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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

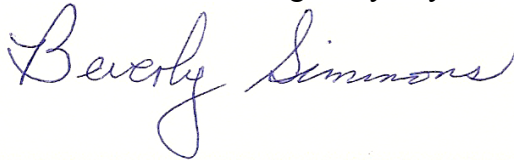
We had a very nice recital on June 13th at St. John's Lutheran. Many thanks to all who played and also to those who came to listen. They made an appreciative audience.

Our next event is purely social – the annual chapter picnic. If you aren't on vacation please do come and enjoy some time with your colleagues. As usual the chapter will furnish soda and the meat for the grill. So please bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share. Eric has a wonderful yard in which to sit and talk. Bring a chair and get to know your colleagues.

In the fall we have an event planned which you need to put on your calendars now so you can include it in your fall plans. On Sunday, October 24 at 3 p.m. at the West Point Cadet Chapel we will sponsor an ecumenical Evensong service. The choir will be made up of singers from our choirs who would like to participate and the congregation will hopefully include many from our churches. Laura Russell will be our conductor, Craig Williams will play the organ and we will be accompanied by a string quintet and 2 oboes. The center piece of the service will be Cantata #80 *Ein feste Burg* (A Mighty Fortress) by Bach. Anyone singing in this summer's BachFest will have learned the music. We will then teach some of it to our choirs. (You don't have to be part of BachFest to participate). There are three choral movements, two of which most choirs can manage. The opening chorus will probably be a smaller group that has either sung it at BachFest or had the time to learn it in the fall. We will each teach our own choirs and then come together for two combined rehearsals, one in Poughkeepsie and one at West Point. I'll give you more details on that later. There will be other music as well for our choirs to learn and sing together.

I believe this could be a very exciting opportunity for us and our choirs. So please start thinking about it now and talk it up at your churches in the fall. We will need both singers and congregation. What fun it will be to sing in the chapel, and for members of our congregations to hear us there.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our picnic. Come relax and enjoy!



Beverly Simmons, SPC
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

Condolences

We are saddened to report the death of Polly James' stepson, Andrew Richard James, on June 14. Our prayers go out to Polly and her family. If anyone wishes to express condolences online please go to www.copelandfhnpc.com.

Membership Applications Now Due

It's that time again! Please complete the membership application included with this newsletter and send it in as soon as possible, along with your check. Dues have not changed since last year, so there are no surprises in the application. We hope to receive all applications as soon as possible so that Eric, our treasurer, can send in our chapter's portion to AGO headquarters. You will also want to make sure to avoid any interruption in your subscription to The American Organist magazine. Don't delay! Mail today!

Old Dutch Church Recital Series Not Taking Place This Year

Due to repair and renovation work in the sanctuary of Old Dutch Church in Kingston, NY, the popular summer lunchtime organ recital series will not be offered this year. It is hoped that, if all goes well, the series will resume next year.

Introducing Our New Officers

Our elections are complete, and we welcome our new officers. We also thank retiring officer Maris Kristapsons for his years of faithful service. Here is the new list of officers:

- Dean: Beverly Simmons (unchanged)
- Sub-Dean: Craig S. Williams (unchanged)
- Secretary: Laura Ramsey Russell (unchanged)
- Treasurer: Eric Hepp (unchanged)
- Board Member: Charles Faverio (unchanged)
- Board Member: Nancy Harle (unchanged)
- Board Member: Susan Guse. As long-time organist at St. John's Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie, Susan is well-known as a fine performer and an active participant in chapter activities.
- Board Member: Celestine Campbell, Music Director of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Wappingers Falls. Celestine is interested in attracting larger and more diverse audiences to the many fine organ concerts offered in our region.
- Board Member: Glenn May. Despite his affiliation with the Monmouth County chapter, since 1967 Glenn has made Dutchess County his home. He considers it a great honor to be chosen as a board member, and would like to see more non-organists among our members.
- Board Member: Barbara Bayers, who joined our chapter in 2009. As a board member, her focus would be toward activities/events/forums that would assist in creating awareness & interest in the organ, organists as professionals and the accessibility of the organ to persons of all ages.

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	<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>	
Barbara Bayers	203-260-4295	Maris Kristapsons	
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	(no weddings)	845-635-8837
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Nickie Collins	845-462-2240	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs)	845-888-5318
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Eric Hepp	
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	(no weekday funerals)	845-489-2625
Anne Ressler	845-446-8035	Charles Surber (no weddings)	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
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Charles Surber	845-544-2782

Editor's Corner

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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 below. Remember, the deadline for the next printed newsletter, to be available the first week in July, is July 23rd.

