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Dean's Letter



We've completed another year of excellent programs thanks to Matt Dierking, our Sub Dean, and all the board members. Each program is unique and we try to have our members volunteer to play a number or two at several of the events. If you've never done this, please consider it. You don't have to be a concert organist, just come and play one of your favorite preludes, offertories, or postludes.

We are currently planning for next year's programs. At our meetings we carefully consider what might be of the most interest to all our members. You can email Matt or any board member with your suggestions. If you are not an internet user, you can call any of the board members, or call Matt at 937-767-1753.

On June 15th of this year, we added an extra event - an organ and brass recital at Hyde Park UM church in Cincinnati. Brenda Portman is the Resident Organist and Executive Director of the Oran Concert Series at Hyde Park. She has been a prize winner in a number of competitions. The program was outstanding and included works by Byrd, Gabrieli, Praetorius, Dupre, and Brahms. The highlight was a composition by Edwin T. Childs (b. 1945) and was written specifically for this concert - a world premier. The composition, Pentecost Suite, was based on three well known hymn tunes - Come Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire - At the Name of Jesus Every Knee Shall Bow - and Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord. You can Google his name for more information. The organ at Hyde Park is an 88 rank Casavant, 6 divisions on 4 manuals plus pedal division.

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Elections were held and new board members were installed. We are working on our new directory, so it is important to get you dues submitted as soon as possible. If you need membership forms, you can check out our website at www.agodayton.org You can also call me at 937-286-0427 if you need to have one mailed to you.

Our first meeting this year is a dinner meeting at Rieger's "LaBarn" with members playing the wonderful Rieger organ.

To encourage new members, I am asking each of you to attend our first meeting and invite someone you know to just come along to see what we are all about. Bring an organist friend that does not belong, but it can be anyone who just loves organ music. There are different levels of membership. Let's encourage organists we know who are not members to look us over!

Best wishes for a good summer - take some time off!!!

Tom Aldridge.

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2014-2015 Chapter Tentative Program

The Dayton Chapter Board is currently working on the slate of 2014-2015 programs. We currently plan to kickoff the year with a carry in dinner at the Rieger's "LaBarn" followed by a wide variety of music on the wonderful Reiger organ. Consider playing as part of the program or during the open console time. Thanks to the Rieger's for hosting us once again. Our programs will also include the annual organ Academy Student Recital in May, and Priscilla Acuff again hosting our biannual Pedals, Pipes and Pizza in February. The last PPP had over 50 student participants with Yun Kyong Kim talking about pipes and voicing, Matt Hunt and Dick Krewson giving tours of the pipe chambers and Priscilla demonstrating the organ as well helping the participants to play and experience the organ. Thanks again to Southpark United Methodist Church for hosting the PPP.



The remainder of the program tentatively includes:

- Workshop and Recital with Dr George Baker at Westminster Presbyterian
- Cincinnati Museum Organ Concert
- Chapter Music Sale & Dinner
- Chorale Reading Program
- Workshop for Small Choir Directors
- Member's Recital

We're still working to finalize the program, so if you have other ideas for this year, just contact one of the board members and give them your suggestions.

Look for the finalized program in the 2014-2015 Chapter Directory, on the website (<http://agodayton.org/index.php?p=16> Events) and in the August Edition of the Trumpetings.

2014-2015 Membership

Ellen Bagley, our Membership Chair, and Decker Jones, our Treasurer, are working hard to get our memberships in to AGO National and finalize the chapter directory. Getting your memberships in early makes their jobs easier, so:

Don't forget to send in your membership forms and money!!

2013-2014 Dayton Chapter Program Year in Review (by Matt Dierking & Lynn Mishler)

The Dayton Chapter of the AGO had a super 2013-2014 program year. From the kickoff Dinner and Music Sale to Scary Music Night to the Organ Academy Student Recitals, we had exciting programs, great participation and camaraderie with our members and friends. It's been quite a year, so we've put together a summary of our year.

