

# The Prelude

November 2016

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

## Dean's Message

Greetings,

October was a great month for our chapter. On Friday, October 14, approximately 50 organ lovers were treated to great food and excellent music at three Bowling Green churches for our Progressive Dinner. Our evening began with hors d'oeuvres and wine at St. John the Baptist Episcopal. Then, we heard Curtis King superbly play selections by Clerambault, Stanley and Manz on the von Beckerath organ. The organ, installed last year, was a gift from the Wolcotts.

Then, we traveled to St. Aloysius Catholic for our entrée. Following our meal, Joan McConnell and Neil Kraft played the 1998 Letourneau, expertly utilizing the various voices of the organ. Joan played selections from Couperin's *Messe pour les convents* and one of Dupre's antiphons. Neil played a hymn setting by Robert Hobby and Lemmens' *Fanfare*.

After a "hop, skip and jump," we arrived at First Presbyterian to be treated to the sounds of the 1985 Leek organ. Ed Duling first played a trumpet tune by Gilbert Martin, then he was joined by pianist Josh Wang for a rousing rendition of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*. David Saunders brilliantly performed selections by Pachelbel, Bach, Handel and Ravenscroft. He closed his program with Bach's "*St. Anne*" Fugue. We were treated to a wonderful variety of delicious desserts after the performances. (Yum!!!)

Many thanks to Neil Kraft and Ed Duling for planning and organizing this event, to the performers, and to the churches and their congregations for their hospitality. It was a wonderful evening!

Last Sunday, our chapter hosted our annual Scholarship Auditions at Maumee's First Presbyterian Church. Our judges Pam Davis, Sally Mossing and David Saunders listened to four aspiring organists (two high school, two adult). Each played well and received great comments from the judges. Their performances showed that there is interest in playing the organ, but even more interest and diversity needs to be generated. Many thanks to our judges and Denise Mathias (Education and Scholarship Chair) for their time and commitment to encouraging these new organists. For more information about the auditions, see the article in this newsletter.

Our Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event is scheduled for November. Thank you to Melissa Flowers and Denise Mathias for their work in planning this event. At the present, we are open for more registrations.

It's hard to believe that we are into November and fast approaching Advent and Christmas. I've been busy trying to finalize music for Christmas—which means soon I need to start planning for 2017. On Saturday, March 4, we are once again hosting a Sacred Choral Music Festival. When we held this same event a few years ago, we had 50+ singers. It would be great to have even more this time (maybe 75?). Please keep this event in your thoughts and encourage choirs/singers from your church or other churches to join us. The festival is open to all, not just AGO directors. We hope to have more details (repertoire, etc.) about this soon.

As we approach Thanksgiving, may we "Now thank we all our God with heart, and hands, and voices!"

God bless!

—Mark Mathias, 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**

To submit articles, news, concerts or vacant positions, contact Melissa Flowers, Secretary.

**WEBSITE**

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

**Toledo AGO Chapter Scholarship Auditions were held on Sunday, Oct. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, Maumee. There were four entrants.**

**Many thanks to the judges: Pam Davis, Sally Mossing, David Saunders. Many thanks, also, to Wayne Whitten and First Presbyterian Church! Each entrant was considered worthy of an award, and the following scholarships were given:**

**\$500 Mary Anderson Award-- Skyelar Raiti**

**\$300 Josh Wang**

**\$200 Chris Nejvara**

**\$100 Kurt Muller**

**Congratulations, students! Keep up the good practicing!**

**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 sight-reading hymn given at the audition. Eligible students are 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade and adults not currently enrolled in a collegiate organ program.**

**The winners will perform at the student recital held on Sunday, March 19, 2017, 3:00pm at First Presbyterian Church, Maumee.**

*Denise Mathias, Education Chair*

# Toledo Chapter AGO

## 2016 – 2017

Sat., Nov. 5                      10am—1pm      **Pedals, Pipes and Pizza**                      Glenwood Lutheran, Toledo

This program is designed to introduce children and youth to the pipe organ and will include interactive demonstrations on the church's three-manual Wicks organ. The program will begin in the morning and conclude early afternoon. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Wed., Jan. 4                      7:00pm              **Dexter Kennedy, recital**                      Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

This organ recital is sponsored by the Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians as part of their annual conference.