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, 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, or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - (Part-Time)
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE -
WASHINGTONVILLE, NY 6-29-2010**

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
RHINEBECK REFORMED CHURCH - RHINEBECK, NY
6-24-2010

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MIDDLETOWN, NY
6/19/2010

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - BREWSTER, NY
5/25/2010

MUSICIAN/ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION - HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY
4-29-2010

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - STAATSBURG, NY
3-15-2010

MINISTER OF MUSIC (Part-Time)
ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - BEACON, NY *Filled 6-20-2010*

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.

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.

Sunday, July 4 through Thursday, July 8, 2010 AGO National Convention 2010
Washington, DC. For details see this month's issue of *The American Organist* or visit the web site at www.ago2010.org.

Thursday, July 8, 2010 Rehearsal for BachFest
7:00 PM Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY.

Thursday, July 15, 2010 Rehearsal for BachFest
7:00 PM Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY.

<p>Sunday, July 18, 2010 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Annual Chapter Picnic To be held at the home of Eric Hepp, 24 LorMar Court, Wappingers Falls, NY. The chapter will furnish soda and the meat for the grill. So please bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share. Eric has a wonderful yard in which to sit and talk. Bring a chair and get to know your colleagues. Newcomers are welcome; please call 845-790-3381 if you plan to attend.</p>
<p>Thursday, July 22, 2010 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Rehearsal for BachFest Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY.</p>
<p>Thursday, August 5, 2010 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Rehearsal for BachFest Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY.</p>
<p>Thursday, August 12, 2010 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Rehearsal for BachFest Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY.</p>
<p>Thursday, August 19, 2010 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Rehearsal for BachFest Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY.</p>
<p>Thursday, August 26, 2010 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Dress Rehearsal for BachFest Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY.</p>
<p>Friday, August 27, 2010 7:30 2010</p>	<p>Keyboard Marathon - Part of the 11th Annual Hudson Valley BachFest Featuring Bach Partitas. Cornwall Presbyterian Church, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY. Suggested donation \$8. Info: Dr. Laura Ramsey Russell: 845-485-1648; Dr. Ruthanne Schempf: 845-534-2166; Emily Faxon: 845-534-8368</p>
<p>Saturday, August 28, 2010 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Young Performers' Concert - Part of the 11th Annual Hudson Valley BachFest Cornwall Presbyterian Church, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY. Suggested donation \$8. Info: Dr. Laura Ramsey Russell: 845-485-1648; Dr. Ruthanne Schempf: 845-534-2166; Emily Faxon: 845-534-8368</p>

Saturday, August 28, 2010
7:30 PM
Choral Concert - Part of the 11th Annual Hudson Valley BachFest "Great Opening Choral Movements and Sinfonias from Bach's Cantatas", featuring Cantata No. 80, *Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott* and Cantata No. 140, *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*. BachFest Choir & Orchestra directed by **Laura Ramsey Russell**. Tickets: \$10 general admission, Children under 12 free. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: 845-452-8220.

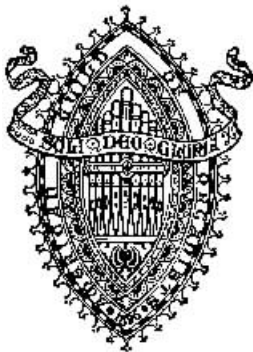
Sunday, August 29, 2010
3:00 PM
Bach Chamber Concert - Part of the 11th Annual Hudson Valley BachFest featuring Bach's motet *Jesu Meine Freude* and Bach's orchestral chamber works. BachFest Chamber Choir & Chamber Orchestra, directed by Edward Lundergan. Tickets \$10 general admission, Children under 12 free
Cornwall Presbyterian Church, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY.
Suggested donation \$8. Info: **Dr. Laura Ramsey Russell**: 845-485-1648; **Dr. Ruthanne Schempf**: 845-534-2166; Emily Faxon: 845-534-8368

Sunday, September 19, 2010
3:00 PM
Summer's End Concert
Beverly Simmons, organist; Douglas Coates, pianist/baritone; Carol Osgood, pianist. First Presbyterian Church, 50 Liberty Street, Beacon, NY. Free will offering. Info: 845-831-5322.

**Sunday, October 24, 2010
3:00PM**
Choral Evensong (Ecumenical)
Featuring Bach's Cantata #80 *Ein feste Burg* (A Mighty Fortress), conducted by Laura Russell and accompanied by Craig S. Williams, organist, together with a string quintet and 2 oboes. The choir will be made up of singers from our choirs who would like to participate. Rehearsal details to follow.
Location: [Cadet Chapel](#), USMA, West Point, NY. Info: 845-938-7352.



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