

AGO Toledo

bridging our musical past and future...



The Prelude

November 2015

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Ah autumn! The colors, the traditions, the pumpkins and the leaves! As I write this in my church office, the kiddies and their families are outside in the parking lot enjoying *Trunk or Treat!* Oh, to have just *some* of that energy.....*AND* maybe just a couple pieces of chocolate! It's better that I'm in here!

We enjoyed a very fine joint program with the Sandusky Chapter on October 11th in beautiful Oak Harbor in the midst of their Apple Festival. Our own Garrett Law played a very fine recital on the Schantz organ at St. John's Lutheran Church. He even brought along his cellist friend Elijah Baik to further enhance the program! It was another beautiful fall day, but about 75 folks came inside and away from the apple festivities to enjoy the program. We sincerely thank everyone who was involved!

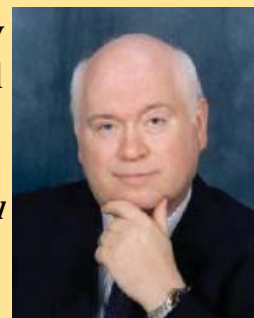
Our November program will take place at 3:00 PM on Sunday, the 22nd.....*St. Cecilia Day and Christ the King Sunday!* We will enjoy the organ artistry of Marijim Thoene, who is a featured performer on the Concert Series at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo this year. There is more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

On Friday, October 16th, Paul Monachino (past TAGO Dean, and Ohio State District Convener) and I attended a state meeting of Deans in Columbus. We met with Karl Bruhn, our Regional Councillor, at the Bunn=Minnick Pipe Organ Company. It was a very interesting day, as about 18 of us discussed all manner of topics including: membership woes, programming ideas, conventions, AGO examinations, POEs, POE-As and much more!

We do not have a December program as we know you all are very busy preparing for Christmas and various programs. We will, however, most likely have a newsletter before the end of the year. We will "regroup" again on January 25 in Sylvania with a program based on the sharing of various musical resources. More about that will be forthcoming.

Trick or Treat, Happy Thanksgiving, and Blessed Advent! I'll talk to you later!

—Neil Kraft, Dean



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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all who are interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Joan McConnell, Membership Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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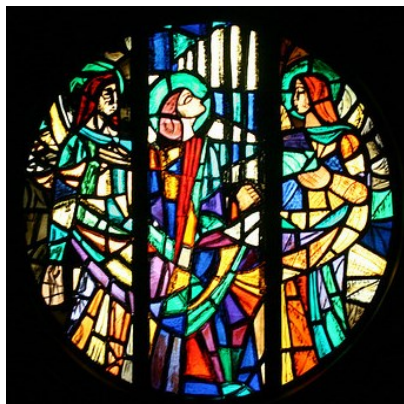
MARIJIM THOENE, ORGANIST

Our Lady of the

Most Holy Rosary Cathedral

Collingwood Avenue, Toledo

Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 3:00PM



Marijim Thoene will perform works by Langlais, J.S. Bach, Vierne, Messiaen, Teml and Hovhaness. She will also be assisted by the chant schola from Perrysburg's St. Rose Parish.

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of the
American Guild of Organists
is to enrich lives
through
organ
and
choral music.*

Great Art Escape

The Toledo Museum of Art

2445 Monroe Street

Concerts on the Dutch cabinet organ,

1-1:30pm

Gallery 24 on the upper level



This small (one manual, no pedals) organ was built ca. 1785 by Dutch builder Johannes Strumphler. Completely contained in a wooden cabinet, the air supply is generated by a foot pedal.

CONCERT DATES:

December 26 —Pam Stover

December 27 —Martha Esbin

January 1 —Gladys Rudolph

January 2 —Dennis Johns

January 3 — We still need to find an organist for January 3. If interested in performing, please call Gladys Rudolph (419-474-2228).



PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER – ADVANCED (POE-A)

The Cincinnati Chapter AGO has been chosen to host the summer (July, 2016) PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER – ADVANCED program designed to further “boost” young organists’ interest in pursuing the organ. POE-A is an exciting one-week summer program of organ study for advanced teen organ students. It is only given in one chapter per year. If you’d like more information, contact:

POE-A

c/o Cincinnati Chapter AGO

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Cincinnati, OH 45247

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TOLEDO CHAPTER AGO

Programming for 2015-2016

mark your calendar!

