



PALO ALTO/PENINSULA CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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NEWSLETTER—JULY/AUGUST 2013

FROM THE DEAN

Dear Chapter Colleagues:

It is a great honor for me to be writing this, my first Dean's letter. I would first like to thank Matthew Burt, our immediate past Dean for his direction and leadership these past two years. He had previously served as a Member at large on the Executive Committee—but he isn't going away just yet—more on that later. I would also like to thank Douglas Franks for his service as Secretary and Keith Wannamaker and Jay Martin for their service as Members at large.



Sarah Wannamaker will move from Member at large to Subdean, Tim Getz will move from Member at large to Secretary and will continue as Newsletter Editor. Jill Mueller will continue as Treasurer. Donald Mulliken will continue as a Member at large. Jay Martin will continue as Webmaster. We welcome Jin Kyung Lim and Dan Gonzalez as new Members at large.

It might be worthwhile here to review the structure of the Executive Committee (often referred to as "The Board"). The Executive Committee is comprised of three classifications of members: Officers (elected for one year terms), as many as nine Members at Large (elected for staggered three year terms), and positions appointed by the Dean (for one year terms): Registrar, Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster. These positions are often held concurrently by Officers and/or Members at large, but need not be.

Some of you have noticed that we haven't mentioned the renewal of membership for the coming year, which begins July 1st. This is because our chapter is participating in the pilot of the new online membership renewal program developed by AGO headquarters. Jill Mueller, Matthew Burt, and I have been working with HQ on customizing the program to accommodate some Palo Alto/Peninsula special requirements.

To facilitate and implement these new procedures, I have asked Jill and Matthew to be Co-Registrars this coming year. When we get the specifics worked out, we will send an email update with instructions.

Early in June, I had the great privilege of hearing an organ recital by Richard Pinel, Acting Music Director of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, at the Chapel. Of course, Richard played as brilliantly there as he did in his recent visit to the Peninsula. You will recall that he did an organ recital at Christ Church, Portola Valley (a non-Chapter event).

I also had the opportunity to meet the organ scholar from St. Alban's Cathedral, Justin Miller. Justin is an American (Michigan/Ohio) who attended a San Francisco POE when he was eighteen. He had only appreciative and enthusiastic things to say about his POE experience.

Our program year begins earlier than usual this year because of our sponsorship of a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) in late July. Please see details elsewhere in this newsletter. This POE is made possible by the able leadership of Rani Fischer and so many of our members who have helped organize and prepare for this event.

David Sheetz

OUR NEXT CHAPTER EVENTS

PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER AT STANFORD 2013

Sunday, July 21-Saturday, July 27
See inside this newsletter for details!

5TH ANNUAL CHAPTER BARBECUE

Sunday, August 25, 12:30 pm
Christ Church, Episcopal
815 Portola Road, Portola Valley

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Pipe Organ Encounter at Stanford, July 21-27, yes THIS July!

The POE at Stanford is about to happen! We are so close, and things are almost in place. Paul Sahlin has arranged an introduction to the theater organ at Stanford Theatre, while Catha Hall has arranged with Tim Zerlang a vertical trip up to the carillon in Hoover Tower. Margaret Kvamme has planned an extraordinary outing to Boomeria, Santa Cruz and dinner on the Boardwalk replete with Ferris wheel. And if that's not enough, John Karl Hirten is giving us a tour of San Francisco's finest organs and sights, as well as treating us to a workshop in improvisation, his forte. Aren't you jealous?

