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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

September has arrived and we are heading back to our benches – hymn books in hand and organ shoes “in toe” (sorry, no pun intended). Choir rehearsals resume. Life as usual for organists and choir directors. Life is good!

This past summer saw the passing of a friend, teacher, husband and father, Ray Corey. Please note that his memorial concert will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 2:00 PM at St. James Methodist Church in Kingston New York. Read our calendar for more information. I plan on attending. If we need to coordinate rides please don't hesitate to call. We will miss Ray dearly. This year we have marked the passing of a number of our colleagues. Let us continue to remember their contributions and keep their families in prayer and thanksgiving for their service.

Congratulations to Patricia Maimone on the birth of her granddaughter: ***Selena Dorothy Maimone***. Selena arrived at 0930 on Tuesday, 12 August 2008! She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and is 19 inches long. Congratulations go out as well to the proud parents, Mark and Alice Cheung Maimone! Great news to share!

I don't know about you, but Autumn is a favorite season for me. I just finished cooking two bushels of tomatoes for sauce. All containers are nicely tucked away in the freezer for those long winter days. I simply warm up the sauce and can enjoy the Summer bounty whenever I please; a mouthful of sunshine and goodness. Maybe we should do a recipe swap some day. Maybe we should publish a chapter book of recipes. Just a thought.

Hopefully all of us will adjust to the fuel prices to heat our homes this year. I know I am turning my thermostat down a notch or two. I have lots of blankets, sweaters and big woolly socks.

Reminder: September 20, 2008 – 2:00 PM is our workshop with Dr. Victoria Sirota . Dr. Sirota is both a concert organist and Episcopal Priest and was formerly National Chaplain of the AGO. Her topic is “Preaching to the Choir; Claiming the role of Sacred Musician.” Her book of the same title is superb. You won't want to miss hearing what she has to say. It would be a good opportunity to invite your clergy to join you. The event will be held at Trinity Church in Fishkill where our sub-dean, Beverly Simmons, serves as organist and choirmaster. Mark your calendars. I look forward to seeing many of you. Invite friends who might not be a part of our chapter.

Our event calendar is filling in quite nicely with many exciting events. Continually check the calendar for updates.

As we move forward during the International Year of the Organ think about what you can do at your church where you serve God and his people to better bridge the understanding of the organ for the lay person. How can you (we) promote the instrument that leads so many to God's presence in the liturgy and service? What can you (we) do to make the organ more known and in a sense “congregation friendly?”

You can achieve some success by inviting people to the organ console and giving a quick demonstration of the tone palette of the instrument. You might play your hymns with fancy introductions, interesting interludes and perhaps a key change with a last verse in open harmony. If your church is not used to singing hymns in such a manner, then put a small note in the Sunday service leaflet to let people know something unique will happen.

When you accompany a hymn ask yourself whether or not you are being sensitive to the text. How quiet should you make the organ for a particular verse if required? How loud should the last verse be? Can you accompany a hymn by soloing the melody line or the tenor line? Have you practiced your hymns so that they flow and become meaningful to your congregation to lift their voices in song and praise to God? The same can be said for service music, choir anthems, preludes and postludes.

I am sure you do all or some of the above. What is really important is that you continue to be an ambassador for the organ. The organ is a unique instrument that brings people together to sing as one voice in worship and praise. In a phrase: *Soli Deo Gloria!*

The organ is also growing as a concert instrument. Many music halls and conservatories are installing new instruments of varying sizes.

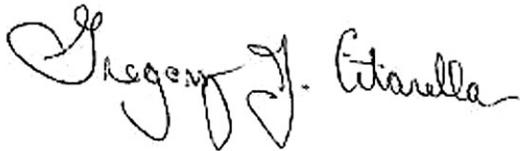
We all do our best and try our hardest at our craft. Many are Swell and Great at what they do. Others are accomplished and still others try their hardest with the simplest of gifts with which God has endowed them. The point is that we put our best foot forward and that we make a difference. Small differences mean a lot. Let us remember that we are all God's children and that we all are a part of the web of life that weaves people closer to the bosom of God. You can make a difference.

