

# The Prelude



JUNE 2012



Dear friends,

Thank you for the honor of serving you as Dean of the Toledo Chapter! I'll try not to mess it up! Actually, I'm so very pleased to have this leadership opportunity. But, even more, I'm pleased to work with a capable crew of leaders, the members of the Executive Committee. We have now met twice to work on plans for the coming season, which I am able to share with you in this edition of *The Prelude*. Please understand: This is a work in progress, and there are several items still to be determined. But you'll get the gist, and be able to anticipate some really good programs, September through May.

Before we look ahead, let me take a moment to look back at the previous four years. **Terry Brassell** deserves our thanks for his many contributions as Dean (2010-2012) and Sub Dean (2008-2010). He is a **BIG DREAMER**, and some of his **BIG DREAMS** came to be really great programs for us. Let me see if I can remember some of them. As Sub Dean, Terry planned and carried out:

- 2008 "Organ Spectacular", a concert "in concert" with AGO chapters throughout North America
- 2009 "Organ Expo", continuous performances by our members at the Franklin Park Mall
- 2009 "Albert Schweitzer and J.S. Bach", a multi-media presentation at Historic St. Patrick's
- 2009 "Music Under the Stars": Shin-Ae Chun and Darel Brainard performed in the Toledo Zoo amphitheater, along with the Toledo Concert Band
- 2009 Seneca County Organ Crawl: St. Mary's and Trinity UCC, Tiffin; and St. Wendelin, Fostoria
- 2010 "Bach and the Dance" with organist Trudy Faber at St. Michael's in the Hills, Ottawa Hills

Once Terry became Dean, he didn't stop dreaming BIG or supporting my work as Sub Dean. Here are some memorable events from the last two years:

- 2011 "Organ Plus," a members' recital involving organ plus at least one other performer
- 2011 Family Concert and Organ Demo at St. Mark's, Bowling Green
- 2011 Progressive Dinner and Recital at Ottawa Hills churches
- 2012 "Blizzard Anthems, Ideas for Small Choirs" a choral workshop with Dr. Doug McConnell
- 2012 Family Pops Concert with three organs, thanks to Terry's hard work (and finagling!)
- 2012 "Of Thee I Sing," a patriotic fund-raiser for Honor Flight of NW Ohio

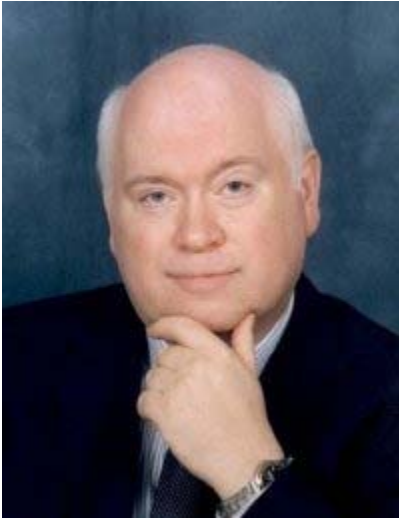
Not only was Terry a go-getter for Toledo chapter's programming. He has also been a vibrant force for change. Knowing there would be a certain amount of resistance, he pushed hard to develop a web site and to move our communications into the "digital age." The web site is now up and available, with ads, chapter events, newsletters, and our membership roster all there. [Note to self: Much of this needs updating, as the leadership and programming change. I'm putting it on my "to-do" list for summer!!]

We've also moved our newsletter to an email publication, with "hard copy" always available to those who request it. This was important for us to do. It is a less expensive and more efficient way to handle our communications, to be sure. **EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT:** These changes provide an inroad for young musicians to find us and become interested in what we are doing and what we can offer them. Many of us cannot imagine how much the Internet has become the "tool of choice" for young professionals seeking information. But because it has, it is vitally important for an organization such as ours to have a presence on the Internet. **Terry, for all you have accomplished in this regard, we owe you thanks!**



-Joan McConnell  
Dean of the Chapter

## FROM THE SUB-DEAN



I'm happy to extend my springtime greetings to all the Toledo AGO members as your newly elected Sub Dean! The flowers are blooming and gardens are growing as our church music programs begin the decrescendo toward the summer months. Of course, we all know that doesn't necessarily mean that our work is done! I've noticed the arrival already of the advertisements for Advent and Christmas music!

