

The Prelude



May 2014

Dear friends,

The school year is winding down, and I am eager for the change of pace that summer brings: gardening, outdoor exercise, reading, learning new music, and even taking some little vacations! I hope you also have special plans ahead!

Thank you for participating in our chapter election. Our new officers and board members will be installed at the banquet on Friday, May 9. Elsewhere in this issue of the Prelude you can find the yummy delicious menu. Please call Marilyn Hazard with your RSVP... asap!!

The new officers and board will meet this Monday, May 5th, to begin planning next year's program. It usually takes us a few meetings to get everything in place, and your ideas are always welcome. Please speak to any board member to put your program suggestions on the table.

Neil Kraft, Dean ✎ Mark Mathias, Sub Dean
Pam Davis, Treasurer ✎ Sue Craig, Secretary
Pam Stover, Craig Whitaker
Dennis Johns, Denise Mathias, Kathy Rupp
Ed Duling, Curtis King, and Joan McConnell

There are many other tasks and projects that are chaired by our members. In the last two months I've been working to fill those chairs. I've recruited some new folks and confirmed the continuation of (I won't say 'old folks!') current chairs. Here is that list.

Advertising (web site): *Ed Duling*
Newsletter: Jack Gerding
Auditor: John Russell
Nominating: Joan McConnell
Chaplain:
Placement: Jim Chidester
Education/Scholarship: *Denise Mathias*

Professional Concerns: *Pam Stover*
Email Contacts: Kathy Rupp
Publicity: Brian Bogdanowitz
Historian, Phone Reservations: Marilyn Hazard
Webmaster: Steve Kwiatkowski
Mailing: Anne Doerfler
Membership/Directory: *Nancy Russell*

The new 'recruits' are in italics. Please join me in thanking ALL of these individuals for their service to our chapter and to the Guild.

Another news item to report: the Executive Committee voted in December to support our own Brian Bogdanowitz at the AGO National Convention in Boston. Brian submitted his workshop, ***Church Concert Series: Starting, Maintaining, Building, Programming, Networking, Funding, and Contract***, to the convention planners. It was accepted, and he will be presenting it on Friday, June 27. As a chapter we were given the opportunity to sponsor his presentation financially, which we were happy to do. We're proud of you, Brian, and wish you well!

This, it seems, is my "swan song" as your Dean. I thank you all for your friendship and support, for your leadership and participation in our events, and for MANY pleasant hours spent making and appreciating music together. It's been a blessing to me!

-Joan McConnell
Dean of Toledo AGO



DETROIT ORGAN TOUR REPORT

Last Friday morning (April 25) at 8:30 AM eight hardy souls headed out in the rain for an adventure in the Motor City! Our first stop of the day was at 1st Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Michigan. We were greeted by the Music Director and Organist Andrew Herbruck who escorted us into the church sanctuary. There we came face to face with a 2007 four-manual Nicholas & Simpson organ of 64 ranks designed by former organist Tom Trenney. It is a beautiful and very colorful organ and has also earned the reputation of being very loud.....which it is! Andrew demonstrated the organ with a work of Hakim and then opened the bench to us. We had a great time putting the organ through its paces and were reluctant to leave. But we did have to take our leave and drove to the nearby Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. This church is very much like a museum of all things Episcopalian/Anglican! The organ is a four-manual Skinner with later rebuilds and enlargements by McManus, and most recently by the British firm N.P. Mander. The organ sounds marvelous in the gothic nave. We were also given the opportunity to explore the pipe chambers and hear and play the tower carillon. John Repulski was our gracious host at Christ Church.

After a nice lunch nearby we headed downtown for a real adventure at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church. The church's Music Director and Organist Stephen Warner was unable to be with us but invited us to explore on our own with the assistance of the church secretary, Margie. We "felt" our way into the choir loft and finally located the ON switch for the organ, and I began playing in the dark! Soon the lights came on and we found the church's 68 rank Skinner organ, circa 1930, in very original condition. The organ is mighty in sound and presence, but alas, we didn't have too much time to dwell there as the church was closing for the day. The last stop of the day was at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church in nearby Greektown. Organist Bob Barnhart met us there and swept us up to the loft in the elevator. St. Mary's is a beautiful, old and ornate structure but houses a rather new tracker organ of 74 ranks built by a local builder by the name of Wigton. The organ is built in French Classic style with many colorful and bright stops, including a very powerful en chamade trumpet.

With serious admonitions about not heading out into rush hour traffic, we ventured back south to Toledo anyway with no problems. I think we only scratched the surface of the pipe organ riches of Detroit, but it was a great one-day experience!

-Neil Kraft

Sub Dean of 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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Random Pipings

ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH (Perrysburg, OH) is seeking a Director of Music/Organist. This is a full-time salaried position with benefits. Zoar Lutheran is a thriving and vibrant church, with a musically-diverse congregation and interests (classical, jazz, gospel, and world music). Zoar is currently installing a new 3 manual Rodgers Infinity organ, with 5 ranks of Ruffati pipes to be installed in early fall. A Baldwin baby grand piano as well as other percussion and keyboard instruments are available for services. If you have the keyboard skills, creative spirit, and leadership experience to grow Zoar's music programs, we invite you to apply. Application and audition requirements as well as other church information are available at www.ZoarLutheran.com. Please send application materials to Dave Brown by May 16, 2014 to: DLBrown6@buckeye-express.com or by mail to: Zoar Lutheran Church, Attn: Dave Brown, 314 East Indiana Ave, Perrysburg, OH 43551.

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.

SUMMER POSITION AT PILGRIM CHURCH, 1375 West Sylvania Ave., Toledo, Ohio 419-478-6012 Organist or pianist needed for July and August, 2014 to play a five-minute prelude and one traditional hymn. Sunday, 9:55 a.m. until about 10:15. Honorarium of \$25 per service. Contact Martha Esbin at 419-535-6257 or marthaesbin@bex.net for questions, and arrangements to practice.

THE TOLEDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will be performing the Bruckner *Symphony in D minor* (Die nullte) on Friday, May 9, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. The performance will be held at Rosary Cathedral on Collingwood. Tickets (\$35.00) required. Contact the TSO Box Office: 419-246-8000.

AHLBORN-GALANTI ANGELUS ORGAN(1996) for sale! Defiance, OH 419-784-0164. Two manuals with two Conn Electronic Pipe external speakers. Excellent condition! Email, munn1@bright.net, for pictures and details.



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.

OUR SYMPATHY: Our prayers go out to Debby Reeb and family on the loss of her mother, Evelyn Dael.

Toledo AGO Annual Banquet

Friday, May 9, 2014

6:00 PM

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

THE MENU:

Spinach salad -
with classic dressing of warm bacon
Dinner rolls
Whitefish piccata
Chicken French -
with lemon Chardonnay reduction
Fresh green beans
Wild rice pilaf
Mousse du Jour

ENTERTAINMENT:

"The Old Organist"
Performed by a motley crew
of reading thespians

COST:

\$18.00

Guests are welcome!

RSVP

to Marilyn Hazard,
419-885-5624

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7:00PM
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014

THE HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR & CHAMBER SINGERS PRESENT

BRITISH INVASION

DR. GREG RAMSDELL, CONDUCTOR | CYNTHIA RAMSDELL, ACCOMPANIST

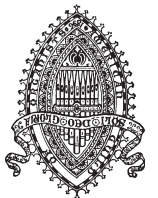
ROSARY CATHEDRAL

2535 COLLINGWOOD BOULEVARD | TOLEDO, OHIO 43610

CONCERT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - A FREEMILL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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