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Editor's Note:

Due to some issues in my personal schedule, this newsletter is reaching you a week late. I apologize for any inconvenience. – Susan LaGrande

Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

October came and went with beautiful colors and cool breezes. Still, many changes will have people feeling uneasy for some time to come. My reference is to the economic situation we are finding ourselves in these days. These are times when God tests us. My sister Lynn often repeats this saying to me when I am feeling troubled: "God only gives you what you can handle!" God knows we are resilient! I am confident we will survive these tough times.

In time things will turn around. In the mean time there is uncertainty. We have lots of work to do and prepare for. Thanksgiving is coming with Advent and Christmas quickly following

in hot pursuit. Dare I mention New Year's Eve followed by Epiphany! Encourage each other to stay the course and remain focused. December will be here before we know it!

October 12, I attended Ray Corey's Memorial Concert at St. James Methodist Church in Kingston. It was a beautiful tribute with solos from his daughter Cheryl Hoffman and grand daughter Loren. Four organists paid tribute to Ray by performing many signature pieces that were favorites of his and his students. Of course it was good to see Ray's wife Heather surrounded by family and friends. The concert was very well attended on a sunlight October Sunday afternoon. This was a most poignant and fitting tribute to our friend and colleague Ray Corey. He will be remembered by many for years to come.

On October 19 at The Reformed Church Poughkeepsie, where Jack Davis serves as Organist and Choir Director, was held our "***International Year of the Organ***" recital. Gregory D'agostino played an ambitious program. Some of the pieces included Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major ("St. Anne")*, Gregory's transcription of *Finlandia*, and the tone poem by Franz Liszt *Ad no salutarem undam*. The audience was wowed by Gregory's talents. Without a doubt his encore, which utilized a mouth Nachtigall, with the assistance of his lovely wife Kana, brought the audience to its feet for a thunderous applause of appreciation. We look forward to hearing and seeing Gregory again in the future.

November will be no less ambitious. November 1 was All Saints Day. It goes without saying we will remember those colleagues who have departed this life to live a more peaceful life in the warm embrace of God's Everlasting Love.

On November 2 I attended the Organ Recital by Scott Dettra at the Cadet Chapel, West Point. Scott was recently appointed Principal Organist at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. It was wonderful to hear Scott play his recital at West Point honoring our colleague Dr. John A Davis, Jr., who served as the Chapel Organist and Choirmaster from 1955-1985. Congratulations to Jack!

November 9 was Diane Bish's organ recital at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha RC Church in Lagrangeville. Miss Bish inaugurated a "Signature" instrument which bears her name. Miss Bish did indeed rock the newly poured foundation of the church.

This time of year there are many reasons to reflect and gives thanks for ***all*** blessings. We all realize that times of late we have been bombarded with political view points, election projections / results, a roller coaster ride on Wall Street, choir rehearsals and stewardship campaigns. Let's keep things in perspective. There is a lot happening. Yes, times are lean and at times unsettling. Still in all agree we live in a great country where our voice counts. We have enough to eat, clean water to drink and yes, slightly less expensive gasoline to drive our vehicles. There are many blessings that go uncounted. Think about them and reflect: You and I are truly blessed.

We are all pitching in to help these days. I know all of you are doing your utmost in your service to God and his church. These days be thankful for the great, the small and the simplest of blessings. God works in a mysterious way.

Every morning I rise from my bed which faces east and say the same words that I have said for many years: "Good morning, God! Its Greg."

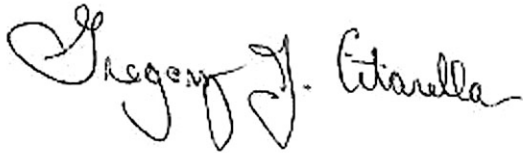
Everything after that is a blessing!

Remember too that our chapter experienced many losses this year. I know you won't forget them and their life long contributions. They each have left us with a legacy. Many blessings indeed!

*"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his Love."*

Ah yes, there is it again – a blessing!

A Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to all
In His and Your Service I remain...



Gregory J. Citarella+
(SDG)

Membership News

- Siri Milkove has accepted a position as Organist at the First Reformed Church of Catskill.
- Gregory Citarella is planning to move into a smaller dwelling and so has two beautiful instruments for sale. Serious inquiries only; please call 845-297-7693.
 - Kohler & Campbell Piano: 4 years old, Red Mahogany case, "Damp Chaser", professionally tuned twice a year.
 - Johannus 3 manual Rembrandt Organ: 9 years old, Aeolian-Skinner Samples; external speakers included
- Jeff Alban, who grew up in this chapter and is now married with a doctoral degree from the University of Miami, sent the following message on October 21, 2008:
Kay and I are now in Front Royal [Virginia]. We arrived on October 14, and I played my first Sunday this past weekend. Kay passed the VA Pharmacy Law Exam, and she'll begin working next week. I walked out the door this morning to see a very clear rainbow across the mountains. It is a lovely area; but it is cold.