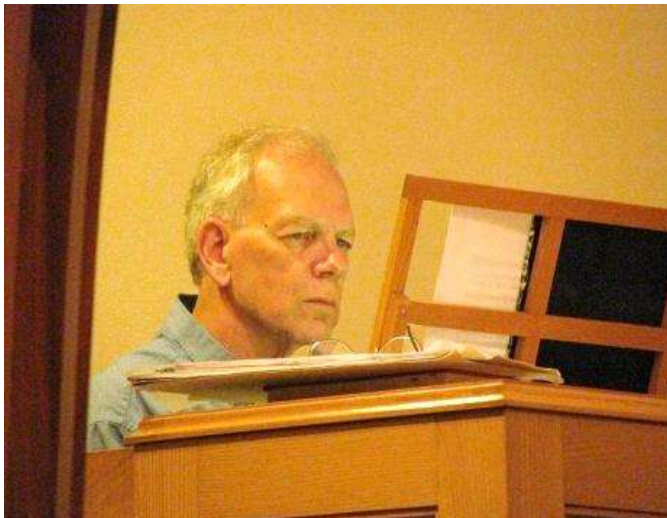
AGO Carry-in Dinner, Celebratory Music & Music Sale

Monday, September 16th:

At the Lutheran Church of Our Savior,
155 E. Thruston Blvd., Dayton, OH 45419

Host: Tom Aldridge

On September 16th, we kicked off the program year with a Carry-in Dinner, Music Sale and Celebratory Music played on the Lutheran Church of Our Savior Organ. The chapter made almost one hundred and fifty dollars on the sale, but more importantly many members took home a wide variety of new music to play and use. You can't find a better deal on music. In addition, Phyllis Warner, Tom Aldridge and Trudy Faber all played "Celebratory" selections as part of the program. The program was hosted by Tom Aldridge. Thanks to the Lutheran Church of Our Savior for supporting us.



****Halloween Scary Music Night at Rieger's La Barn***

Saturday, October 26th
3395 Houston Road,
Waynesville, OH
Host: Matt Dierking

On October 26, the Dayton chapter held a "Scary Music Night" and dinner at Rieger's "La Barn" near Waynesville, Ohio. Nearly fifty chapter members and friends (right) attended the event most in costumes ranging from M&Ms to pirates to ghouls.

The "La Barn" houses a privately owned 42 rank organ built by Fred Rieger and faithfully maintained by his son, Rick Rieger. The organ is half theater and half classical and was constructed from parts of 16 separate rescue organs. The wide variety of pipes and toys are integrated with a modern three manual console making the organ great fun to play.



Ellen Bagley, the "Cat in the Hat" (bottom right) stands in the pipe chamber near the 32' wood bombarde. AGO members Matt Dierking, Daniel Yoder and Priscilla Acuff (bottom left) played music accompanying short silent black and white films including the 1910 Thomas Edison version of Frankenstein, portions of the classic "Hunchback of Notre Dame", cartoons and a scary modern short. Lynn Mishler, Dick Krewson and Matt Hunt played the "toys" and pulled stops during the films.

Chapter members including Prof. Trudy Faber, Lynn McCaw, Carolyn Ripp and others played a variety of "scary" classical pieces. The event was hosted by Matt Dierking and Lynn Mishler. A huge thanks to the Rieger family for opening "La Barn" to us and for the use of the wonderful organ. This was a wonderful evening of fun, organ music and camaraderie.



Thanksgiving Guild Service

Sunday November 17th
South Park United Methodist Church,
140 Stonemill Rd. Dayton, Ohio
Host: Priscilla Acuff

The Dayton Chapter held a Guild service on November 17th at Southpark United Methodist Church. We celebrated the music we make and our service to the church with a program whose roots date 1896 and used in some of the earliest American Guild of Organist services. Paster Kimpel led the service. We had special music including Priscilla Acuff playing the prelude and body of the service. Trudy Faber played a piano solo and an organ postlude and Daniel Yoder played and led a wonderful chorale version of "Jesus the Very Thought of You" arranged by our own Terry Donat.



