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Dean's Message

It hardly seems that two years have passed since I took over the Deanship of the Chapter. During that time I have gotten to know many of you much better. I have been blessed to have an active, dedicated Executive Committee, none of whom seems to know how to say NO to my requests. They have all taken the ball and run with it when we had events, projects, educational opportunities, meetings, parties! We have managed to stay within budget and still produce varied and interesting programs this year. My thanks to those of you who have been willing to step in and serve when personal necessity caused Committee vacancies, and to those of you who are willing to serve next year.

Past Deans Rhodes and Gee have been great resources for me. I appreciate their encouraging me when "I did not know the way". David Griffin has done a wonderful job with our website.

My special thanks to you members who are not on the Committee, but who have been very supportive during my tenure. We have an active chapter that should be strong for years into the future. There are a number of members who are diligent about joining each year, and yet do not get the opportunity to attend many meetings. Please let myself, Melanie Cervi-our candidate for Dean, or Andrew Birling-our candidate for Sub-Dean/Program chair, hear from you as to what we could provide in the future that would be of special interest to you. We would love to have you more active in the chapter.

We hope to continue joint programs with Peninsula and San Francisco Chapters in the future, as this is of benefit to us all as far as audience size and fiscal resources are concerned.

I hope that the Chapter will continue to give its strong support to our educational programs. These new organists are the lifeblood of our future.

See you at the year end installation meeting where you will receive the answers to the WHAT MEMBER quizzes. Also, we will have a special surprise program for you.

Patricia Milstead, Dean &

WHAT MEMBER has played on the following organs in Europe (among at least 12 historical organs: St. George's in Eisenach (where Bach was baptized), St. Simon and Jude in Prague (Mozart played on this organ), and the Chapel at Wittenburg (where Martin Luther taught and lived with his family).

WHAT MEMBER after receiving an MA in music from the University of Iowa, taught music for 2 years in a black college in Mississippi?

WHAT MEMBER at age 3 entertained his parents' whole choir gathered around him at a Christmas party, entertaining them for a whole hour with his charm?

WHAT MEMBER skied cross-country and snow-camped in the Kaiser Wilderness for 5 days, got swollen lips from non-acclimation to the altitude, had to ski out in a blizzard with icicles hanging from his/her nose, eyelashes and eyebrows and lived to tell the tale?

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Future Events

June 3 – Chapter Annual General Membership Meeting and Installation
 Stone Church of Willow Glen, 1937 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose
RSVP TO Melanie Cervi, (408) 358-6568 as the side dish you will be bringing.
TIME CHANGE 4 PM in the sanctuary (If you are setting up, 3 PM in the sanctuary)

Melanie Cervi, Sub Dean &

MAY CHAPTER EVENT
Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

Do you remember the first question you asked about the organ? Plenty of questions were asked at **Church of Our Savior in Cupertino** on Saturday, May 19th, 2007. Thank you to **Theresa Oatman** for arranging with her church for us to take over the balcony and show off the organ. We had great fun! Thank you also to **Pat Milstead, Lothar Bandermann,** and **Anita Graves** for spending time with our curious group. As always, the adults had just as much fun as the kids. As always, the time flew by fast as questions and answers flew back and forth. As always, the pizza was a hit. As always, the organ was delightful to work with. Please consider helping out with the event for potential organists in the future. Contact **Andrew Birling** with your suggestion of location, topic for discovery, or offer of smiles and demonstration time. Send your remembrance of your first question (or comment) to **Melanie** at Melaniecervi@verizon.net for inclusion in the notes for the next Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza. &

Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12th, 2007 at **7 PM** in the home of Pat Milstead, 1258 Oak Knoll Dr., San Jose. Please bring a plat of food to nibble on. All meetings are open to all members. &

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS
ABOUT DUES**

Thank you for your prompt attention to paying your dues as early as possible, but definitely by **June 30th**. Included in your newsletter is the dues form. Please fill it out and enclose with a check and mail it to **Anita Graves, 70 Palomar Real, Campbell, CA 95008**.

If you like, we can collect your dues at the General Membership meeting on the 3rd of June at the Stone Church. Professional dues are tax deductible.

The rates have increased slightly compared to last year.

If you miss your payment deadline, you must pay a \$6 late fee. Please include your salutation (Dr., Mrs., Mr., etc.) on you application. National office requests Zip+4 number with your address. &

Carol Griffin, Membership Chair



CHAPTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING AND INSTALLATION

3 JUNE, 2007, 4 PM
Stone Church of Willow Glen
1937 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose

It's time for our **Chapter Annual Meeting**. If you cannot name anyone serving on the Executive Committee, name any project your dues have funded (local or across the country), name any program you would like to see repeated; be at the **Stone Church of Willow Glen, 1937 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose on Sunday June 3, 2007. We will be starting in the sanctuary at 4 PM** (meet in the sanctuary at 3 PM if you are setting up). We will be conducting the only General Membership Business meeting of the year that afternoon. We will install next year's Executive Board. So come enjoy good food, lovely music, and fun fellowship.