Please join us at our evening recitals. All are free and open to the public, though feel free to donate to the POE at the door. Here is the week's schedule:

Sunday, July 21, 8:00 pm
Robert Huw Morgan, Stanford Memorial Church

Monday, July 22, 8:00 pm
Angela Kraft Cross, Stanford Memorial Church

Tuesday, July 23, 3:00 pm
Nahri Ahn & Duane Soubirous
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Palo Alto

Tuesday, July 23, 8:00 pm
PALO ALTO/PENINSULA CHAPTER-SPONSORED EVENT
Adam Detzner, Christ Church, Portola Valley

Wednesday, July 24, 8:00 pm
Nicole Marane, Stanford Memorial Church

Thursday, July 25, 8:00 pm
Weston Jennings, Stanford Memorial Church

Friday, July 26, 7:00 pm
POE Students' Recital, Stanford Memorial Church



Robert Huw Morgan, Stanford University's organist, needs little introduction in the Bay Area. However, for those who need one, here is his bio: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/religiouslife/cgi-bin/wordpress/about-orkl/orkl-staff/dr-robert-huw-morgan/>

Angela Kraft Cross, too, is well-known in our chapter, and her bio may be found here: <http://www.angelakraftcross.com/bio.html>



Adam Detzner is a junior at Stanford University, where he is a candidate for the B.A. in music, concentrating in organ and harpsichord performance. At Stanford, he is a student of Dr. Robert Huw Morgan, organ, and Elaine Thornburgh, harpsichord. In 2011, he won both the chapter and regional levels of the American Guild of Organists Regional Competition for Young Organists and performed as a "Rising Star" at the AGO National Convention in Nashville, TN in 2012.

Nicole Marane, a native of Australia, is Associate Director of Music/Associate Organist at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta, and recently graduated with a DMA from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. She is also our representative from Committee for the New Organist, the branch of the AGO which supervises all POEs.



Weston Jennings is a current student at the Eastman School of Music studying organ with David Higgs. Prior to his arrival at Eastman, Mr. Jennings was a student at the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan and the Levine School of Music in Washington, DC. Upon completion of his studies at Interlochen, he graduated with honors and the Fine Arts Award.

Not only do we hope that you will attend our concerts, but we still need some help, mostly with food and parties. If anyone wishes to bake or buy snacks, let me know. Two students will celebrate birthdays, so there is an opportunity to bake a cake or two. We could use help with a volunteer reception on July 14, daily student snacks, and the final reception after our little graduation ceremony on Saturday, July 27. Finally, we will have a thank-you party for the dedicated staff and volunteers also on Saturday, July 27. If you would like to host a party or contribute with food or drink, that would be delightful.

Our only other need is for drivers. We may still need a couple of drivers for the morning lesson routes, Monday-Thursday. Let me know if you are interested at ranifisc@gmail.com or (650) 793-4849.

There's one last thing you can do for the POE: please "like" us on our new Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StanfordPOE. We will try to keep it updated with programs for recitals and fun pictures. You may add your comments, too!

Thank you to all of you who have graciously donated to this effort. Our fundraising, which was the most intimidating part of the planning, was made so doable because of you. Every gift, great and small, has helped us get to where we are. If you would still like to contribute, please make out your checks to "PAPenAGO POE 2013" and mail to me, Rani Fischer, POE Director, 665 Endicott Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087. We won't say no!

Also thanks to our amazing POE Committee who

have met month after month, worked assiduously, and still are working so hard: Angela Kraft Cross, Tim Getz, Catha Hall, Margaret Kvamme, Brian Larsen, Jill Mueller, Rachel Phillips, and Paul Sahlin. I couldn't ask for better colleagues in this endeavor, and there are lots of other volunteers whom I shall acknowledge next time.

Rani Fischer

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July 2013-June 2014**

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Sarah Wannamaker, Subdean
Tim Getz, Secretary and Newsletter Editor
Jill Mueller, Treasurer and Co-Registrar

Members at large:
Donald Mulliken
(Class of 2015)
Jin Kyung Lim and Dan Gonzalez
(Class of 2016)

The PAPenAGO Substitute Organist List is maintained by Donald Mulliken. To have your name added to the list (Sunday morning availability only) or to get help in finding a Sunday morning substitute, contact Don at dammulliken@aol.com

The PAPenAGO newsletter is published bimonthly in September, November, January, March, May, and July. Submissions (concert listings, job announcements, articles, etc.) are welcome and are due the 10th of the month preceding publication. They may be sent to editor Tim Getz at tim@gracepa.org.

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