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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I will echo the sentiments of our National President, Fred Swann, in that we are all making a lot of music in Churches and Temples at this time of year. No doubt all of us are practicing extra diligently to ensure exceptional music for our communities of faith. I would love to survey the hours each of us practices, rehearses, meetings...etc. Add that all up from our chapter membership then add those numbers in to a larger roll up of time and talent across our national membership, and I suspect we would be at the top of the list of those who “burn the midnight oil.” Corporate America has nothing on us! Each of you works very passionately to bring special music to our communities of faith at this time of year. Keep up the momentum!

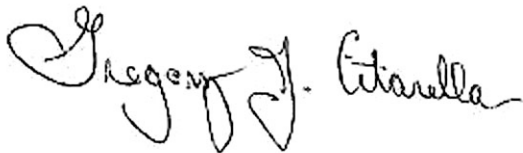
Many of us are entering Advent and beginning the Liturgical Calendar Year "A". That means a new cycle of Scriptural Readings and a new round of hymns to complement those texts. I want to take this time to extend my deepest and sincerest gratitude and thanks to all of you who are making our AGO Chapter a very special organization. Of course that means everybody! The celebration of the Nativity of our Lord is a time of hope for the future. It's just not the *presents* we give, but the *presence* we are in each others lives. During this time of year, as we prepare our hearts for that celebration, please keep that hope alive by keeping a song on your lips. When you sing, you pray twice.

"Music is said to be the voices of Angels." In that we rest assured that there is a chorus of Angels singing "Soli Deo Gloria." We all work hard at our craft. Many are Swell, Great, accomplished and otherwise with their talents. But what is important is how we help each other in a fraternal and collegial manner to keep our motto shining brightly. "Music expresses from the heart that which cannot be put into words." Each of you knows the aforementioned adage all too well. Our hearts talk to each other in the same manner and we understand.

Remember our hope for the future lies on a baby born in the City of David who shall be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace..." (*Isaiah 9:6*)

My heart's warmest wishes to all for a Blessed Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year in 2008. "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers..."

As always I remain in His Happy, Musical and Joyful Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory J. Citarella". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "As always I remain in His Happy, Musical and Joyful Service,".

Gregory J. Citarella+  
(SDG)

## Membership News

- Correction to the Membership Roster: Joanne Reed is Organist/Music Director at Westwood United Methodist Church, Westwood. This was previously announced correctly in the September newsletter.
- We are pleased to report that several new members have joined or rejoined our ranks. Some of these individuals have been listed in these pages before, but the following list of new and returning members is complete as of November 25, 2007.

William Bozzetto  
John J. Breitenbach  
Neil Gould  
T. Boothe (Terry) Earles  
Dr. Laura Ramsey Russell  
Dr. Ruthanne Schempf  
Mr. Michael C. Tangredi  
Mr. John Vanderlee  
Mrs. Nancy A. Vanderlee  
Mr. Jan S. Van Der Stad

Full mailing addresses and phone numbers will be added to our membership roster and posted in the private area of our web site at [www.chvago.org](http://www.chvago.org). If you need a printed copy of the roster mailed to you, please contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

## Choral Evensong CDs Now Available

A 2-CD set of our September 23 Choral Evensong at Christ Church is available for \$12. This was a beautiful service, filled with music and readings. The CD set includes the 30 minute opening concert by Craig Williams, and contains the entire service, from opening procession to closing benediction. To obtain a CD, send e-mail or call Eric Hepp ([erhepp@us.ibm.com](mailto:erhepp@us.ibm.com), 845-790-3381) to reserve your copy. Then send a check for \$12 to Eric Hepp, 24 Lormar Ct., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. We will have pickup points at each church whose choir participated in the service. If you will be obtaining your copy at one of the participating churches, indicate the church in your e-mail. If you would like your CD mailed, specify that, and include \$2 additional for postage, for a total of \$14. If you order multiple copies and wish them mailed, check with Eric for shipping costs for the bundle. Please place your orders by December 15. Christmas is coming, and these would make a very nice and special gift that can be appreciated throughout the year.