Our new contact information:

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Front Royal, VA 22630

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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	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 (no weekday funerals)	
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474		845-489-2625
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-255-8293
Pat Maimone	845-446-2395	<u>Student</u>	
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249	Gregory S. Quaglieni	845-786-0011

For Weddings and Funerals Only:

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 December, is November 23rd.

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	Patricia R. Maimone	845-446-2395
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298	Charles Surber	845-223-4824

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

ACCOMPANIST - Part-Time

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 9/12/2008

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - NEW CITY, NY 6/6/2008

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - KINGSTON, NY Updated 10/21/08

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC/ORGANIST - Part-Time

ST. BONIFACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GUILDERLAND, NY 5/12/2008

ORGANIST/PIANIST (Part-Time)

UNION AME CHURCH - WARWICK, NY 3/26/08

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH - WALDEN, NY Renewed 5/28/2008

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.

Friday, November 14, 2008
7:30 PM

"American Songbook: An evening of 20th Century American Art Song" Songs by Barber, Ives, Bernstein, Libby Larsen, and John Musto. Shana Andrawis, soprano. Concerts Con Brio - Fall 2008 Concert Series at Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Suggested donation: \$12. Info: call Laura Russell at 845-485-1648.

Saturday, November 15,
2008
7:00 PM

Bach, Beethoven and Broadway! **Donald Filkins**, Organist. First Presbyterian Church, Wappingers Falls, NY. Free will offering. Info: 845-297-2800.

- Sunday, November 16, 2008
3:00 PM Organ, Trumpet, and Violin Concert **Gregory Citarella** (Organ), Jim Paradies (Trumpet) and Julie Berman (Violin). St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson, 37 Point Street, New Hamburg, NY. Free Will offering. A reception will follow the recital. Info: Call the church at: 845-297-2010 or call **Gregory Citarella** for more information at: 845-297-7693
- Sunday, November 16, 2008
3:00 PM Three Organists Spectacular.
An organ concert featuring Kathryn Jones, Joseph Nigro, and Thomas Zachacz. Location: The Union Church of Pocantico Hills, 555 New Bedford Road, Route 448, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591. Works of Bach, Gigout, Franck, Hollins, Vivaldi, Gawthrop and others. Suggested offering \$10. Info: 914-631-2069
- Sunday, November 16, 2008
4:00 PM Organ Concert by **Craig S. Williams**
to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Blooming Grove United Church of Christ. The concert is free and open to the public. Location: Blooming Grove United Church of Christ, 8 Old Dominion Road, the intersection of Rt 94 and Round Hill Road, Blooming Grove, NY. Craig Williams is organist at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. The organ is a magnificent 1902 Hook and Hastings tracker organ. The concert is free and open to the public. Info: Call Sharen Casazza at 845-496-5222 or casazza@frontiernet.net
- Saturday, November 22,
2008
8:00 PM Kairos A Consort of Singers
joined by the SUNY-New Paltz Concert Choir, College-Community Chorale and Chamber Singers in concert featuring *The Ecstasies Above* by British composer Tarik O'Regan. The work is scored for chamber chorus and string quartet and is based on the Edgar Allen Poe poem *Israfel*. The concert will also feature Bach's motet *Fürchte dich nicht* and Beethoven's *Elegischer Gesang*, Op. 118. Concerts Con Brio - Fall 2008 Concert Series at Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Suggested donation: \$12. Info: call Laura Russell at 845-485-1648.
- Saturday, November 22,
2008
8:00 PM Camerata Chorale Concert.
Music of Vaughan Williams including *Dona Nobis Pacem*, *Serenade*, and *Greensleeves*. New Paltz United Methodist Church, 1 Grove Street, New Paltz, NY. Info: call **Connie Lacey** at 845-897-5962
- Sunday, November 23, 2008
3:00 PM Camerata Chorale Concert.
Music of Vaughan Williams including *Dona Nobis Pacem*, *Serenade*, and *Greensleeves*. First Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: call **Connie Lacey** at 845-897-5962