Sat./Sun., Jan. 13/14 8:00pm              **Paul Jacobs with TSO**                      The Peristyle, Toledo

This Toledo Symphony Orchestra performance will feature organ soloist Paul Jacobs. Plans are in the works to attend one of the performances as a group and possibly host Paul at a luncheon. (Note: Paul will also present a recital on Sun., Jan. 15 @ 2:30pm at the Peristyle.)

Sat., Mar. 4                      Time TBA              **Sacred Choral Music Festival**                      Location TBA

Area church choirs/singers will join together to rehearse and perform a mid-afternoon concert. (Directors do not need to be members of the AGO.) A list of anthems and more information will be available this fall. Bradley Pierson, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Toledo, will conduct this festival.

Sun., Mar. 19                      3:00pm              **Toledo AGO Student Recital**                      First Presbyterian, Maumee

Our student scholarship winners and other organ students will perform on First Presbyterian's three-manual Bunn-Minnick.

April/May                      TBA                      *Tentative Recital and/or Workshop; Spring Banquet*





The **Toledo Museum of Art** is inviting members from the AGO Toledo Chapter to play the **Dutch Cabinet Organ** from 1-2pm during the week (December 27 — January 1) as part of the **Great Art Escape** program. Pam Stover has already signed up for December 31, but the other dates are open. If interested, please call Gladys Rudolph at 419-474-2228.

**Paul Jacobs** is back in town in January, and we have made arrangements to attend, as a group, the Saturday, January 14, 8pm concert with the Toledo Symphony and the Sunday, January 15, 2:30pm recital. Both programs are at the Peristyle. The Saturday group tickets are \$28/\$10 students, and Sunday is \$8. You may attend either program or both, and Pam Davis is taking reservations and payments. Checks should be made payable to "AGO Toledo Chapter" and mailed to Pam at PO Box 349, Waterville, OH 43566.

Those who have made reservations already may need to clarify which program they wish to attend by calling Pam at 419-346-0279 or emailing at [pameladavis965@gmail.com](mailto:pameladavis965@gmail.com).

If you would like your music event included in the weekly arts calendar in the **Toledo Blade**, please send the press release to [classics@theblade.com](mailto:classics@theblade.com) at least *two weeks* in advance.

## JOB POSTING - Director of Music

Community of Christ Lutheran Church

Whitehouse, OH

(419) 877-0607

For job description: <http://commofchrist.org/worship-music/job-posting-music-director/>



## Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 3

11am-1pm

Manor House Music Room and Auditorium

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens

714 North Portage Path

Akron, OH 44303

Members: \$80, Non-members: \$100

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to enjoy our annual holiday tea. This event features a musical performance by the extraordinary Todd Wilson on the historic Aeolian Organ in the Manor's Music Room followed by a holiday tea including savory tea sandwiches and sweets, and a self-guided Manor House tour featuring over 20 rooms that have been decorated for the Christmas season. Please register in advance online at <http://www.stanhywet.org/events/christmas-tea>.



*Nancy Londrim & Jody Guinn*

# *The Salzedo Harp Duo*

**SUNDAY, NOV. 13, 4:00 P.M.**

**MONROE ST. UNITED METHODIST**

3613 Monroe St., Toledo

*Free admission—donations welcome*

Info: 419-473-1167, ext. 230 - - [www.monroestumc.com](http://www.monroestumc.com)

**AGO TOLEDO MEMBERS' DIRECTORY FOR 2016-17**

I have some corrections and additions for the Members' Directory.

George and Marilyn Blackney spotted some "old information" in their entries.  
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We have THREE new and returning members to list:

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I had so much fun at the Progressive Dinner; I'm glad so many of us could attend and enjoy not only good music but great fellowship. I was able to distribute a few directories, as promised. To date I have mailed 40 and hand-delivered 15. I have 5 on hand, and I can print more. Please get in touch if you would like to have a paper directory. The same information is on our web site, which is password protected. If you need to know the password, just send me an email.

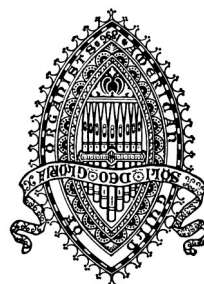
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Thanksgiving



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