGO. Info: 914-591-8194.</p>

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