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# Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

## Newsletter – July/August 2005

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### Letter from the Dean

July 7, 2005

Dear Friends

Greetings from a rather tired but totally awestruck dean. As you very well know by now, our convention was a roaring success. We had in excess of 250 attendees who enjoyed a spectacular series of recitals (all of which ended with standing ovations), an outstanding choral concert, informative and helpful workshops, an elegant banquet, inspiring worship in a variety of styles, opportunities to socialize and commiserate with other professionals, and exhibits representing a range of interests and needs. Thanks to well-organized transportation and logistics, we moved smoothly from one event to another, even when computers and weather did not cooperate, as they rarely do in my own experience. We have statistics that we could share, but to me the most telling one was that virtually all of the comments regarding the convention staff were checked as “Great” or “Good.” In fact, the combined total for “Great” and “Good” was 90%.. This

absolutely tells me that we did a good job. We also made a significant amount of money in this venture which will enable us as a chapter to do things we have always wanted to – scholarship funding and more extensive quality programming throughout the year. Stay tuned for the details.

But apart from the obvious success which we don't have to look far to see, there was a deeper goal accomplished in our efforts – a unification that took place over a long period of time and as the result of a sustained, disciplined effort. We worked like the dickens. When I stood on the platform of the Vassar Chapel, singing “When in our music God is glorified” along with nearly 500 other people, or when I asked those attending the banquet to rise and sing the Doxology as a table grace, I have to say that I have never been so proud of the convention committees, this chapter or the community of faith in this area. Sometimes it takes this kind of event to make us realize how blessed we truly are. A huge thank you to all who made this happen. You know who you are and what you did, and believe me, every contribution, no matter how little it may have seemed, moved us inexorably toward that goal. Let's strive to keep that positive momentum going in the near and distant future!

And speaking of the future, why not start with a picnic? Sub-dean Greg Citarella has offered us the use of his home for this event. Please bring a dish to share and celebrate summer with your colleagues. The picnic is scheduled for 4:00 to 6:30 PM on Saturday July 30, and board members please note that we have a business meeting preceding the larger gathering. (See directions below.)

So now that everything really big is over for most of us until September, let's take a moment to say “thank you” to the God of our understanding and refresh our bodies and spirits before another year of intense music making.

Thank you all once again for being the group of people that you are.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Sullivan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Thank you all once again for being the group of people that you are."

## **Directions to Picnic**

### From the north:

Travel south on Route 9 to Wappingers Falls. Landmarks to pass on Route 9: Dairy Queen, McDonalds. Turn right just before Pizza Hut, onto Old Route 9. Travel south on Old Route 9 approximately 500 feet. Greg's house is on the left side. Black Mailbox at the bottom of the driveway. Sharp left turn up the driveway or park on the street.

### From the south and west:

Take Route 84 to Exit 13N (Route 9 North). Stay on Route 9 going north for 5 miles. Landmarks to pass: Wal-Mart, Volvo and Volkswagen dealerships. Once you see a Toyota Dealership on your left side, get into the left lane of Route 9. At the second traffic light after passing the Toyota dealership turn left on to Middlebush Road (County Rd 93). Travel 500 feet on Middlebush Road and at the next traffic light turn right onto Old Route 9. Travel approximately one quarter of a mile north on Old Route 9. You will pass Hudson Valley Karate Academy followed by new

construction on your left side. Watch for a black mailbox on the right with the house number 784 written on it. There will be balloons or something to identify the driveway. Park in the driveway or on the street.

## Membership News

- Siri Milkove has accepted a position as Organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in LaGrangeville, starting August 1. Good luck, Siri!
  - We are pleased to welcome five new members, three of whom came to us through their interest in the convention:
    - Darren J. Motise  
PO Box 9  
LaGrangeville, NY 12540  
845- 223-3949  
[djmotise@aol.com](mailto:djmotise@aol.com)  
Organist/Director of Music, Holy Trinity RC, Poughkeepsie, NY
    - Stephanie Jonas  
19 Clove Brook Drive  
Cold Spring, NY 10516  
845-265-9492  
[prangy@bestweb.net](mailto:prangy@bestweb.net)  
Volunteer Substitute Organist at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peekskill, NY  
*Stephanie has requested that someone contact her about giving her organ lessons, preferably using the Organ Tutor program. She writes, "I am interested in lessons for myself. [...] The reason I purchased the OrganTutor was that I have ALWAYS had a strong desire to play the organ and after many attempts at trying to find an instructor I was unsuccessful. I then stumbled across this program [...]. I do know there is no substitute for a real instructor as I have many questions and visual observation is key."*
    - Desiree Abbruscato  
32 Memorial Dr.  
Newburgh, NY 12550  
845- 562-7431  
Organist - St. Francis, Newburgh, NY
    - Mary D. Gold  
46 Pleasant View Avenue  
Beacon, NY 12508  
845-831-4261  
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Organist - St. Joachim's & St. John the Evangelist Parish, Beacon, NY
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Cantor, Choir Director, St. Joachim's RC Church, Beacon, NY
- We're glad to have you with us, and we hope you will all become active members!

