

The Bellows

Greater Lansing Chapter - AGO

May/June 2016

From the Dean

Barbara Hiranpradist

“The church knew what the Psalmist knew: Music praises God. Music is well or better able to praise Him than the church building and all of its decoration. It is the Church’s greatest ornament.”

– Igor Stravinsky

Our **Members’ Recital** on April 24 more than met our expectations in many ways. In attendance were 96 “friends of the organ” and area organists who traded a gorgeous spring afternoon to take in a most diverse and exciting program. Our donations, before expenditures, were \$778. Many thanks to our recital convener, Susanne Hoekzema, and to Brian Fowler and Elsbeth Weidenaar for a lovely reception. Also, thank you to all of our members who contributed food for the reception. I would especially like to thank Jim Foster, father of our “Aspiring Organist” Ben Foster, for expediting our recital relocation from Trinity Lutheran to Emanuel Lutheran. A big thank you also goes to Rick Swanson for his contribution of tuning the organ at Emanuel Lutheran. More than a few of our members have commented on the camaraderie at the reception. The hall was full of folks who went out of their way to meet and greet the performers. I sensed in their concert attendance a very sincere “friend of the organ” mentality. Wouldn’t it be great if we could reel these folks into our Guild?

To quote our National AGO president, John Walker, “when we work for people, we will usually find that people will be willing to work for us.” This is my message of gratitude to our Guild Board - so many wonderful and talented folks who have worked for us this past year and some much longer.

Sub-Dean: Mary Black – Thank you for your tedious and thorough work on interpreting our by-laws and on the Nominating Committee.

Secretary: Susanne Hoekzema – Thank you for your attention to detail with our minutes and energy devoted to our Guild.

Treasurer: Tim Costigan – In spite of an unexpected health setback, Tim has continued, in a timely manner, to publish our newsletter and maintain our website. Thanks to Tim and his wife Rachael.

Education Chair: Meredith Hines – Thank you to Meredith for all of the thorough work you do for our PPP’s and scholarship auditions. You make the work look so easy with your efficiency!

Membership Chair: Ed Corey - Again, in spite of unpredictable health conditions, Ed has kept up on all of the current membership

Upcoming Chapter Event

May 23, 6 p.m.

End-of-the-Year Banquet and Retirement Tribute to Cecelia Costigan
St. Gerard Catholic Church, Lansing

information and has forwarded to me many excellent ideas. Thank you, Ed.

Member-at-Large: Darlene

Greenman-Ross – What can I say? As a senior member and past Dean, Darlene has kept us on the right path in all areas of concern. Thank you, Darlene.

Member-at-Large: Brian Fowler

– Again, as a senior Board member, and organ builder, Brian has a knowledge of the organ scene in the Greater Lansing area and we all depend on his expertise. If that is not enough, his receptions are outstanding. Thank you, Brian.

Member-at-Large: John Horak

– As a new Board member, John jumped right in with some very thoughtful questions as well as volunteering his church (Our Savior Lutheran) for our Creative Hymn Playing Workshop and also inviting the Guild to take part in his Hymn Festival in fall of 2017. Thank you, John.

Hospitality Chair: Caryn Welter – In addition to organizing an extensive music program at her church (Central Methodist), Caryn has looked after our event hospitality with her sense of elegance. Thank you, Caryn.

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May 23, 6 p.m. – End-of-the-Year Banquet & Retirement Tribute to Cecelia Costigan

Tim Costigan, Convener

Join your colleagues to celebrate the end of the season and to mark the retirement of Cecelia Costigan, GLC-AGO member and past board member.

The event, which begins at 6 p.m., will be held in the St. Gerard Church parish hall, located within the church building between the sanctuary and the parish offices.

Dinner will include chicken, scalloped potatoes, vegetable medley, salad, dinner rolls, and dessert. Cost: \$10.

Installation of officers for 2016–2017 will be followed by musical entertainment provided by members of St. Gerard’s music ministry.

Please RSVP to Tim Costigan (tim.costigan186@gmail.com) by May 13.



St. Gerard Catholic Church

4437 W. Willow Hwy.

Lansing, MI 48917

See you there!

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

Chapter members who follow the traditional July 1-June 30 membership year are invited to renew their memberships now for 2016-2017. Membership rates will remain the same in the coming year. To enjoy continuous benefits at the chapter and national levels, access [ONCARD](#) and pay dues for the coming year. You can also update your personal information.

If this is your first time using ONCARD, here’s a link to an [instructional video](#).

AGO on YouTube

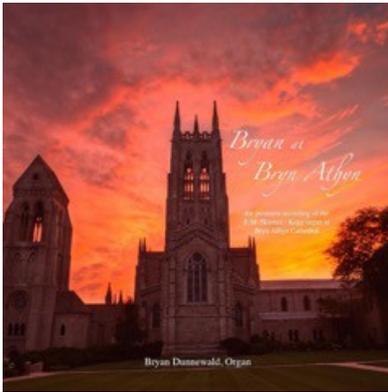
Have you visited the [AGO YouTube channel](#) lately? Described as a resource for anyone who has an interest in the organ and organ music, and for all who wish to improve their skills and enhance their careers as organists, the channel features several categories:

- Certification
- Regional workshops
- Master series
- Lectures



CD Review

Ed Corey



The cover feature of the June 2015 issue of *TAO* was a new instrument by Kegg Pipe Organ Builders of four manuals and 46 ranks done in the style of E.M. Skinner installed in Bryn Athyn Cathedral, Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania. Some vintage Skinner pipework was used with new pipes done to Skinner specifications.

The premier recording of the instrument was done by assistant organist Bryan Dunnewald on the CD *Bryan at Bryn Athyn*. Dunnewald performs works by Sowerby, Dupré, Mozart, and Franck. This recording also features the premier recording of Calvin Hampton's "First Suite for Organ." Dunnewald's selections and performance demonstrate the wide tonal palette of the Kegg instrument. I enjoyed listening to the disc.

Position Available

The First Baptist Church (American Baptist) of Owosso is seeking an organist/pianist. This person would be required to attend Chancel Choir rehearsal Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m., and a 10 a.m. Sunday service, providing a prelude, offertory, 2-3 hymns, choir accompaniment, and postlude. The first Sunday of each month is Communion and two selections would need to accompany the passing out of the elements.

The position is open immediately, but will be officially open after August 31. It should be noted that the choir does not sing from Memorial Sunday through the second week of September. Summer months have Special Music.

Salary is negotiable and can be discussed with applicants.

Cheryl Gapinski (gapinski1043@chartermi.net) of the Worship and Music Team contacted GLC-AGO regarding this opening.

Announcements

May 13, 12:30 p.m. The final board meeting will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The program for the 2016-2017 season will be announced after the board meeting.

June 19–23 AGO National Convention, Houston, Texas.



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Position Open (Interested? Contact a board member to fill this position.)

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