Sunday, November 22, 2015 – Marijim Thoene, organist

3:00 PM—Joint program with Toledo Concert Series

Rosary Cathedral, Collingwood Avenue (Skinner organ)



Monday, January 25, 2016 – MEMBERS SHARING RESOURCES

7 PM— First United Methodist Church, Sylvania – (Schantz organ)

Saturday, February 20, 2016 – SILENT MOVIE NIGHT – Aaron David Miller, organ

7:00 PM – Collaborating with Church Concert Series

Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Whitehouse, Ohio, Finzel at Dutch Roads (Reuter organ)

Sunday, March 6, 2016 – ANNUAL STUDENT RECITAL – Scholarship Awards

3 PM—Christ Presbyterian Church, Sylvania Avenue, Toledo (Casavant organ)

Friday, April 15, 2016 – ORGAN EXCURSION led by Mark Muller

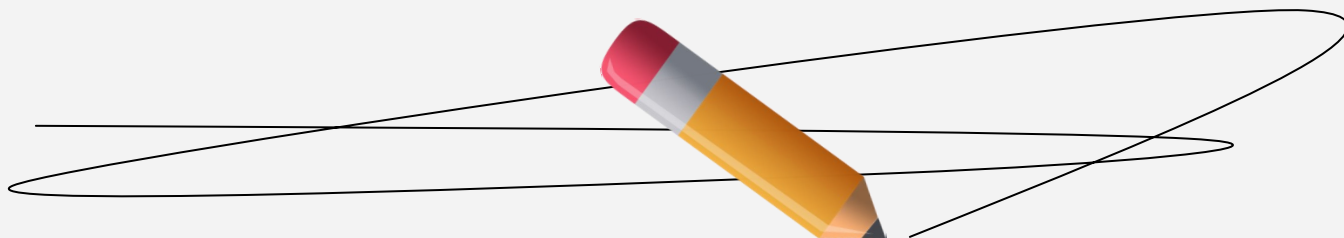
Visiting Muller Organ projects in Detroit suburbs and Southern Michigan

Lunch along the way -Van transportation provided – Costs and details coming later!

Sunday, May 22, 2016 – SPRING CONCERT AND POTLUCK – Jacob Taylor, organist

4 PM – Organ recital at Trinity Episcopal Church, downtown Toledo (Skinner/Casavant organ)

Chapter potluck dinner to follow in church social room —Chapter will furnish entrée and beverages



Toledo AGO Chapter Scholarship Auditions were held on Sunday, September 27 at Christ Presbyterian Church in Toledo. There were three entrants: Skyelar Raiti, Christopher Nejvarra and Daniel Stokes. Each was considered worthy of an award and each received a scholarship of \$250. Congratulations, students! Keep up the good practicing!

Many thanks to the judges: Joan McConnell, Kevin McGill and Nancy Russell.