## Convention Materials Available

We still have a limited number of convention program books and tote bags (complete with official water bottle) available for purchase. Prices are:

\$15 for program book alone

\$10 for tote bag alone

\$20 for package: tote bag plus program book (as well as other materials provided to convention attendees)

If you are interested, please contact Susan LaGrande at 845-226-6496 or [SUSANEL2@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:SUSANEL2@HOTMAIL.COM).

## Letters from Scholarship Recipients

The Board has received letters of acknowledgement from the two young men who were awarded scholarships from the Margaret Pecoraro Memorial Scholarship Fund for 2005: Below are excerpts from their letters:

I want to thank you for your help in receiving the Margaret Pecoraro Scholarship Fund. I cannot quite express how much this means to me. Thank you and I hope to meet you sometime soon!

*David Shin Park*

I'm tremendously thankful that I was given this opportunity to expand my training as a high school organist, and therefore add a great stepping-stone to what I hope to be a professional career. I will be happy to write any type of report [about] what I will experience this summer thanks to the scholarship.

*Michael Goodman*

## List of Organ Substitutes

Elena Belyayeva	845-452-2069	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Joe Bertolozzi 845-831-0695
Eric R. Hepp	845-489-2625 / 845-790-3381	Judie Brown 845-888-5318
Lois Hoger	845-229-7404	Alice Cann 845-223-5344
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Greg Citarella 845-297-7693
Jeff Parries	845-297-6870	Jennifer Geibel 845-658-3218/973-769-1462
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Larry Hazard 845-452-0119
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	Boyd Herforth 845-255-5298/973-783-8798
Jimrae K. Lenser	845-427-5884/914-388-6641	Erna Loerch 845-226-8094
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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.*

DIRECTOR/ACCOMPANIST – Part-Time

### **STUDENT CHAPEL CHOIR, MARIST COLLEGE – POUGHKEEPSIE, NY**

The Chapel at Marist College is seeking a person with the skills and experience to plan music, teach, and direct the student choir using a contemporary Catholic liturgical music selection and style. This person must be able to accompany the student using a piano as the primary instrument. The liturgy is Sunday at 7:00 PM, preceded by a one-hour rehearsal starting at 6:00 PM. Licenses for the coming year have been obtained from: GIA, OCP, and WLP. Stipend to be determined. If interested, contact Arthur Himmelberger at Marist College 845-575-3000 Ext. 2839 or e-mail [Arthur.Himmelberger@Marist.edu](mailto:Arthur.Himmelberger@Marist.edu). Applications must be received by June 15, 2005 5/25/05

DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF MUSIC - Part-Time

### **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MONROE, NY**

Starting July 1, 2005. Two Sunday services, plus 15-20 traditional seasonal services per year. Adult choir sings weekly, children's choir sings monthly, youth choir pending. Rehearsals: 2-3 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: Gordon or Patricia Baker, 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](mailto:church@stpaulmonroe.org) 5/7/2005

MUSIC DIRECTOR /ORGANIST (Part-Time)

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - MONROE, NY**

*Filled 6/20/2005*

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

### **ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - LAGRANGEVILLE/POUGHKEEPSIE, NY**

*Filled 6/1/2005*

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

### **THE REFORMED CHURCH OF BEACON - BEACON, NY**

One Sunday service at 11:00 AM. Traditional service with 3 hymns, prelude, offertory, postlude, Gloria Patri and Doxology. No choir. Ryder 2-manual tracker organ in good condition, with work recently completed on pedal division. Compensation negotiable. Contact: Ed Hawkins, V.P. of Consistory, at 418 Rock Cut Rd, Walden, NY 12586 Tel: 845-566-1488

*Renewed 5/25/2005*

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

### **CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST - BEACON**

One Sunday service at 10:00 AM. Traditional service with 3 hymns, prelude, postlude, and offertory. Small (5 adults) volunteer choir. Anthem most Sundays. Choir rehearsal Thursdays at 7:30 PM. May consider having one anthem per month to get more participation. Instruments:

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Thompson electronic organ (2/39) and a piano. We occasionally welcome different instruments to add variety to service.

