

# *The Prelude*



MAY 2012

## NOTES FROM THE OVAL OPHICLEIDE

I hope you have had a wonderful Easter season and each of your celebrations were personal, meaningful, and purposeful. I also hope that for every frustrating moment (bent on raising your blood pressure to new heights), you experienced a few moments of joy and satisfaction.

Our chapter event on Monday April 23rd was held at First Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green and hosted by FPC's organist Denielle Buenger, assisted by our own Pam Stover. The evening's program was presented by James Leek and John Powell of Leek Pipe Organ Co. from Oberlin, Ohio. The presentation's theme was *Pipe Organ Restoration & Maintenance*. Included was a photo tour of the major restorative work that the Leek Company has recently completed at Holy Angels Church in Sandusky, Ohio. Special thanks to Jim, John, Denielle, and Pam for a very informative and enjoyable program.

One of the best ways we can teach others is by example; by showing our love and excitement about the music we create and our commitment to what we do. It is among our colleagues that we can share and learn to be the best we can – not only as performers, but also as teachers and learners. Our Toledo AGO Chapter events are where we interact with colleagues, share our triumphs and trials, and are inspired by each other's success. Participation allows us to be a part of the great "organ discussion" both at the national level and locally right here in our own back yard. One can only influence the discussion if one is a part of it; and even more importantly: one can only influence the future if one participates in shaping it.

Our chapter's executive committee met on Monday, April 30th to plan the programs for the 2012-2013 year. Many exciting events are scheduled. Please consider participating if you are asked to do so.

I sometimes hear from chapter members that the fees are too high. Really? How much is it worth to have a part in shaping the future of our profession? If you see your AGO dues as merely the chance to claim membership or to put some letters behind your name or simply as a magazine subscription, perhaps it is expensive. I can honestly say that the AGO dues are an absolute bargain, even if your membership is only used casually. If one truly takes advantage and participates, the value of your membership is increased many times.

A quote from Concert Organist Tom Trenney: *"Music is not about being the best in the world. Music is a means for giving our best to the world. Treasure the uniqueness of your voice as a creative musician and share your best with all who will hear."*

Hope to see you all for the annual AGO Banquet on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>–6:00 p.m. and for the Honor Flight benefit concert, *"Of Thee I Sing"*, on May 27<sup>th</sup>–3:00 p.m. at Historic St. Patrick's Church in downtown Toledo. A separate publicity mailer for the 5/27 event will be sent soon.

Soli deo Gloria!

**Terry Brassell**  
Toledo AGO Chapter Dean

## FROM THE SUB-DEAN



Our Executive Committee met last evening to plan a new season...Wow! The energy around the table was exhilarating! We had more good ideas than we could possibly use! Thanks to EVERYONE who sent me your evaluative comments of past events and your thoughts and ideas for future AGO programs. I hope our plans, which are rapidly taking shape, are a faithful reflection of your input. Terry and Kathy Brassell hosted our meeting in their home and fed us lasagna with all the trimmings. It was a good meeting; yummy thanks to them!

And, while I'm in the **THANKS** department, it will soon be time to say our heartfelt thanks to the out-going leadership of our chapter. Each of these people has given much time, energy, and creativity to the work we do. Please join me in expressing your appreciation:

Terry Brassell, Dean  
 Martha Esbin, Secretary  
 Marilynn Hazard, Treasurer  
 Kathy Dennis, Sally Mossing, and Pam Stover, Executive Committee

The **VOTES** are in, and some of these folks are returning to leadership: Terry and Pam have accepted a 3-year term on the Executive Committee; Marilynn has agreed to continue as Treasurer. Our new Board looks like this:

Joan McConnell, Dean  
 Neil Kraft, Sub Dean  
 Mark Mathias, Secretary  
 Marilynn Hazard, Treasurer  
 Brian Bogdanowitz, Bill Gill, and Martha Gregory, class of 2012-13  
 Anne Doerfler, Kathy Mumy, and Norma Ridener, class of 2013-14  
 Terry Brassell, Pam Stover, and Craig Whitaker, class of 2014-15



**WHAT'S NEXT:** We will be celebrating all of these things at our **Annual Banquet**:

- Installation of officers and Executive Committee
- A sneak peak at our 2012-13 program year
- The fun and fellowship of being together with friends and colleagues

Please see the information (elsewhere in this *Prelude*) about our banquet, so ably planned by Martha Esbin, and RSVP today!

**Of Thee I Sing**, a patriotic concert and tribute to our veterans, will be held Sunday, May 27, 3:00 pm, at historic St. Patrick's Church in downtown Toledo. Terry Brassell is working hard on this event, which is a fund-raiser for Honor Flight of NW Ohio. He has a great list of performers, including organists from our chapter, brass, choir, and others.