## Encore Choral Evensong Scheduled for February 3

*-- From Program Chair Beverly Simmons*

Once again we are co-sponsoring (with Christ Church) an ecumenical Evensong to take place at Christ Church in Poughkeepsie on Sunday, February 3, 2008, at 5:00 PM. It will be preceded by a half-hour organ recital by Merellyn Gallagher at 4:30. If you missed our September event you will want to be sure to participate (along with members of your choir) and if you joined us then, you will hopefully want to do it again. My own choir members spoke about how much fun it was to sing with a really large group.

So here are the particulars: You will need to order the following three anthems. (The chapter is not doing it for you this time.)

- Candlyn: “Christ whose glory fills the skies” – with organ – CM 622 Carl Fischer Pub
- Rutter: “A Gaelic Blessing” – with organ – Hinshaw RSCM-501
- Rutter: “God be in my head” – a cappella – Oxford 94.326

As before, there will be a dress rehearsal the day before on Saturday, February. 2, 2008, probably at 1:00 PM. You may learn the music on your own and teach it to your choir or, if you are free on Thursday evenings you may join Laura Russell at Christ Church for their rehearsals.

Choirs are welcome to rehearse on their own, and then join us for the dress rehearsal on the day before the Evensong. Guest organists (at least those accompanying the choirs) would join us on the Saturday as well. I will have joint rehearsals at 7:30 PM at Christ Church on the three Thursdays leading up to the Evensong: 1/17, 1/24, and 1/31 for singers who do not have choir rehearsal on Thursday nights. They will run for an hour, tops.

If you have questions please contact me at [beverlysim@verizon.net](mailto:beverlysim@verizon.net) or call me at 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 November, is December 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.

Joe Bertolozzi (Sat, late Sunday)	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		Alice Cann	845-223-5344
(Kingston & Staatsburg areas)	845-340-1655	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Robert J. Clooney	845-344-2277
Lois Hoger	845-229-7404	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	845-489-2625
Jill Marshall (Friday, Saturday)	845-227-6990	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-255-8293
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	<u>Students</u>	
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		David Parries (Sunday only)	845-297-6870
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	Jeffrey Parries	845-297-6870/845-702-4746
Pat Maimone	845-446-2395	Gregory S. Quaglieni	845-786-0011
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249		

## 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.

Joyce B. Auchincloss	203-754-2840	Patricia R. Maimone	845-446-2395
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	845-223-4824
Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298		

## 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 (Part-Time)

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - RED HOOK, NY 10/29/2007**

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - AMENIA, NY 10/19/2007**

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH - WALDEN, NY 10/17/07**

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER (Part-Time)

**CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION - HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 10/5/2007**

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - RED HOOK, NY Resubmitted 11/10/2007**

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

**ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - STAATSBURG, NY 7/18/2007**

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 5/1/07**

## 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.*

- Thursday, December 13, 2007  
5:00 PM
- Sankta Lucia Evensong Service  
Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Free and open to all. Reception to follow service. Info: 845-452-8220
- Sunday - December 16, 2007  
10:00 AM
- A Ceremony of Traditional Christmas Lessons & Carols  
St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson (Episcopal) Church, 37 Point Street, New Hamburg NY 12590. All are welcome! Info: 845-297-2010
- Sunday, December 16, 2007  
4:00 PM
- Christmas Concert  
Combined choirs of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (Christopher King, Director) and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (Rita Mathsen, Director) featuring Bach Cantata 61 "*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*" and St.-Saens "*Christmas Oratorio*" with chamber orchestra. **Patricia R. Maimone**, guest organist. Carol singing by audience. St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Mamaroneck Avenue at Carhart, White Plains, NY. Freewill offering. Information: 914-949-3577. Handicapped accessible.
- Monday, December 24, 2007  
10:30 PM
- Christmas Eve Choral Concert  
Followed at 11:00 PM by Festive Eucharist. **Merellyn Gallagher**, guest organist. Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Free and open to all. Info: 845-452-8220.
- Wednesday, January 3, 2008  
7:30 PM
- Organ Concert by Gregory Eaton  
Music by DeKoven, Franck, Guilmant, Joplin, Rowley, and Mosher. Church of the Holy Apostles, 296 Ninth Avenue (at 28th Street), New York, NY. General admission \$20, preferred seating \$20. Info: 212-807-6799