Salary: \$6,200 per year; 3 weeks off with pay; no benefits; paid semi-monthly. Contact: Pastor Tony Beck, Christ Church United Methodist, Beacon, NY, 845-831-2068, or email:

[tonybck@aol.com](mailto:tonybck@aol.com). *Renewed 2/1/2005*

## Seeking an Organ Teacher?

The following chapter members are accepting new organ students:

- Peter Hall, 845-343-4995
- Merellyn Gallagher, 845-677-9896/845-437-7329 or [megallagher@vassar.edu](mailto:megallagher@vassar.edu)

Please contact them directly for more information.

## 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).

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, July 9, 2005

7:30 PM

Voice Recital by John Markett, tenor; Catherine Cangiano, soprano; **Darren Motise**, piano

Works by Handel, Schubert, Brahms, Schumann, Bizet, Massenet, Puccini, Rodgers, Bernstein, and Kern.

[Church of the Holy Trinity](#), 775 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY  
Handicapped Accessible; Free will donation; Meet-the-Artists reception to follow. Info: 845-452-1863

Tuesday, July 12 -

Monday, July 18, 2005

The Organ Historical Society Convention 2005

Southeastern Massachusetts ("The Old Colony")

Headquarters in Brockton, MA

Dozens of fine organs and presenters. For full details, visit the web site at [www.organsociety.org/2005/](http://www.organsociety.org/2005/)

Thursday, July 14, 2005

12:15-12:45 PM

Uptown Organ Recital Series - **Jeffrey Alban**

Old Dutch Church, Kingston, NY, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston. Handicap accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, July 21, 2005

12:15-12:45 PM

Uptown Organ Recital Series - Steven Rosenberry

Old Dutch Church, Kingston, NY, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston. Handicap accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, July 28, 2005

12:15-12:45 PM

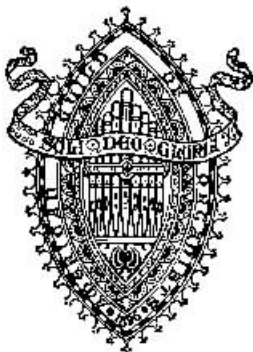
Uptown Organ Recital Series - Victoria Shields Harding

Old Dutch Church, Kingston, NY, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston. Handicap accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759

<p>Thursday, August 4, 2005 12:15-12:45 PM</p>	<p>Uptown Organ Recital Series - James Fitzwilliam Old Dutch Church, Kingston, NY, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston. Handicap accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759</p>
<p>Thursday, August 11, 2005 12:15-12:45 PM</p>	<p>Uptown Organ Recital Series - Terry Earles Old Dutch Church, Kingston, NY, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston. Handicap accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759</p>
<p>Thursday, August 18, 2005 12:15-12:45 PM</p>	<p>Uptown Organ Recital Series - <b>Gregory Citarella</b> with James Paradies, Trumpeter Old Dutch Church, Kingston, NY, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston. Handicap accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759</p>
<p>Thursday, August 25, 2005 12:15-12:45 PM</p>	<p>Uptown Organ Recital Series - <b>Thomas Sheehan</b> Old Dutch Church, Kingston, NY, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston. Handicap accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759</p>
<p>Thursday, September 1, 2005 12:15-12:45 PM</p>	<p>Uptown Organ Recital Series - Rev. Kenneth Walsh Old Dutch Church, Kingston, NY, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston. Handicap accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759</p>
<p>September 11-14, 2005</p>	<p>American Guild of Organists National Pedagogy Conference University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana Reyes Organ and Choral Hall; DeBartolo Performing Arts Center The Pedagogy conference will be part of the year-long events to celebrate the new Fritts Organ, 2-35, 2004 The conference will focus on works of Dieterich Buxtehude in anticipation of the Buxtehude year in 2007. The conference will begin Sunday evening with the opening recital at 7 PM; the program will be repeated at 8:30 PM. The conference will end at 1:00 PM on Wednesday. Registration fee includes all meeting materials, performances, master classes and refreshments. Registration fees are: \$195.00 for Full Registration, \$80 for Students; there is no charge if you are a Notre Dame Student or Faculty member. After August 1 the registration fees will increase to \$225.00 for Full Registration and \$95 for Students. Info: 574-631-6691 or <a href="mailto:ccramer@nd.edu">ccramer@nd.edu</a></p>
<p>Sunday, September 18, 2005 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Concert of Classical Favorites featuring Carol Osgood, Organist; Douglas Coates, Pianist; Gabriel Tevan, Violinist <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church</a>, 50 Liberty Street, Beacon Free admission. Info: 845-831-1833</p>



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