How can we participate? Let me count the ways:

- Publicize** this event in your congregation and in other groups where you have influence. Terry will be sending a publicity packet very soon. Please help us get the word out!
- Invite** individuals for whom this event will be especially meaningful.
- Make a generous donation** to the cause; help us to honor the veterans of our area.
- Attend!** Be present and show your support!



Joan McConnell  
 Toledo Chapter AGO Sub-Dean

## COMBINED CHOIR CONCERT

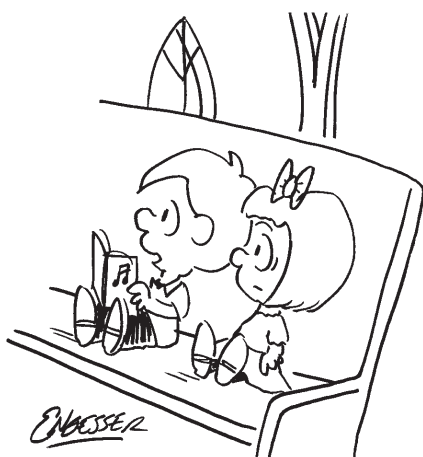
Sunday May 6 at 4 p.m.  
at Collingwood Presbyterian Church  
2108 Collingwood Boulevard  
Toledo OH 43620

The 50 members of the combined choirs of Monroe Street Methodist Church, Denise Mathias, conductor, and Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Dennis Blubaugh, conductor, will perform a program of sacred music on Sunday, May 6 at 4 p.m. at Collingwood Presbyterian Church, 2108 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo OH 43620.

The program includes **Rejoice in the Lamb** by Benjamin Britten, a festival cantata for four soloists, SATB choir, and organ. Composed by Benjamin Britten in 1943, the text is from the poem Jubilate Agno by Christopher Smart (1722-1771). The poem, written while Smart was in an insane asylum, is a highly idiosyncratic and ecstatic praise and worship of God by all created beings and things, each in its own way. The concert will also include works by John Rutter, Alice Parker, René Clausen, David Isele, and others.

Admission is free. Free and guarded parking is available in the Floyd Street parking lot next to the church. Directions and more information at [www.collingwoodpc.net](http://www.collingwoodpc.net)

For more information contact:  
Dennis Blubaugh  
Collingwood Presbyterian Church  
2108 Collingwood Blvd  
Toledo OH 43620  
[dennis@musical-resources.com](mailto:dennis@musical-resources.com)  
419-539-9100



"Dad's 'Joy, joy, joy, joy down in his heart' turned out to be indigestion."

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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.

### NEWSLETTER & E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have articles, news, concerts, or vacant positions, please submit them to: Kathy Rupp at [krupp@wcnnet.org](mailto:krupp@wcnnet.org) AND Jack Gerding at: [jackgerding@aol.com](mailto:jackgerding@aol.com)

### WEBSITE

[www.toledoago.org](http://www.toledoago.org)

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education, and certificating  
of Guild members.*

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE...  
PLEASE SAY YOU'LL COME!**

## **TOLEDO CHAPTER AGO BANQUET**

**Friday, May 11, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Contact Marilyn Hazard, 419-885-5624  
or [marilynn3195@aol.com](mailto:marilynn3195@aol.com)**

**Langley Hall, second floor, Historic Commercial Building,  
301 River Road, Maumee**

**Spouses, friends and potential new members are welcome.**

**Cost is \$10. Come as early as 5:30 p.m. to pay Marilyn.**

**Food will be served at 6 p.m.**

**You will each get a coupon good for one wine or beer at the bar.**

**Those wanting more than one drink will pay cash.**

**Take elevator up to Langley Hall.**

**Those who go to Dégagé Jazz Café on the first floor to  
hear music from 7:30 until about 10:30 will pay a \$5 cover charge.**

