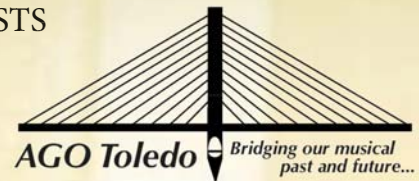


The Prelude



SEPTEMBER 2013

From the Dean

It is Sunday afternoon as I write, which means I have ONCE AGAIN missed the deadline for this article! (Sorry, Jack!) BUT... being late gives me the opportunity to thank **Dennis Johns** and **Dennis Blubaugh** for a wonderful first event yesterday. Dennis Johns organized and hosted the event, a choral music reading session, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Maumee, where he works as Organist and Director of Worship and Music. Dennis Blubaugh, owner of Musical Resources in Toledo, led the reading session. From the selection of pieces to the conducting and teaching, he did an excellent job. Lunch was some tasty barbecue from Deet's Barbecue just down the street, with some even tastier beans and slaw, concocted by Jeanne Crossen, a member of the St. Paul's choir. Thanks to all three of these individuals for their good work!

I've had some very nice comments from several people about the quality of the program this year. I'm glad there is so much enthusiasm out there; it certainly makes all the planning and arranging worthwhile! I think yesterday's turn-out (25-plus) was a vote of confidence for the chapter; I hope it is also a sign of participation that will continue all year! Of those attending yesterday, many are members, but several were guests. This is a GREAT way to get the word out about the Toledo chapter! We need to SHARE our events, our resources, and our love of church music with as many folks as we can!

Our next big event is the Progressive Dinner/ Progressive Recital, which is being put together by Neil Kraft, Kathy Mummy and Pam Stover. That will be Friday, October 4, at two churches in Sylvania. I'm excited about the menu, the music, and the organs, but mostly the fellowship with all of you! Please keep reading this issue of the *Prelude* for more complete information. NB: Because we are not using a bus, we have reduced the cost to \$12, which covers the meal.

There are two smaller events between now and then: our first semi-annual "Dean's Lunch" is coming up in a few weeks. On Friday the 13th of September, we will meet for lunch at the Elephant Bar restaurant. This is BYO, and everyone is welcome. We'll meet at noon for food and fellowship with friends and colleagues. I've made a tentative reservation for us, but I'd like to know how many to expect. Please RSVP by phone or email: 419-455-4666 or jmcconne@heidelberg.edu. Let me hear from you by 9/11.

The other September "happening" is our Scholarship Audition on Sunday, September 29. Pam Davis and Denise Mathias are organizing this event, which will be held at Monroe Street United Methodist Church. You can find more information in this issue of the *Prelude*. At this writing, we anticipate 3-4 students will audition. This is a thrilling prospect after a couple of "dry" years. But it's not too late to get out the word—If you know of ANYONE who wants to study organ, please share this opportunity with them and invite them to consider it. We can ALL be ambassadors for the organ and for church music!

One final comment: Our treasurer, Marilyn Hazard, tells me that there are several members who have yet to renew their dues. Please don't put this off any longer! The national organization will cut off your subscription to *The American Organist* after September 1st. I hate to see anyone missing out.

This wraps it up for me! I wish everyone a spirit-filled start to the choir season, and I hope to see you at one of our events. Come hungry and come happy!

Joan McConnell
Dean of Toledo AGO

THIRD ANNUAL AGO PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Friday, October 4, 2013 at 6:00 PM

Reflecting on the success of our last two progressive dinners, our board members decided to make it three years in a row! This year we will concentrate on two venues in the community of Sylvania. We will begin at 6:00 PM with appetizers and hors d'oeuvres at the illustrious Sylvania United Church of Christ at 7240 Erie Street. We will then adjourn to the sanctuary where we will hear the 1979 four-manual Robert Noehren pipe organ. Noehren, once the university organist at the U. of Michigan, dabbled in organ building for a period of his life. Sally Mossing, Organist and Director of Music at the church, will be our hostess.

Our second stop of the evening will be at First United Methodist in Sylvania where we will enjoy our main course of Yankee Pot Roast, Apple Bourbon Chicken and all the trimmings. We will then be treated to a musical program on the church's three-manual 1980's Schantz organ. We will stay on site for our dessert course of Apple Dumplings ala mode (be still my soul!). An interesting feature of 1st UMC is the array of wall murals throughout the complex painted by a local artist. A tour of this creative artwork is also planned. Margaret Currie is our hostess.

Chapter members who will be our featured performers for the evening include: Sally Mossing, Joan McConnell, Nate Leonard, and Randy and Margaret Currie (maybe more!). Since we have only two stops this year and they are relatively close together, we will not have bus transportation. That will keep our cost down to a very affordable \$12 for the wonderful dinner.

This event is open to all chapter members and any of your friends, musicians or church members who would like to attend! The more, the merrier! PLEASE help us get the word out and send your RSVPs and checks in by September 24th to our treasurer, Marilynn Hazard, 5827 Woodrow Dr., Sylvania, 43560.

-Neil Kraft

Sub Dean of Toledo AGO

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TOLEDO CHAPTER PROGRAM

2013-2014



SEPTEMBER: FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL "DEAN'S LUNCH"

Friday, September 13, Noon

Elephant Bar, 5001 Monroe St., Toledo 43623

Host: Joan McConnell, Dean of the Chapter

Everyone is welcome to join us on Friday the 13th for lunch!

Come for good food, fellowship and a chance to relax with friends and colleagues.

Cost: the price of your meal.