Sunday, January 13, 2008 4:00 PM	Annual Spuds & Sundaes Social Trinity Episcopal Church 1200 Main Street (at the corner of Route 9 and Route 52), Fishkill, NY. In addition to our social time we will hold our "Musical Bake Sale," in which members bring sheet music or other media such as VCR'S, DVD's and CD's that they no longer want. These will be sold to any who want them and the proceeds will go to the chapter. Info: 845-463-1249
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<p>Sunday, February 3, 2008 5:00 PM (Organ Recital starts at 4:30 PM)</p>	<p>Choral Evensong To be presented by and in collaboration with Christ Episcopal Church &amp; Central Hudson Valley Chapter, American Guild of Organists. The service will be preceded by a half-hour organ recital by <b>Merellyn Gallagher</b> starting at 4:30 PM. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Members are encouraged to participate and have your choir join in as well. Free admission. Reception to follow. For more information about repertoire, rehearsals, etc. please call Program Chair <b>Beverly Simmons</b> at 845-463-1249.</p>
<p>Saturday, February 16, 2008 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Workshop on Dutch Music Jan-Piet Knijff, Presenter. St. John's Lutheran, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY. There will be an opportunity to order some Dutch music at the end of the day. Come learn about some gems of the repertoire that you may not be familiar with. Info: 845-463-1249</p>
<p>Sunday, February 17, 2008 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Organ Recital by Gail Archer, Concert Organist Masterworks for Organ by American Composers (Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series) Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352</p>
<p>Sunday, February 17, 2008 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Recital by Jan-Piet Knijff St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: 845-452-1550</p>
<p>Sunday, March 30, 2008 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Anthony &amp; Beard - Trumpet and Organ Concert Ryan Anthony, trumpet, and Gary Beard, organ, both of Memphis. First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403</p>
<p>Sunday, April 6, 2008 7:00 PM</p>	<p>All Bach Organ Recital by Brian Hoffman Brian Hoffman is Director of Music at St. George's Church in Schenectady, NY. Co-sponsored by Christ Church and the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY - Free and open to all (freewill offering gratefully accepted.) Info: 845-452-8220</p>

- Saturday, April 12, 2008      The Carlene Neihart International Organ Competition  
 To be held at the Village Presbyterian Church of Prairie Village, Kansas on their 90 rank Pipe Organ. The first place award is for \$2,500.00, the second place is for \$1,500.00 and the third place is for \$1,000.00. The Carlene Neihart Pipe Organ Foundation, with a 501(C)(3) tax-exempt status was formed to organize, present the competition, fund the prize money and sustain the future of the competition. Donations of any amount would be greatly appreciated. Please mail to: Nancy A. Stankiewicz, 8907 Foster Lane, Overland Park, Kansas 66212
- Sunday, April 27, 2008 3:00 PM      Organ Recital by Ken Cowan  
 (Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series)  
 Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352
- Sunday, May 4, 2008 3:00 PM      Organ Concert by Carlo Curley  
 First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY.  
 Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403
- Sunday, May 18, 2008 3:00 PM      Organ Recital by Phillip Brisson  
 of the Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville, KY. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352

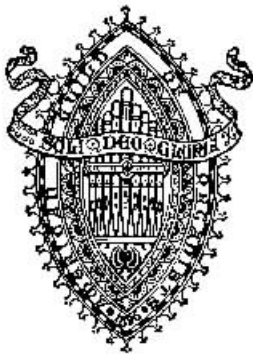
Sunday, November 9, 2008  
 Time TBD      Inaugural Concert by Diane Bish  
 to celebrate the installation of the new Allen Organ in the new sanctuary at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church in Lagrangeville, NY. Diane Bish is the most visible and influential classical organist performing today. Her television program *The Joy of Music* is broadcast to over 300 million people around the world each week.  
 Hosted and co-sponsored by Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church. Watch this space for further information.



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