You and I have been taught to refer to God as our "Father." I just completed reading a book on comparative religions. The Hopi Indians of the southwest refer to God not as "Father" but as "Grandfather". Their word is "Konkachilla". Somehow I like that. No matter how we refer to our heavenly father; Creator, Father or Grandfather, he knows that you are doing your best. He knows that we are doing our best. That's my story and I'm stickin' to it!

*"When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul."*

Go forward to Love and Serve!

In His and Your service I remain



Gregory J. Citarella+  
(SDG)

## **Scholarship Announced for Church Musicians**

In 2009 the Charlotte Hoyt Bagnall Scholarship for Church Musicians will hold a competition for church musicians who have graduated or will graduate from high school as of June 30, 2009. Awards from five hundred dollars (\$500) to twenty five hundred dollars (\$2500) will be granted. The scholarship can be used for a variety of music studies including:

- Organ lessons
- Undergraduate or graduate studies related to organ or religious music
- Participation in organ festivals, seminars, music camps, etc.

Information and applications can be obtained by visiting the scholarship website <http://www.chbscholarship.com>, or by writing "The Charlotte H. Bagnall Scholarship" at 17 Beaverbrook Rd., West Simsbury, CT 06092. Applications are due by December 31, 2008.

## 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>
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs) 845-888-5318
Terry Earles (Kingston & Staatsburg areas)	845-340-1655	Alice Cann 845-223-5344
		Greg Citarella 845-297-7693
		Larry Hazard 845-452-0119
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	845-489-2625
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Boyd Herforth 845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	Charles Surber (no weddings) 845-255-8293
		Jeffrey Parries 845-297-6870/845-702-4746
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		<u>Student</u>
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	Gregory S. Quaglieni 845-786-0011
Pat Maimone	845-446-2395	
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249	

## 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, 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 October, is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

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 5/29/2008**

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)  
**ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH - WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 5/18/2008**

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**

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST (Part-Time)  
**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH - CATSKILL, NY 3/14/08**

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)  
**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH - WALDEN, NY *Renewed 5/28/2008***

ORGANIST (Part-Time)  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - RED HOOK, NY *Resubmitted 11/10/2007***

## 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.*

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 5, 6 and 7, 2008

Ninth Annual Hudson Valley BachFest

Young Performers' Concert on Friday, September 5, 2008 - 6:00 PM, Cornwall Presbyterian Church, Cornwall

Keyboard Marathon

The Well Tempered Clavier on Friday, September 5, 2008- 7:30 PM, Cornwall Presbyterian Church, Cornwall

Afternoon Concert

Bach's Chamber Works on Saturday, September 6, 2008 - 3:00 PM, Christ Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie

Evening Concert

*Magnificat* on Saturday, September 6, 2008 - 7:00 PM, Christ Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie

BachFest Church Services

on Sunday, September 7, 2008 - Various churches throughout the Hudson Valley

Afternoon Concert

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 on Sunday, September 7, 2008 - 3:30 PM, Cornwall Presbyterian Church, Cornwall

This blissful immersion in the glorious music of Johann Sebastian Bach is offered to the public as a collaboration between community and professional musicians of the region.

Saturday, September 20, 2008  
2 - 4 PM

Workshop with Dr. Victoria Sirota

Dr. Sirota is both a concert organist and Episcopal Priest and was formerly National Chaplain of the AGO. Her topic is "Preaching to the Choir; Claiming the role of Sacred Musician". Her book of the same title is superb. You won't want to miss hearing what she has to say. It would be a good opportunity to invite your clergy to join you. This event will take place at Trinity Episcopal Church, Main Street, Fishkill, NY.

Sunday, September 21, 2008  
3:00 PM  
Summer's End Concert  
**Donald Filkins**, organist; Douglas Coates, pianist/baritone; Nancy Johnston, soprano; and Carol Osgood, pianist. First Presbyterian Church, 50 Liberty Street, Beacon, NY. Free will offering. Reception to follow.  
Info: 845-831-5322

Saturday & Sunday, September 21 & 22, 2008  
1:00 PM  
Concert of Dutch Organ Music  
Part of Dutch Legacy Weekend in the Hudson Valley. First Reformed Church, Fishkill, Rte 9 and Rte 52, Fishkill, NY. **Connie Lacey**, Organist. Free admission; donations accepted. Info: 845-896-9836.