**If you go to the Levi Room on the first floor,  
you may watch the music on a screen without charge.**



## AGO DUES RATES 2012-2013

Toledo Chapter Dues Collection April - July 1, 2012

*Make check payable to Toledo Chapter, AGO and mail to:*

Marilynn Hazard, Treasurer, 5827 Woodrow Drive, Sylvania OH 43560

<i>Membership Category</i>	<i>National Portion</i>	<i>Chapter Portion</i>	<i>Total Dues</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
<b>Voting Membership</b>				
Regular	\$58	\$39	\$97	\$_____
Special (over 65, or under 21 or disabled)	\$40.50	\$31.50	\$72	\$_____
Full-time student (with school ID)	\$24	\$13	\$37	\$_____
Partner (second member at same address, no TAO)	\$33	\$39	\$72	\$_____
Dual (paid to second chapter)	0	\$38	\$38	\$_____
Student Dual (Paid to second chapter)	0	\$15	\$15	\$_____
<b>Non-Voting Membership</b>				
Chapter Friend (no TAO, chapter participation only)		\$36	\$36	\$_____
Senior Chapter Friend (no TAO, chapter participation only)		\$27.50	\$27.50	\$_____
Contribution to the Scholarship Fund				\$_____
<i>These are tax-deductible and very appreciated!</i>				
Total amount enclosed		<i>(Please sign the back of this form)</i>		\$_____

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Address / City/ State/ Zip

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## Random Pipings

**CHURCH MUSICIAN NEEDED:** Skills needed include playing the piano and a 46 rank Aeolian pipe organ in a blended worship style. Must be able to read both music and chord charts. Current duties include playing Sunday morning worship service at 9:30 am, rehearsal two Thursday evenings per month, and playing for 7 special worship services throughout the year. Send resume to Lori Reid, [lori.augsburg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lori.augsburg@sbcglobal.net) or Augsburg Lutheran Church, 1342 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH, 43612.



**SAVE-THE-DATE! Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**  
*Of Thee I Sing!*

A benefit concert for Honor Flight of NW Ohio  
Featuring: Organ, Brass, Choirs, Bagpipes!  
Historic St. Patrick Church-Toledo  
*Please contact Terry Brassell if you  
or your choir is interested in participating!*

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Toledo Chapter AGO  
Anne Doerfler  
4112 Talwood Lane  
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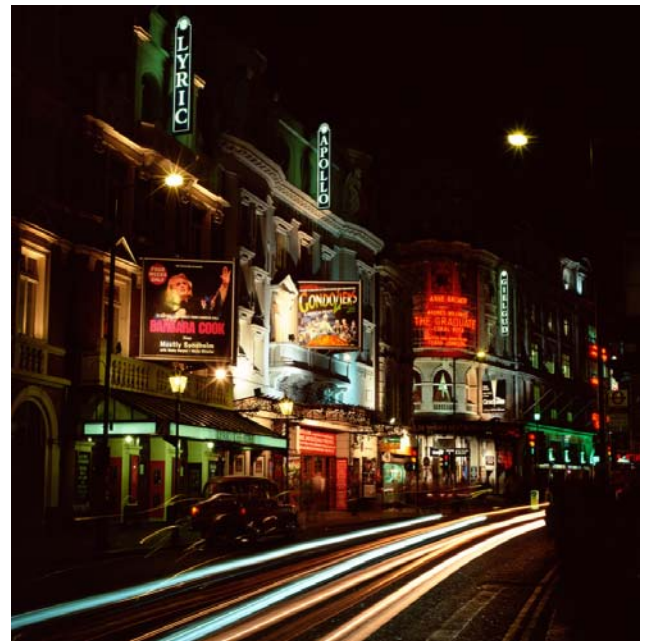
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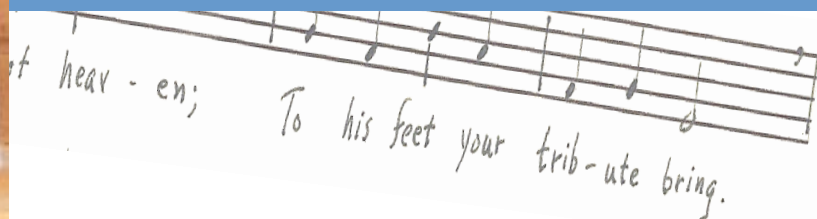
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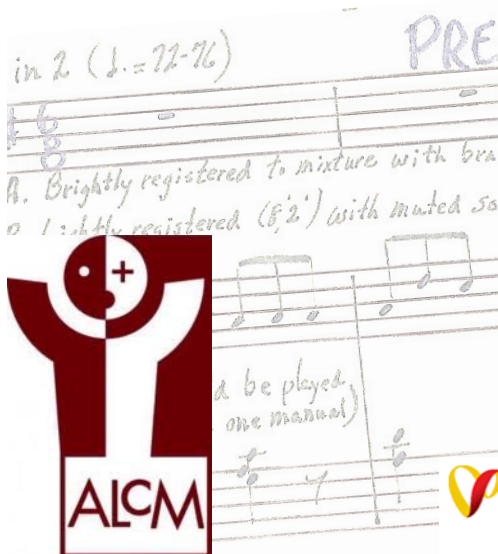
A hymn festival  
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**7 p.m.**

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