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American Guild of Organists, Dayton Chapter
Chaplain: Pastor Stephen Kimpel

South Park United Methodist Church
140 Stonemill Rd. Dayton, Ohio 45409 937.224.1731

Sunday November, 17th, 2013



ORGAN PRELUDE

When In Our Music God Is Glorified
Priscilla Acuff

Wilbur Held

WELCOME

Psalm 104:33: I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

HYMN

I Vow to Thee

Thaxted

Bidding Prayer

We come before you this day, O God, beseeching you that through word and music, the power of your Holy Spirit might inspire us to be faithful and fervent messengers of your gospel. Fill our hearts with love and our minds with understanding; and so strengthen our voices that they shall proclaim to the world the good news of Salvation with beauty and Purity. This we ask through Him who taught us when we pray, to say

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

Jesus, the Very Thought of You
Daniel Yoder

Arr. Terry Donat

READING: Psalm 100:1-5

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is He who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Piano Solo

Allemande & Courante from the French Suite V in G Major
Trudy Faber

J. S. Bach



AGO Dayton Members Concert

Sunday January 26th,
First Lutheran, Dayton Ohio
Host: Ellen Bagley

*On January 26, the Dayton chapter held a "Chapter Members' Concert" at the First Lutheran Church in downtown Dayton. Nearly fifty chapter members and friends attended the recital which featured ten members of our chapter. A delightful variety of music was presented ranging from a piano and trombone arrangement of Rachmaninoff's Vocalise to an original composition by member Deborah Macaulay to Vierne's Beceuse and Carillon. The recitalists varied as widely as the music including organ/piano teachers, engineers, a university English professor, directors of music for large congregations and part time church musicians from smaller churches. The organ pieces were performed on a beautiful 4-division, 3-manual Schlicker organ with wonderful reeds on Swell, Choir, and Positiv--including a lovely English Horn. The resonant acoustics of the stone church along with the stained glass and painted woodwork ceiling made this a great venue for the concert. The broad range of music and musicians made for wonderful afternoon of music and camaraderie both during the recital and at the reception and Chapter Board meeting held following the program.

back row: Dave Schierloh, Elizabeth Graham MacConnell, Alan Kimbrough, Jerry Taylor, Linda Shutt, and front row: Jeanne Schierloh, Deborah Macaulay, Phyllis Warner, Carolyn Ripp and Ellen Bagley

Yun Kim Dedication Recital

Sunday March 30th, 2014
Shiloh United Church of Christ,
5300 Philadelphia Dr., Dayton, OH 45415
Host: Aaron Sheaffer

Our chapter's own Yun Kyong Kim played the dedicatory recital of the new organ console of Shiloh Church by the Allen Organ Company. Yun showcased the various resources available in the 4-manual Möller organ with delightful original works and transcriptions for organ. Among the featured selections was the emotionally charged "Variations on a Theme of Handel" by Arno Landmann; the warhorse "Toccata" by Sergei Prokofiev; Iain Farrington's bright and breezy "Fiesta!", and a performance of selected pieces from "Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saëns. Yun is a past-dean of the Dayton chapter and is a very active concert artist. Yun did an amazing job registering on the fly after an unexpected failure in the antiphonal section of the organ. Yun was a featured solo recitalist for the Region V AGO Conventions in both 2011 and 2013, and has been praised for her imaginative programming, commanding technique and outstanding musicianship. The concert was a cooperative concert between Dayton Chapter and Shiloh Church as part of the dedication of the new console on the Möller-by-Allen Organ at Shiloh Church.



The organ is 1979 Möller IV/56 pipe organ to which were added 4 digital 32' ranks and a Navigator digital controller. For more information on Yun, please visit her website at yunkyongkim.com. Yun's CDs—one recorded at Christ Episcopal Church another at St. Mary's Church—are available through her web site.