Saturday, September 27, 2008  
7:30 PM  
Wanamaker Organ "Concert of the Century" with the Philadelphia Orchestra  
Celebrating Macy's 150th Anniversary. Location: The Grand Court at Macy's, John Wanamaker Building, 13th & Market Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Rossen Milanov, Conductor; Peter Richard Conte, Soloist.  
Info: 215-893-1999.

Saturday, October 4, 2008 9:00 AM NOTE DATE CHANGE!	Trip to "The Cloisters" Join us for a fun trip to New York City to visit this wonderful medieval museum. If you've never been there you won't want to miss it. And if you have, you'll want to go again. We will car pool (meeting at a place to be determined), so you need to call Gregory Citarella at 845-297-7693 and let him know you want to go.
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Sunday, October 12, 2008  
2:00 PM  
Memorial Concert to Celebrate the Life and Work of Ray C. Corey  
St. James Methodist Church at the corner of Fair and Pearl Streets in Kingston, NY 12401. Parking is available.  
Performers: IBM Chorus, Soloists to include Cheryl Hoffman (Ray's Daughter) and Loren Hoffman (Ray's Granddaughter) and the following guest organists: Jean Hattersley (Old Dutch Church, Kingston, NY); Jane Bier (Upper Red Hook Reformed Church, Red Hook, NY); Lonnie Kulick (Hurley Reformed Church, Hurley, NY); **Rob Brown** (Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY). Rev. David M. Jolly will officiate. Free Will Donation will go to the "Ray Corey Organ Scholarship Fund." Info: 845-331-3030 .

Sunday, October 12, 2008  
3:00 PM  
The Fourth Donald M. Pearson Memorial Organ Recital  
with guest organist Diane Meredith Belcher, faculty at University of Pennsylvania and co-organist/choirmaster at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia. Ms. Belcher's program will include works of Bach, Schumann, Franck, and Messiaen. Vassar College Chapel, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Free. Info: 845-437-7294.

Sunday, October 19, 2008	Organ Spectacular to mark the high point in the International Year of the Organ
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3:30 PM	Concert by Gregory D'Agostino, holder of a DMA in organ from the Juilliard School. He is a recording artist who has concertized internationally, and has performed at National AGO Conventions and at major venues in the US. Location: The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: 845-452-8110.
Sunday, November 2, 2008 Time TBA	Organ Recital by Scott Dettra In honor of Dr. John A. Davis, Jr. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point. Watch this space for further information.
Saturday, November 8, 2008 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Pipes, Pedals, & Pizza A wonderful event designed to introduce young piano students to the King of Instruments. Location: Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Road, Newburgh, NY. To reserve a place for your child or student, or for more information, call Dr. Margaret Small, 845-562-0954.
Sunday, November 9, 2008 5:00 PM	Inaugural Concert by Diane Bish to celebrate the installation of the new 3-manual, 80-stop Allen Organ in the new 1000-seat sanctuary at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church in Lagrangeville, NY. Diane Bish is the most visible and influential classical organist performing today. Her television program <i>The Joy of Music</i> is broadcast to over 300 million people around the world each week. Co-sponsors: CHVAGO, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church, and Allen Organ Company. Admission is free, by advance reservation; reserve your seat by calling the church at 845-227-1710 or visiting the web site at <a href="http://www.blessedkateriparish.com">www.blessedkateriparish.com</a> . (Note: Parking is limited; carpooling is highly recommended.)
Sunday, November 16, 2008 3:00 PM	Organ, Trumpet, and Violin Concert <b>Gregory Citarella</b> (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 <b>Gregory Citarella</b> for more information at: 845-297-7693
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, May 17, 2009 3:00 PM	Annual Members' Recital Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie, NY Info: 845-452-2933



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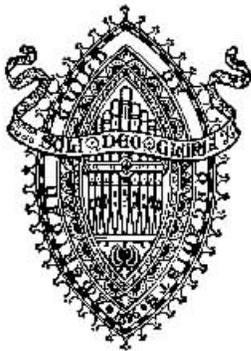
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