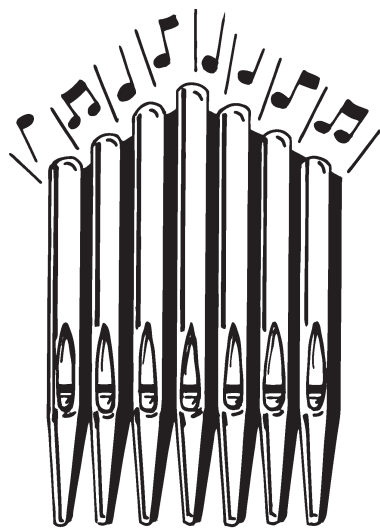
We on the AGO board have not been asleep at the proverbial switch either! Planning is in process for next year's programming. We hope that you will continue to support the chapter with your membership and participation. Dues are due now and provide us with the resources to continue the activities of the chapter. Write that check, or pester your church finance officer to write one for you! AGO membership keeps you up to date on what is happening in our profession. As music professionals, which I hope you consider yourselves to be, it is important that we commit ourselves to ongoing growth and greater understanding of our profession, or avocation, as the case may be. The AGO is committed to being a partner in that effort.

A few of us from the chapter will be attending the AGO National Convention this summer in Nashville. You may be interested to know that Nashville isn't just a country music mecca! Check out the various convention offerings in the TAO and you'll be surprised. We look forward to that experience and we will share an informal account of our experiences at our first fall program. And, we'll try to do that without a southern "twang!"

Enjoy your summer months but don't stop practicing! Yes, I know it will be hot! Just set a fan at the edge of the pedalboard and aim it right at yourself! That works for me, and no one's church is hotter than mine in the summer!

It's good to be with you!

-Neil R. Kraft, Sub Dean  
St. Aloysius Church, Bowling Green



## Random Dipings

On Sunday, June 24, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., Angelica Lutheran Church (8400 Park Ave., Allen Park, MI, 48101) invites everyone to a Festival Rededication Concert presented by Director of Music/Organist David V. Hufford (M.Mus.). This concert, held on the exact 60th anniversary of the pipe organ's original dedication in 1952, celebrates its many years of service to the church, and re-dedicates the instrument following a major renovation and expansion completed in recent years by the Renaissance Pipe Organ Company of Ann Arbor, MI. Originally built as a 15-rank instrument by Casavant Frères, Angelica's pipe organ now stands at 32 ranks, and is noted for its wealth of tone color and range of effects. The program includes several selections from the 1952 dedication concert, as well as the complete *Symphonie V for Organ* by Charles-Marie Widor. Please join us as we mark this very special occasion. A freewill offering will be received to benefit the church's music funds. For more information, please call [\(734\) 646-1151](tel:734-646-1151).

The Oasis Chorale, an *a cappella* choir, is coming to Zion Mennonite Church on Saturday evening, July 21, at 7:00 pm. Zion Mennonite Church is located at , 300 Short-Buehrer Road, Archbold, Ohio 43502. Please check out the link listed below. Also, for more information, and CDs available, with samples you may listen to, see the following web site: [www.oasischorale.com](http://www.oasischorale.com) and click on "Oasis Chorale."



## COMMUNITY CHORUS FORMING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Announcing — An exciting opportunity for children from all over the metro area to come together, make friends, and enjoy singing, playing handchimes, and the joy of music.

Now forming, *Young Voices of Greater Toledo* is a brand new community chorus for children and youth. This group is for children who have unchanged (treble) voices and are in the third grade (at least age 8) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The group will launch in Fall 2012, with three parent information meetings:

Monday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Rehearsals will be Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. First rehearsal is September 18. All meetings will be at Monroe Street United Methodist Church, 3613 Monroe Street.

Parents should plan to attend one of the above meetings with their child. It will be an information session, a free professional evaluation of their child's voice, a chance to meet the staff, and an opportunity for each parent to ask questions.

Our staff for 2012-2013 is:

Karen Vollmer, accompanist, retired choral music educator from Toledo Public Schools, recently the Director of Choral activities at Start High School.

Mark Mathias, choirchimes director—Director of Music Ministries at Christ Presbyterian Church, Toledo. Experienced public school music educator and handbell director.

Denise Mathias, artistic director—Director of Music and Organist at Monroe Street United Methodist Church, Toledo. Experienced public school music educator and children's choir conductor.

To get on our mailing list (promise we won't bombard you with unwanted info) and for additional information contact us at [youngvoicestoledo@yahoo.com](mailto:youngvoicestoledo@yahoo.com).

Please spread the word—and let parents and kids who might be interested know about this worthwhile endeavor. We are on Facebook, and watch for a website coming soon!



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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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## AGO TOLEDO, 2012-13 PROGRAM A YEAR IN THE MAKING

*(All events are very much in the planning stage and are subject to change!!)*

### SEPTEMBER: PROGRESSIVE DINNER/ PROGRESSIVE RECITAL

**Date: September 14**

Appetizers, a catered main course, and dessert, each accompanied by our own members in recital. This was a hugely successful event last year! This year we plan to open it to a larger (though still limited) number, with advance ticket sales. Please start thinking about how you will help us publicize this in your congregation or other groups you serve!