Dayton Organ Crawl and Dinner

Sunday April 6th, 3 PM
Host: Tom Aldridge

For the first time in years, the Dayton Organ Guild's April meeting was an Organ Crawl in downtown Dayton Churches. The Crawl gave us access to the innards and some of the history of the instruments. The Organ Crawl started at Emmanuel Catholic Church (left) which was powered by water driven bellows in the early years. We then moved to Holy Trinity Catholic Church (center) the home church of Dean Tom Aldridge. We ended the crawl at St. Joseph



Catholic Church (right).

The evening ended with an informal dinner at the nearby Spaghetti Warehouse.



Garry Geisel started us off with a discussion of the Emmanuel organ and its history (above left). He gave a description of the water powered bellows installed in the 1800's. The water powered bellows took advantage of the newly installed Dayton city water system. He also noted that the choir must be very dedicated to get to the choir loft via the 51 steps member Jim Owen is shown descending. As an extra treat, Garry accompanied soprano Maya Vansuch on a setting of Ave Maria composed by Maya before turning the console over to us. At Trinity, Dean Tom Aldridge spoke on the history of the church and organ, showed the "crawlers" how the organ was built around the brick pillars supporting the steeple (top right) and played the organ (bottom left). The last stop was St Joseph's (bottom center and right). At each church, the "crawlers" had an opportunity to play each of the organs as Jerry Taylor is shown playing at St Josephs.



Dayton Organ Academy Student Recital

Sunday MAY 4th, 2014 at 4:00 P.M.
 Kettering Seventh Day Adventist Church,
 3939 Stonebridge Rd, Dayton, OH
 Host: Jerry Taylor

*On May 4th, the Dayton Chapter held a recital for the students of the Dayton Organ Academy. Wilma Meckstroth is the chair of the academy which provides free organ lessons to promising local area organ students. The recital was hosted by the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church and its music director and academy teacher, Jerry Taylor. The students included Karina Beebe, Sam Bennett, and Grant Wareham.

Sam Bennett is an 8th grader at Kettering Middle School. He has studied piano for 7 years and is currently studying with John Benjamin. Sam has been studying organ for 9 months with Rachel Lammi. He also plays trombone in his school band. Sam attends Good Shepherd Lutheran Church along with his parents and two older sisters. **Karina Beebe** began organ studies this past year with Jerry Taylor. She is a junior at Spring Valley Academy, studies piano with Laura Grodrian and violin with Maretta Alden. Karina is a member of the Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and performed the first movement of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto with the New England Youth Ensemble. **Grant Wareham** studied organ with Jerry Taylor for 5 years. Grant has won many national level honors and was accepted into Julliard, Eastman and Indiana University School of Music and Rice University. Grant will attend Shepherd School of Music at Rice University in Houston, Texas, studying organ with Ken Cowan. He is a member of the Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, is a piano student of Barbara Wasson and violin student of Maretta Alden.

This year's Academy Teachers include Rachel Spry Lammi and Jerry Taylor. **The academy teachers donate their time and talents to mentor students.** Rachel, CAGO, holds a master of music from Duquesne University where she studied organ with Ann Labounsky and David Craighead. She also holds a bachelor of music from Ball State University, where she studied organ with Kirby



Koriath, piano with Kevin Purrone, and composition with David Foley. Rachel is a member of Dayton Music Club and sings first soprano with the Bach Society of Dayton. Jerry is the Minister of Worship and Music for the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church and Music Associate at Westminster Presbyterian Church, positions he has held for 28 years. He received his B.Mus in music education from Walla Walla College and a Masters of Music degree in Church Music (Organ and Choral Conducting) from Indiana University in Bloomington. The program concluded with the scholarship chair, Priscilla Acuff, presenting Grant Wareham a Dayton AGO Student Scholarship, the installation of the Dayton Chapter officers and a social reception.

Hyde Park Concert Road Trip, The Canterbury Brass & Brenda Portman, organist

Sunday, June 15, 2014

Hyde Park United Methodist,
1345 Grace Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio

Host: Tom Aldridge

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