RSVP by Sept. 11 to Joan McConnell, 419-455-4666 or jmcconne@heidelberg.edu

ALSO in SEPTEMBER: TOLEDO CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

Sunday, September 29, 2:00 PM

Monroe St. United Methodist Church, 3613 Monroe St., Toledo 43606

Host: Denise Mathias, Director of Music and Organist; Education Chair: Pam Davis

See the article in the September *Prelude* for details.

OCTOBER: PROGRESSIVE DINNER/ PROGRESSIVE RECITAL

Friday, October 4, 6:00 PM

Planning committee: Neil Kraft, Joan McConnell, Kathy Mumy, Pam Stover

Appetizers, catered main course, and dessert at two churches:

Sylvania United Church of Christ, 7240 Erie St.

and First United Methodist Church, 7000 Erie St., Sylvania, 43560.

Cost : \$12 per person. Guests are welcome; the more, the merrier!

Paid reservations by Sept. 24 to Treasurer Marilyn Hazard, 5827 Woodrow Dr., Sylvania, OH 43560

NOVEMBER: MEMBERS' PROGRAM. WHAT WOULD YOU PLAY FOR.....?

Monday, November 18, 7:00 PM

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 649 Elmore St., Toledo 43605

Host: Peggy Dorr, Organist; Chair: Neil Kraft

What would you play for a wedding? A funeral? A postlude? Easter morning? Advent or Epiphany? Choose a favorite piece (5-6 minutes, tops!) that you have found useful, and share it with all of us at this practical and informative session. BONUS: Bring used music to sell or trade.

DECEMBER: RCYO WINNER'S RECITAL

Sunday, December 1, 4:00 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church, 316 Adams St., Toledo 43604

Host: Michael Gartz

Nicholas Quardokus of Bridgman, MI, currently a student at Indiana University, was the winner of the 2013 AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists for Region V. Those of us who attended the Kalamazoo convention heard him play in recital there, and we heartily encourage ALL to come out in support of him when he plays for us in Toledo! Reception will follow.

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Toledo, Ohio 43623*

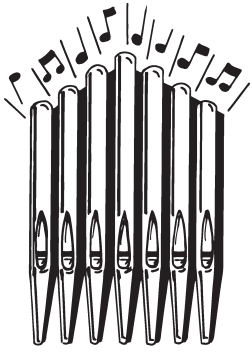
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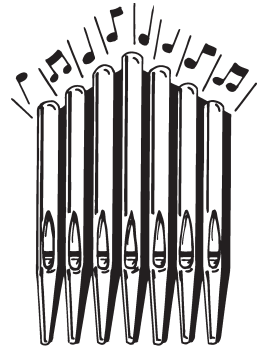
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ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS



*For students in grades 7 – 12
and for adult students not currently enrolled
in a collegiate organ program.*

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**Sunday, September 29, 2013 at 2:00 PM
Monroe St. United Methodist Church
3613 Monroe St., Toledo, OH 43606**

General Scholarship Amounts to be given up to \$500.

All awards are given at the discretion of the judges. Anyone who has received a large scholarship two years in a row will be limited to a \$100 award. **The \$500 award is given to the top High School qualifier and can only be received once by the same person.**

Scholarship Monies are to be used for organ lessons from a member of the Toledo AGO and will be made payable to the student's instructor.

Applicant Requirements:

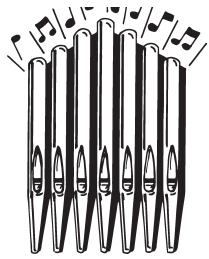
Each applicant will prepare two contrasting pieces (limited to 10 minutes total) and a hymn of their choice. They will also be asked to sight-read a hymn. Students auditioning for the first time may play their audition on the piano. Up to 1 hour of practice time will be scheduled for each student. Please **do not** call the church to arrange this time, as Pam Davis will schedule this with you.

Each applicant must complete and submit the attached form and a letter of recommendation from their private instructor, pastor, or church musician.

The application and letter of referral must be mailed (or emailed) by September 20, 2013 to:

Pam Davis
AGO Scholarship Auditions
2403 Westbrook Drive, Toledo, OH 43613
419-877-0607 or music@commofchrist.org

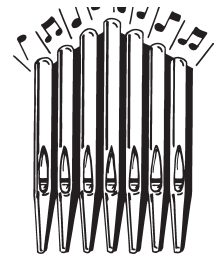
**Scholarship winners will perform in the Toledo AGO Scholarship Winners Recital
Sunday, March 16, 2014, 3:00 PM
Monroe St. United Methodist Church, Toledo, OH**



TOLEDO CHAPTER AGO

Scholarship Audition Application

2013



Applicant's Name: _____

Grade (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Instructor: _____

2 Contrasting Pieces to be performed (limited to 10 minutes):

Hymn to be performed: _____

Please describe your music background and your future musical interests.

This application and a letter of recommendation must be mailed (or emailed) by September 20, 2013 to:
Pam Davis, Toledo AGO Scholarship Auditions
2403 Westbrook Drive, Toledo, OH 43613
419-877-0607, music@commofchrist.org

Organ & Brass Concert

Kevin McGill and the Tower Brass

Sunday, September 22, 2013

4:00 p.m.

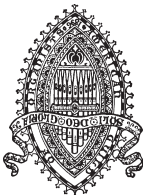
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bowling Green

Works by Strauss, Handel, Gabrieli, Campra, Karg-Elert, and others.

Free-will donation collected.

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4112 Talwood Lane
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