### OCTOBER: AARON DAVID MILLER PLAYS BUSTER KEATON

**Date: October 27, 7:30 p.m.**

Community of Christ Lutheran in Whitehouse hosts Toledo favorite Aaron David Miller in his rendition of a silent movie classic.

### Also in OCTOBER: Scholarship Auditions

**Date: October 14, 2:00 p.m.**

Place: Trinity Episcopal, Toledo

### NOVEMBER: A WEEK AT ROSARY CATHEDRAL

**Date: Tuesday, November 13**

#### Recital by Douglas Bruce,

Principal Organist, St. Franz Xaver Kirche, Munchenstein, Switzerland

#### Organ Crawl with the Lorain County Chapter

**Date: Saturday, November 17, 11:30 a.m.**

Join our Lorain County colleagues, including Oberlin students and James David Christie for an exploration of the Rosary Cathedral organ.

### DECEMBER: CAROLS AND A CONVENTION: "Great Lakes / Swell Organs"

**Date: TBA**

Brooks Grantier, Publicity Chair for the 2013 Region V AGO convention in Kalamazoo, MI will give us a presentation on the convention: the artists, the workshops, and the organs of Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. In addition, we'll entertain ourselves with some carol singing and seasonal refreshments!

### JANUARY: ALL THAT JAZZ

**Date: TBA**

Mark Mathias, our new chapter secretary, will present a survey of sacred organ music in jazz, blues, and gospel style. Come and learn what is "out there" in published form for your own use!

Place: First St. John's Lutheran Church, 2471 Seaman St, Toledo

### FEBRUARY: FAMILY CONCERT AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN, BOWLING GREEN

**Date: February 24, 4:00 p.m.**

A fun mix of classical, popular, and church music, played on three organs by Kevin McGill and friends!

### MARCH/APRIL: TOLEDO CHAPTER STUDENT AND SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL

**Date: April 14, 3:00 p.m.**

With Easter coming so close on the heels of the colleges' spring break, we need to push the student recital into April. Stay tuned for more details, and plan to come out and hear our students!

### APRIL: SCHANTZ ORGAN COMPANY

**Date: TBA**

An all-day bus tour to Orrville, Ohio, to witness the Schantz Organ Company in action! See pipes being made and learn how an organ is assembled. Possible "side" attraction: the Smuckers Jam Company!

### MAY: ANNUAL AGO/TOLEDO BANQUET

**Date and Place: TBA**

Join us for food, fellowship, the installation of officers, and a program... yet to be named!

## 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>		\$_____

Information for our on-line Toledo AGO Directory and the hard copy sent by request.

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# CODE OF ETHICS

Members of the American Guild of Organists are bound by the Code of Ethics and guided by the Code of Professional Standards.

**Adopted by the National Council on October 23, 1933 as revised through April 16, 2007.**

**Preamble:** The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members. Voting members are entitled to enjoy the privileges and are expected to accept the responsibilities of membership in the Guild. Members shall be considered equally for Guild offices and participation in Guild activities. These are the rules that shall be considered binding upon all voting members in good standing.

**RULE 1.** Members shall promote good working relationships within the American Guild of Organists and shall respect the employment of colleagues. Members shall address differences between themselves and other members by following the procedures outlined in the Discipline.

**RULE 2.** Members shall not seek or appear to be seeking employment for themselves, a student, or a colleague, in a position held by someone else. Members shall apply for employment only for a position which the employer, with the knowledge of the incumbent musician, has officially and publicly declared vacant by announcement of the vacancy.

**RULE 3.** In cases pending under the Procedures or in cases where the National Council has determined that a position has been made vacant by wrongful termination of a member of the American Guild of Organists, members shall not seek or accept regular or permanent employment for themselves, a student, or colleague at that Institution until the National Council is satisfied that differences between the Guild and the Institution have been resolved. Interim services may be provided for a period of 90 days.

**RULE 4.** Members shall obtain the approval of the incumbent musician before accepting an engagement for a wedding, funeral, or other service requested by a third party. In such cases, the incumbent should receive his/her customary fee, and the third party is expected to provide it. It is the responsibility of the guest member to inform the third party of this rule. Members are advised to protect themselves as incumbents in this regard by negotiating employment contracts which secure these fees and which provide some responsibility, oversight, and control as to choice of music, etc.

**RULE 5.** Members shall conduct professional activities with truthfulness, honesty and integrity, and shall maintain sensitivity in matters of a personal or confidential nature.

**RULE 6.** Members shall not discriminate against others on the basis of race, national origin, age, religious affiliation, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or medical condition (including, but not limited to, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics:

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