

The Prelude



April 2014

Dear friends,

The sun is sunny, the wind is windy, and the temperatures are rising. No foolin'! Spring is here!

Thanks to everyone who came to our chapter's Student Recital on March 16. It's very satisfying to watch our young organists grow in their skills and become fine players. And now we have adult learners too—we are truly making a meaningful contribution to the worship life of the churches in our community! Your Executive Committee met on that same day, March 16, and discussed several items of importance to all of us. Here is a brief summary.

Elections: It's time to elect a new slate of officers and a new class of the Executive Committee. As outgoing Dean I was happy to take on the task of nominating the new folks, and I am pleased to present this slate to our membership.

Officers (2-year term):

Dean: Neil Kraft

Sub Dean: Mark Mathias

Secretary: Sue Craig

Treasurer: Pam Davis

Executive Committee, class of 2016-17:

Ed Duling

Curtis King

Joan McConnell

Elsewhere in this edition of the *Prelude*, you will find the official ballot for the 2014 election. We'd like to conclude the election by the end of this month.

Please respond by or before April 30th in one of these ways:

1. Print the ballot from your computer, mark it, and return by mail to Mark Mathias, secretary. If you receive your newsletter by mail, simply take that page, mark the ballot, and mail it to Mark.
2. Copy the ballot into an email and send your vote to Mark electronically.

Plans for next year's program:

The Executive Committee will be meeting on Monday, May 5th to put together a tentative program for 2014-15. Your input is welcome! Please speak to any officer or member of the Executive Committee. In addition to the names on the ballot, your Executive Committee includes these chapter members:

Outgoing Class of 2013/14: Anne Doerfler, Kathy Mumy, Norma Ridener

Continuing Class of 2014/15: Pam Stover, Craig Whitaker

Continuing Class of 2015/16: Dennis Johns, Denise Mathias, Kathy Rupp

If you have suggestions, comments, evaluations of previous events, PLEASE get in touch with one of us and let your voice be heard!

ONCARD—Online National Collection and Remittal of Dues—begins this spring. Pam Davis is our chapter contact for that. She is working with National Headquarters to get our chapter information to them and to establish the connections so that we can participate. We will no longer pay our dues directly to our chapter treasurer. Instead, we will pay them to National. Our "local chapter portion" will then be returned to our treasurer. It's a new world, folks! This has been in the works for a while and is finally ready to be rolled out. Remember: you can pay by credit card or by check, and you can receive your invoice by email or by USPS.

Please address any questions about ONCARD to Pam Davis, music@commofchrist.org or 419-877-0607.

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Dean's letter continued

Each year the AGO hosts a recital and gala benefit reception honoring a distinguished artist. This year's event is in honor of Charles Callahan. It will be Friday, April 25 in St. Louis, MO. If you're in the area, you might want to make plans!! But, since we can't be there, we voted to "support the gala from a distance." We are sending a donation to the AGO Endowment Fund in honor of Charles Callahan, organist and composer.

Also in this edition: Neil Kraft is planning a fabulous "Organ Excursion" to the Motor City for April 25th. Keep reading! And join us if you can!

Our annual spring banquet is being planned for Friday, May 9th. We'll dine at Highland Meadows Country Club and enjoy a little home-grown theatrical presentation. Don't miss this!

Hope to see you all soon, and Happy Spring!!

-Joan McConnell
Dean of Toledo AGO

THE DETROIT ORGAN TOUR - (AKA) THE MOTOR CITY ORGAN TOUR!

Once again this year in the merry month of April we will take to the interstate and go visit some interesting pipe organs. This year we're going to Detroit! We will gather in the parking lot behind *Books-a-Million* at Levis Commons on Friday, April 25th with a planned departure time of 8:30 AM. The cost will be \$20 with a student fare of \$15. Last year we rented a beautiful 15 passenger van. We will need reservations by Wednesday, April 16 (Holy Week!) so that similar transportation plans can be made. Email me at cipher241@hotmail.com with your intention.

So far our itinerary includes Christ Church, Cranbrook, First Presbyterian in Birmingham, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian, Old St. Mary's Church, and the Mariner's Church. We may even throw a *Mighty Wurlitzer* somewhere into the mix! Organs by Casavant, Nichols & Simpson, Skinner, and Pilzecker (rebuild). We will also stop for lunch at some unique eatery along the way.