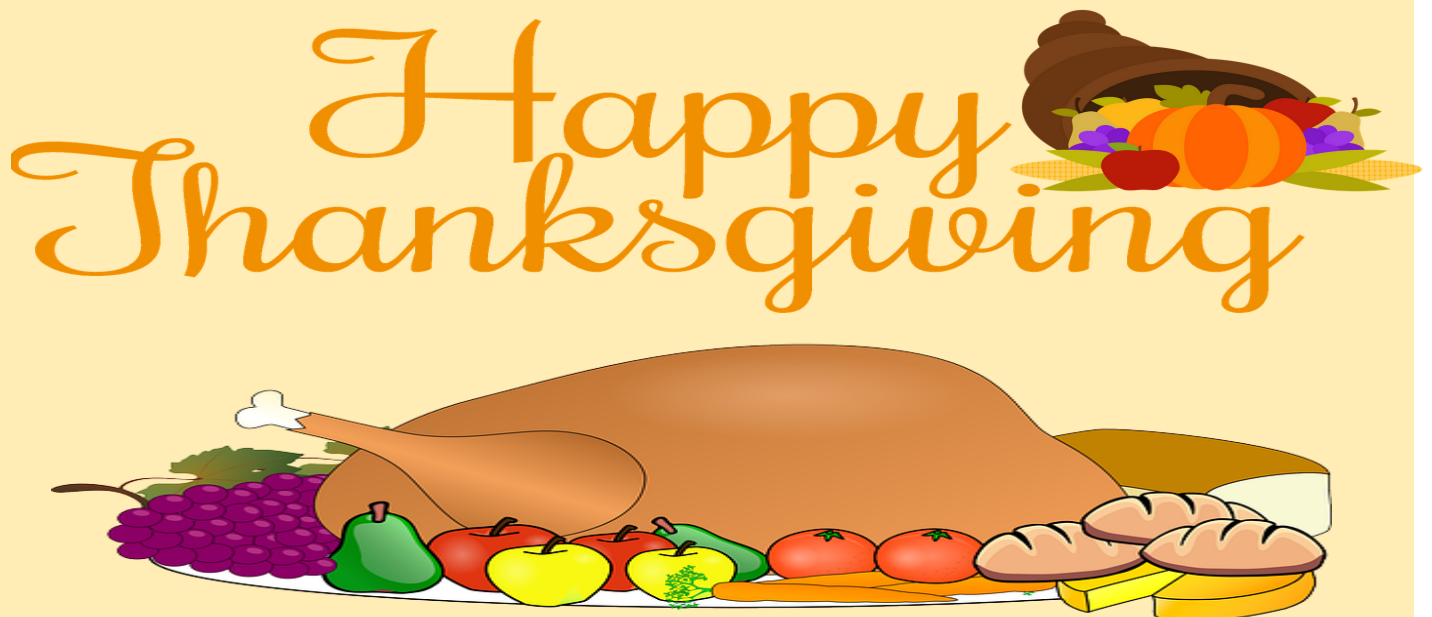
Christopher's award was in memory of Gene Trombla and represents a new scholarship for adults. Just a reminder—donations to the scholarship fund are gratefully accepted. Send your donations to Pam Davis, and be sure to indicate that the donation is for the Scholarship Fund. You can also designate specifically for the Mary Anderson Award (top high school student) or Gene Trombla Award (top adult student).

Teachers, now is the time to start considering an entrant for next fall's auditions. Each scholarship audition consists of two contrasting pieces of literature and a hymn—and first year students may audition on piano. There is also a hymn to sight read at the audition. The audition is open to 7-12th grade students and adult students.

The winners of this year's scholarships will perform at the student recital held on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 3:00PM (Christ Presbyterian Church, Toledo). This recital is open to all student performers—not just the scholarship winners. Encourage your students to play so we can fill up the program! Please let me know your student's repertoire by February 28.

Denise Mathias

Education Chair



AGO TOLEDO MEMBERS' DIRECTORY FOR 2015-16

I've had a few corrections reported to me. Please make these changes in your copy of the *Membership Directory*. I will also update the online directory periodically.

On the *Toledo Chapter Officers and Chairmen* page, delete the phone number given for **Melissa Flowers**. Change it to **419-422-2646**. You can also add this to her personal listing in the directory. This is her office phone number.

Change **Marilynn Hazard's** email address to **fmhaz22@aol.com**.

Change **JoAnn McKelvey's** home phone number to **419-537-8746**.

Please welcome **Claudia Trombla**, who has joined our chapter as a Chapter Friend.

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Thanks, everyone! Keep those corrections coming as you find errors!

Joan McConnell

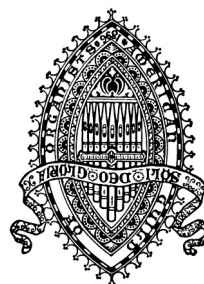
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THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

First Presbyterian Church
2330 South Main Street, Findlay, Ohio

Invites you to the

Inaugural Organ Recital

Presented by Music Director

Brent Neuenschwander

Sunday, November 15, 2015
3:00 p.m.

on the historic Aeolian-Skinner Sanctuary Organ

*Works by Bach, Couperin, Guilmant, Langlais, Schumann,
with familiar hymn tunes, and a piece presented using
only the organ pedals.*

A freewill offering will be received to support church mission
through the Christian Clearing House.

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare is available during the recital.