

**Dayton Ohio Chapter
The American Guild of Organists**



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Organ Academy in Concert

and Installation of Officers

Dayton Chapter May Meeting

Sunday, May 19, 2013 – 4:00 pm

Kettering Adventist Church, 3939 Stonebridge Road. Kettering 45419

Dean's Letter, May 2013



Effie Sue Kemerley, Dean

Three years of being your Dean have gone by so quickly. I've met many fine people, renewed old acquaintances, made new friends and enjoyed the wide variety of programs - recitals, bells, singing, **LaBarn** and our great **Pedals, Pipes and Pizza** for youth, in just this last year. I hope these programs have also been of interest to you. Any ideas for future programs? **Tom Aldridge** will be our very capable new Dean, and he and incoming Sub-Dean **Matt Dierking** and the Board will be planning next year's programs in early summer. Tom and I will be going to the annual state Deans' meeting this month at Bunn-Minnick in Columbus, where we will brag about the members and programs in the Dayton AGO chapter.

Plan to attend our **Student Academy Recital, May 19** at Kettering Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Until students take church organ jobs, they don't have many opportunities to perform in public, and practicing at the organ is a very solitary activity. Come hear these students play. Remember your own student years and share positive encouragement with these new organists. **Installation of officers** and a reception will follow the recital.

It's been decades since Dayton hosted a regional convention. Taking on this project is a lot of work and financial commitment for the host chapter. Consider attending the 2013 Regional Convention in Kalamazoo this July, even if only one day. (Our own **Yun Kim** will be performing.)

Thank you for all the support I have received from so many in these three years. You have made my job so easy.

I really have enjoyed being your Dean.

Effie Sue

P.S. Remember to publicize our Chapter's programs in your congregations. They are enjoyable for more than members.

Job Openings:

Please check the Chapter Site www.agodayton.org regularly for job openings. It is continually updated.

Position: Organist / Pianist
Church: Sugar Creek Presbyterian
4417 Bigger Road
Kettering, OH 45440
Choir: Thursday evenings
Organ: Estey Pipe, 2 manuals
Kawai grand piano,
Yamaha DGX-640
electronic grand

Send resume to:
employment@sugarcreek.org

Position: Organist
Church: First Church of Christ
Scientist
Address: 105 Sawmill Rd.
Dayton, OH 45409
Choir: No Choir; a soloist.
Services: 1 at 10:30a
Organ: Hook & Hastings
Contact: Amy Houck
h; 937- 439-5300
amyhouck@woh.rr.com

Position: Organist / Choir
Accompanist
Church: Enon Knob Prairie
United Church of Christ
203 W Main Street
P. O. Box 101
Enon, OH 45323
Organ: Rodgers Electronic
Contact: Debby Kunselman
Phone: 937-232-1967
kkunselman@sbcglobal.net

Position: Organist/Choir accomp.
Church: Fairview United
Methodist Church
Organ: Möller, 2 manual, 23
stops w/chimes
Contact: Barbara Wiechel, Pastor
bcwiechel@aol.com
937-274-2189 (church)
Barbara Gribler, Music
Director
bgribler@woh.rr.com
937-837-8134 (home)

Position: Organist / Director of
Worship and Music Ministry
(full time)
Church: St. Mary Catholic Church
528 Broadway
Piqua, OH 45356
Contact: Fr. Thomas Bolte
937-773-1327
www.stmarypiqua.org

Within Our Chapter

We have had several great losses recently.

- **Evelyn Battenberg**, age 93, passed away Wednesday March 20. She was preceded in death by her loving husband **Virgil Battenberg**. A church organist and piano teacher for 50 years, she was a member of American Guild of Organists, a school secretary for the Kettering School System and the Miami Valley Community Concert Association. Memorial contributions may be made to The Music Fund of Westminster Presbyterian Church, or to the Dayton Music Club, c/o Judith Murray, 1733 Bayberry Dr. South, Miamisburg, OH 45458-2668.
- **Lawrence (Larry) Stofer**, died April 7. Larry, was owner of Rainbow Pipe Organ Company. He built/updated many of the remarkable pipe organs located in the City of Dayton. He also worked on many private home pipe organ installations including Ridgeleigh Terrance, the home of Virginia Kettering. He had a gift for putting together an organ out of pieces and parts. As he was finishing up the organ at St John's Lutheran, Dayton, he hosted a meeting of Dayton Chapter to discuss organ construction. **Wanda Stofer**, his mother, is also a chapter member as had been his father the late **Robert Stofer, Sr.** His wife Carol, was devastated at his loss.
- **Charlotte M. Gray**, died Wednesday, April 16. Her passion for music led her to an active role in the arts throughout her life. She served as **Dean of Dayton Chapter** of the AGO and was in constant service to music. A service to celebrate her life will be held June 2, 2 pm at the Christ United Church (Kettering) where she was a member. Condolences may be sent to her daughter Patricia Gray, 105 Bellwood Court, Jamestown, NC 27282. <pgraypiano@msn.com>

Our meeting at Labarn

Members and friends gathered on a fine early evening before the sun set, out in the country near Waynesville at Labarn, a wonderful building built for entertaining and fun.

A large group of members and friends were there. It is always so good to see colleagues whom we know, but so seldom have chance to visit with.

Rick Rieger, son of the original owner, showed us his father's pride and joy – the combination of parts from more than 16 organs mostly assembled by late chapter member **Julian Bulley**. And what he had been doing since: downloading organ pieces off the internet that the organ can play. We enjoyed that as background music as we shared a carry-in dinner. Rick described the history of the place and the organ at the end of dinner, and then several members played for the merriment of all. The pipe area is behind a fabric screen and accessible to walk in on the same floor.

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A Visit to Labarn — Photos by John Ziegenhagen and Aaron Sheaffer

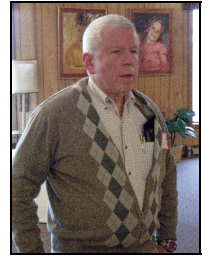
Dayton Chapter's April Meeting took us to Rieger's Barn, near Waynesville, known as "Labarn". Our host was Rick Rieger, son of the creator of Labarn.



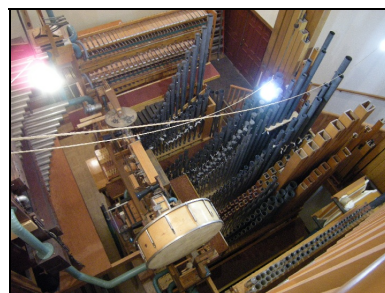
Yes, it is shaped like a barn, but there the image ends.

The upper floor is a combination concert hall, with dance floor, banquet hall and the focus of the room; the pipe organ.

This is a combination of "Church" and "Theatre" organs. It contains pipes from 15 organs. And it has digital playback as well as a roll player.



Rick Rieger



The lower floor is something of a museum with an art gallery, a variety of types of machinery, a display of photographic equipment, and various family heirlooms.



(NOT "family heirlooms")