Please send checks to our Treasurer, Marilyn Hazard, 5827 Woodrow Drive, Sylvania, OH 43560. Join us on Friday of the Octave of Easter, April 25. Bring your music!

Neil Kraft
Sub Dean Toledo AGO

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership is open to all interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Anne Doerfler at ad7440@sbcglobal.net

NEWSLETTER & E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

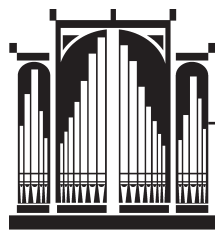
If you have articles, news, concerts, or vacant positions, please submit them to:

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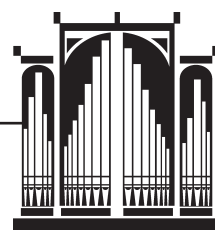
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TOLEDO CHAPTER PROGRAM

2013-2014



APRIL: MOTOR CITY ORGAN TOUR

Friday, April 25, all day

Save the date for a bus tour to Detroit to see, hear and play the marvelous pipe organs of the Motor City!
This event is being planned by Neil Kraft.

MAY: ANNUAL AGO/TOLEDO BANQUET

Friday, May 9, 6:00 PM

Highland Meadows Golf Club, 7455 Erie St., Sylvania 43560

Hosts: Joan McConnell, Dean, and Neil Kraft, Sub Dean

Join us for food, fellowship, the installation of officers, and a home-grown theatrical program!

Cost: \$18 RSVP to Treasurer Marilyn Hazard, 419-855-5624 or marilynn3195@aol.com.

Random Pipings

PARISH MUSICIAN: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Perrysburg seeks a musician with organ, piano and choral conducting skills to lead and collaborate in ongoing development of music ministry. Responsibilities include one Sunday liturgy, primary holy days, one choir, and planning functions in collaboration with parish staff. Submit resume, brief audition track and letter of interest to rector@saint-timothy.net. Position description available from same email address.

AGO ONCARD: As you might know, AGO National will now be collecting our annual membership dues, including Chapter Friend dues, through their new ONCARD system. You will be able to either pay online by credit card or send National a check. They will then forward to our treasurer the chapter portion of dues. You will NO LONGER send a check to the chapter treasurer.

In the past many of you would include an additional amount for the scholarship fund. You will still be able to do this. There will be an option to give an additional amount to the scholarship fund, or go back to your page later to make a donation. But you will always be able to just send a separate check to our treasurer for the scholarship fund or other program. Our chapter membership pages for ONCARD should be set up and ready to use by April 4, and National will be sending dues reminders soon.

Organ Workshop June 29–July 12: The UNCSA Summer Organ Workshop is designed for both the beginning organist (with sufficient piano background) and the more advanced organist of high school age. The workshop will delve into topics including both standard organ repertoire and sacred music playing skills with a focus on solid hymn playing techniques and basic improvisation, practice techniques, registration, pedal technique, and basic musicianship classes. A strong focus on injury-preventive technique will be the capstone of the newly formatted two-week workshop. UNCSA Kenan Professor of Organ, Dr. Timothy Olsen, and guest artists will work individually with students providing hands-on technique instruction and demonstrations. The workshop will utilize various stylistically different organs. An excursion will include an organ crawl to Duke University. For more information, visit www.timothyolsenorganist.com.

Hope Lutheran Church in Toledo, OH is seeking to fill its part time organist/accompanist position. The ideal candidate will be able to lead liturgical and congregational song at our traditional worship services on our Zimmer Pipe Organ (29 rank, 3 manuals, 4 divisions) as well as serve as the keyboardist for our praise worship and accompany the Senior Choir. Hope has 3 weekly worship services on Sunday Morning, weekly choir rehearsal during the program year and weekly praise team rehearsal. We are looking for a person of deep Christian faith who can work in a team setting. A full job description can be found at www.HopeToledo.net and resumes can be sent to office@hopetoledo.net.

