



PALO ALTO/PENINSULA CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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NEWSLETTER—NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013

FROM THE DEAN

Dear Chapter Colleagues:

Probably the first thing you noticed when you opened up this newsletter was that it is in a new format. The chapter Executive Committee has authorized the experimentation with the newsletter format since the vast majority of our membership, and mailing list, only received the newsletter in electronic form. Reading the newsletter on a computer screen, in the old/traditional format, can involve a lot of scrolling up and down. We would appreciate receiving your feedback on this change, as it develops.



Our program year is off to a very good start with our first three events now behind us—barbecue at Christ Church, Portola Valley; repertoire sharing at Los Altos United Methodist Church; and a visit to the Beethoven Center in San Jose. Thanks to Sarah Wannamaker, Subdean, for her continued work in planning the year's events. Please note that the next event is a hymn festival on November 10th at Messiah Lutheran Church, Redwood City.

After many, many years of dedicated service to the chapter, it was with reluctance and great regret that the Executive Committee accepted the resignation of Jill Mueller as Treasurer and Registrar. Jill explained that she is no longer able to dedicate the time and attention to this work that it deserves. None of us was quite sure, even Jill, but we suspect that Jill has been in this role for between twelve and fifteen years! Thank you Jill! With the approval of the Executive Committee, Matthew Burt has agreed to serve out the term as Treasurer (Matthew did an excellent job as Treasurer for the recent POE), and Rani Fischer has agreed to serve out the term as Registrar.

Because of the tremendous success of the recent Pipe Organ Encounter (Rani Fischer, chair), the Executive Committee has authorized the chapter to apply to host another POE in 2016.

I look forward to seeing you at future chapter events.
David Sheetz

OUR NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

*sacred
poetry & beautiful
music*

Pipe organ concert in Redwood City.

Hymn Festival

SUNDAY

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Nov 10

1835 VALOTA ROAD · REDWOOD CITY, CA

4:00 PM

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Chapter Visits Beethoven Center in October

In October, guild members met for a presentation at the Ira Brilliant Beethoven Center, housed at the San José State University Library. The Center has the largest collection of Beethoven memorabilia outside of Europe. Eric Gjovaag led a discussion of the center's collection and demonstrated the features of the five keyboard instruments (3 reproduction & 2 period). We observed 18th and 19th century innovations like the Turkish pedal, the bassoon pedal, a split damper pedal, and various mechanisms to change tone color; this gave us a new appreciation for the sounds that Beethoven imagined when composing.

Chapter member Dan Gonzalez prepared a handout and discussion of Beethoven's relationship with the organ. He led a discussion of organ building in southern Germany and distributed a fugue and list of works by Beethoven. After the program, we were able to view the displays, play some of the instruments, and take souvenir photos with Beethoven's lock of hair.



Curator Eric Gjoavaag at the Beethoven Center



The display case includes a death mask and bronze commemorative medals.



AGO members with Eric Gjoavaag smile as they wonder just how to pronounce "Gjoavaag."

Positions Available

Palo Alto Unified School District

The Palo Alto Unified School District is looking for a Piano Accompanist for Grades 6, 7, and 8 for two middle schools in the district. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, ten hours per week. The pay is \$31.60 per hour. Accompanist experience and an interest in choral music, the middle school age group, and play and imagination desired. Ability to lead small sections of students a plus. Position includes possible performance trips and tours out of the area. To apply contact Nancy Coffey at music@pausd.org.

**Westminster Presbyterian Church
1100 Shasta Avenue, San Jose**

Immediate opening for Church Accompanist. Fine musicianship and sight-reading, excellent piano skill in various styles, accompanist and ensemble skills and good people skills are important; organ or additional instruments a real plus. Instruments include a first-rate Seiler piano and a 17 rank historic pipe organ. Duties include blended Sunday service 10:30 am, year-round; choir accompanist Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm September through June; two to three special services during the year; accompany soloists as needed. Teaching is permitted, and Church Accompanist has first refusal on weddings and funerals. We need someone creative and flexible who will zealously strive to participate with other staff in providing a worship experience of high quality and variety. Interview and references required. Contact the Rev. Franzen at rev.dr.bryan@gmail.com or 408-294-7447 to submit resume or request full job description.

Concert/Event Listings

Friday-Sunday, November 1-3
SAN JOSE CHAPTER EVENT
Annual Alzheimer's Benefit Concerts
(see further information below)

Saturday, November 2, 5:00 pm
Susan Jane Matthews, organ
Hundreds of Flowers:
The Life of Jeanne Demessieux
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame

Sunday, November 10, 4:00 pm
PALO ALTO/PENINSULA CHAPTER EVENT
Hymn Festival
"Sacred Poetry & Beautiful Music"
Messiah Lutheran Church, Redwood City

Sunday, November 10, 5:00 pm
Robert Huw Morgan, organ
St. John's Presbyterian Church, San Francisco

Saturday, November 16, 9:30 am-2:00 pm
SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER EVENT
Organist Practicum Day, hosted by John Karl Hirten
All Souls Episcopal Church, Berkeley

Saturday, December 7, 5:00 pm
Advent Choral Evensong
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame

Sunday, December 15, 1:30 pm
Robert Huw Morgan, organ
Annual Holiday Recital
Stanford Memorial Church

Sunday, December 22, 3:30 pm
Angela Kraft Cross, organ
St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco

Our concert calendar features performances by our chapter members, events occurring in our immediate area, and chapter-sponsored events of the Palo Alto/Peninsula, San Jose, and San Francisco chapters. For additional calendar listings please see the San Francisco Chapter's Bay Area concert calendar at <http://tinyurl.com/yzcqfdf>, as well as the Stanford University concert calendar at <http://music.stanford.edu/Events/calendar.html>.

ALZHEIMER'S BENEFIT CONCERTS Sponsored by the San Jose Chapter AGO

Friday, November 1, 7:30 pm
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
15885 Los Gatos Almaden Road, Los Gatos

The Ed Lacina Brass Quartet will be presenting a dynamic concert with organist Carolyn Lamcke. Admission is free. A donation will be collected for the Alzheimer's Association during the concert. 408-356-3525.

Saturday, November 2, 3:00 pm
Los Altos United Methodist Church
655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos

Featured works will be "A Sweet for Mother Goose" by George Akerley for organ and narrator, followed by the seven poems of Camille Dungy "What to Eat, What to Drink, What to Leave for Poison," which have been set to music by Paul Rosas and will be sung by four superb sopranos: Anne Janzer, Becky Everett, Casie Walker, and Laura Lang-Ree. Admission is free. A donation will be collected for the Alzheimer's Association during the concert. For more information, please call Paul Rosas at 408-482-0517.

Sunday, November 3, 3:00 pm

Los Gatos Presbyterian Church
16575 Shannon Road, Los Gatos

Experience the incredible duets for eight handbells with Larry and Carla Sue as well as the bass bells of the Low Ding Zone. Diane Keller will be showing her magic on the organ. Admission is free. A donation will be collected for the Alzheimer's Association during the concert. For more information please call Los Gatos Presbyterian Church at 408-356-6156.

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.

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