<p>Sunday, November 30, 2008 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Choral Concert by the Evergreen Chorus Women's A Capella Harmony by the Evergreen Chorus. St. Andrew's Church, 110 Overlook Road, Poughkeepsie, NY. Tickets: \$12 for Adults; Seniors \$8. There will be refreshments available. Info: 845-452-6832.</p>
<p>Sunday, December 7, 2008 3:00 PM</p>	<p>50th Annual Handel's <i>Messiah</i> Performance Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu</p>
<p>Sunday, December 14, 2008 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Evensong for the Third Sunday in Advent Featuring the Botticelli Chamber Ensemble and the Choirs of St. Margaret's Church (Staatsburg) and the Church of the Messiah (Rhinebeck). St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Elm Street, Staatsburg, NY. A reception will follow the service. Info: 518-462-1512.</p>
<p>Sunday, December 21, 2008 7:30 PM NOTE TIME CHANGE!</p>	<p>Advent Lessons & Carols Service Organ prelude at 7:30; service at 8:00 PM. Concerts Con Brio - Fall 2008 Concert Series at Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Freewill offering. Info: call Laura Russell at 845-485-1648.</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 24, 2008 10:30 PM</p>	<p>Christmas Eve Choir Concert Benjamin Britten "Ceremony of Carols" with Choir and Harp. 11:00 PM - Festival Communion Service with Christmas Hymns and Readings. Concerts Con Brio - Fall 2008 Concert Series at Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Freewill offering. Info: call Laura Russell at 845-485-1648.</p>

<p>Sunday, January 11, 2009 5:00 PM NOTE NEW DATE!</p>	<p>"Spuds & Sundaes" Social Trinity Episcopal Church, 1200 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. We provide baked potatoes and ice cream, along with various appropriate toppings for each, and beverages. You bring any unused/duplicate/unwanted sheet music for a "musical bake sale; proceeds from the sale will be donated to the chapter's scholarship fund. Bring a guest! Info: 845-463-1249.</p>
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<p>Sunday, January 18, 2009 4:30 PM</p>	<p>Choral Evensong Service Region-wide Choir. Concerts Con Brio - Fall 2008 Concert Series at Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. It will begin at 4:30PM with an organ recital. All area choirs are welcome to participate in the event. Music: Anthems - Vaughan Williams "Magnificat and Nunc dimittis"; Andre Thomas' "Keep your Lamps". Additional hymns and</p>
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canticles will be determined later. Choir directors should contact **Laura Russell** if they want to participate. There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday 1/17 at 3:00 PM. Other rehearsals Thursday nights at Christ Church on dates TBA. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Freewill offering. Info: call **Laura Russell** at 845-485-1648.

Sunday, January 25, 2009
4:00 PM

"Pipes, Reeds & Horns" - Rhinebeck Chamber Music Society presents the Renaissance City Winds Wind Quintet plus Organ, at the Church of the Messiah, 6436 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck, NY. Music by Ibert, Hertel, Paine, Debussy, Frescobaldi, Sowerby, and Whipple. Tickets: \$25 adults, \$5 students. Info/tickets: 845-876-2870.

Sunday, January 25, 2009
7:30 PM

Interfaith Benefit Concert featuring the "Jazz Cantata" by area pianist Gretchen Gould and "Chichester Psalms" by Leonard Bernstein. Combined choirs of Shalom Singers, United Methodist Church Choir, Christ Church Choir. Suggested donation \$12 to Benefit the Rural & Migrant Ministry. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Suggested donation. Info: call Laura Russell at 845-485-1648.

<p>Saturday, February 7, 2009 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM</p>	<p>"Gospel Music and the Worship Experience" presented by Celestine Campbell. Location: Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 2611 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY. Info: 845-463-1249.</p>
<p>Saturday, March 21, 2009 Time and location to be announced</p>	<p>Historic Organs of Dutchess County Presented by Susan LaGrande and Connie Lacey. Watch this space for further information.</p>

Sunday, March 29, 2009
3:00 PM

Organ Recital by Meredith Baker
Director of Music, Most Holy Trinity (Catholic) Chapel, USMA. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday, April 5, 2009
7:30 PM

Durufle Requiem
Sung by Christ Church Choir and accompanied by West Point organist **Craig Williams**. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Suggested donation \$12. Info: call Laura Russell at 845-485-1648.

Sunday, April 19, 2009
3:00 PM

Organ Recital by Eric Plutz
Organist, Princeton University Chapel
(Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series)
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-
7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday, May 10, 2009
3:00 PM

Organ Recital by Johan Hermans
Organist, St. Quintinus Cathedral, Hasselt, Belgium
(Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series)
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-
7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

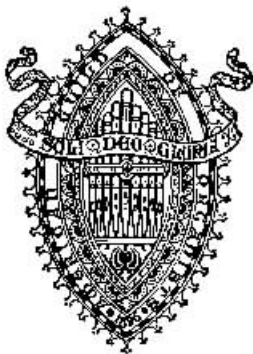
Sunday, May 31, 2009
3:00 PM
NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Annual Members' Recital
Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New
Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie, NY Info: 845-452-2933

*As we express our gratitude, we must never forget
that the highest appreciation is not to utter words,
but to live by them.*

– John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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