AGO Toledo Chapter

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPRING 2014

OFFICERS (2-YEAR TERM)

Dean: Neil Kraft _____

Sub Dean: Mark Mathias _____

Secretary: Sue Craig _____

Treasurer: Pam Davis _____

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CLASS OF 2016-17 (3-YEAR TERM)

Ed Duling _____

Curtis King _____

Joan McConnell _____

*Return ballot by April 30th to
Mark Mathias, chapter secretary
3930 Grandview Court, Toledo, OH 43614
or send e-mail to: mark@cpctoledo.org*

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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STUDENT APPLICATION

-Please print all information

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

Email: _____

DOB: _____ Gender: M F

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

P/G Phone #: _____

P/G Cell Phone #: _____

P/G Email: _____

P/G Signature: _____

Primary Teacher Name & Contact Information: _____

Please attach a list of representative repertoire
studied on piano and/or organ, your teacher
recommendation, and your audition CD.



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For over 120 years, Ann Arbor, Michigan has been known as the epicenter of commitment to fine organ music. All of us here in Ann Arbor are excited to welcome young and talented organists to our incredible city to experience both the instruments which the city and the University of Michigan have to offer and to work with world-class faculty facilitating this Pipe Organ Encounter Advanced. Housing will be in the new state-of-the-art, air-conditioned North Quad, located on Central Campus. We want to personally thank all of our supporters who make possible what will surely be an inspiring week.

We look forward to personally welcoming you to the land of bells and pipes!

Joshua Boyd & Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra
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POE FUNDING

Pipe Organ Encounters is an educational outreach program of the American Guild of Organists. Major funding for Pipe Organ Encounters is provided by the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America. Additional support is provided by the American Institute of Organbuilders and the Jordan Organ Endowment. Permanently endowed AGO scholarships are provided in memory of Charlene Brice Alexander, Robert S. Baker, Seth Bingham, Michael Cohen, Virgil Fox, Clarence Dickinson, Philip Hahn, Charles N. Henderson, Alfred E. Lunsford, Ruth Milliken, Ned Siebert, and Martin M. Wick; and in honor of Anthony Baglivi, Philip E. Baker, Gordon and Naomi Rowley, Fred Swann, Morgan and Mary Simmons, and the Leupold Foundation.

WORKSHOPS & PERFORMANCES

- ▶ Carillon Tour & Lessons
- ▶ Body Awareness & Stretching for Organists
- ▶ Improvisation Workshop
- ▶ Improvisation Psalm & Hymn Festival
- ▶ Composers' Forum
- ▶ Organ Plus
- ▶ Organ Maintenance
- ▶ Recital preparation masterclass
- ▶ Tour and hands-on experience of the mighty E. M. Skinner organ at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit

ORGANS

Æolian-Skinner IV/124
Hill Auditorium
Schoenstein & Co. III/42
First Presbyterian Church, A2
Wilhelm III/45
First Congregational Church
Skinner IV/68
Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian
Létourneau III/44
St. Francis of Assisi
Reuter III/39
St. Andrew's Episcopal
Létourneau II/12
UM School of Public Health
Casavant III/44
Bethlehem UCC
Reuter III/44
First United Methodist
Martin Ott III/41
First Presbyterian, Ypsilanti
Gabriel Kney III/34
Eastern Michigan University



ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Tour of WRCJ, Detroit Classical Radio Station. Host Dr. David Wagner interviews POEA-ers: "Why I love the organ"
- ▶ University of Michigan Museums
- ▶ Ann Arbor Summer Festival
- ▶ Enjoy a silent film and a private tour of the organ at The Senate Theater in Detroit

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Send the attached form with a check and the following by **April 15, 2014** to:

Joshua Boyd, Registrar
1801 Willowtree Lane, Apt. A2
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

- A.** Recorded audition of a work by J.S. Bach, a contrasting piece by another composer, and a hymn consisting of an intro, stanza, and an alternate harmonization.
- B.** Letter of recommendation from teacher
- C.** List of current and past repertoire

You will receive notification once your materials have been received.

COST

Early Bird Registration by April 15: **\$400**
Regular Registration by April 30: **\$450**

Cancellations -- full refund up to May 5
Full refund less \$50 processing fee up to May 15
No refunds after May 15

Scholarship assistance is available through the American Guild of Organists. Please contact joshboyd@umich.edu or pamela.ruiterfeenstra@gmail.com for information on initiating the online scholarship application process. Students may also contact AGO chapters or religious institutions if financial aid is needed.