As you know, **Pat Milstead** our Dean has been asking us questions about what our Chapter members are doing when not playing the organ. All will be revealed at our Installation Meeting. Therefore, come to learn the answers. The Frasier Organ Scholarship Awards will also be given to their recipients.

The Chapter will provide the main dish for the Potluck Dinner and the Chapter Members are ask to bring side dishes. **Please RSVP to (408) 358-6568 before 30th May** to let us know what dish you would like to bring and to reserve your napkin and place setting Either phone or Email melaniecervi@verizon.net). &

Continuation of the Dean's Column

WHAT MEMBER fled a war torn country at age 17 and immigrated to America as a member of a family of 7. Between them they had only two suitcases, having lost almost everything when they fled.

WHAT MEMBER plays the organ beautifully and sings beautifully and claims to prefer the singing to the organ playing?

WHAT MEMBER was born in Venezuela?

WHAT MEMBER after attending a service at St. Peter's in Rome and complimenting the organist, was allowed to play on the main organ for 15 minutes between services?

WHAT MEMBER lived in Hawaii two years before it became a state, married in Inverness, Scotland and played the postlude at his/her own wedding, has completed triathlons, bikes, runs and attends advanced yoga classes, at 1hour 12minute won the neighborhood hoola hoop championship, started musical life as an accordionist, has performed on the organ in Australia, France, England, Mexico, and Scotland?

Patricia Milstead, Dean &

**Final Slate of Officers for Next Year
1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.**

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TO JOIN THE SAN JOSE AGO YAHOO GROUP
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**REVEREND C. LYNN BAILEY IS NOW THE
CHAPLIN OF THE SAN JOSE AGO
CHAPTER**

We wish to welcome the Reverend C. Lynn Bailey as the newly appointed Chaplin of the San Jose AGO Chapter.

Rev. Dr. C. Lynn Bailey was born and raised in Lubbock, Texas, and received his Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance there at Texas Tech University. He received a Master of Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary in New York, a Master of Divinity and later a Doctorate of Ministry from Lutheran Theological Seminary. He studied abroad in Denmark and Paris under Jean Langlais.

Pastor Bailey has served congregations in Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

His wife, Martha, is a founder of the Liturgical Harp Society and is also a Gardner and church administrator.

In 2003 the Baileys made a 348-mile pilgrimage in Northern Spain along the Camino de Santiago and are currently active in the Taize community in France.



Position Opportunities

Epiphany Episcopal Church, San Carlos is searching for an enthusiastic, people-oriented, **Organist/Colleague** with Minister of Music, 11-month contract per year. 1 weekly rehearsal on Thursdays from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM, all services of worship including Christmas, Christmas Eve, including Lessons and Carols, Lent, Holy Week and Easter services. Weddings and funerals are extra. Sundays: 1 service at 10:00 AM plus 9:00 AM service rehearsal, 2 Children's Choir rehearsals on Thursdays for 1 1/2 hours (8 months).

Desired traits: Knowledge of Episcopal service (desired, not required); ability to sightread, modulate and transpose. Interest in wide range of repertoire from Renaissance to Contemporary. Ability to lead congregational singing through hymn and service playing. Ability to relate to people of all ages. Sense of humor. Instrument: Galanti Preludium III - 3-manual Electronic, refurbished and expandable. Contact: **Cortlandt S. Bender**, Minister of Music - :650.281.4938, csbconsult@comcast.net. Availability: January 1, 2007. To be filled ASAP. &

Westhope Presbyterian Church, seeks part-time **Accompanist/Organist** to work with creative, vibrant worship team in small church environment. Our Sunday worship blends contemplative, traditional, and contemporary styles in an effort to create and hold sacred space for the congregation.

Responsibilities: Sunday morning choir practice at 8:30am followed by worship at 9:45am, music prep, music team meetings every other week for planning and community- time TBD. Salary: \$100-130 per week. Contact: **Rev. Erik Swanson** at (408) 255-0955, esfishrev@juno.com. &

St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont, CA, is looking for an enthusiastic, people-oriented **Organist/Keyboardist** committed to working with the music leadership of the parish. This person should be open to various musical styles and settings. Familiarity with the Episcopal liturgy and seasons of the Christian year is a plus but not required. The candidate should have the ability to communicate and work well with a volunteer adult choir, with children and youth, clergy, and staff members. The church is also looking for a resourceful, quarter-time **Music Director** with an enthusiasm for working with and developing a broad and eclectic repertoire that may include Classical, Taize, Gospel, Jazz, and other contemporary musical settings. We appreciate the ability to communicate well with volunteer adult and youth choirs, a worship band, as well as with clergy, the organist, and the congregation. For either position see a **complete position information at www.saintj.com, or call St. James' at 510-797-1492.** &

Ragazzi, a 150-voice multi-level boys chorus on the Peninsula, has an opening for a **conductor** on Wednesdays 5:30-7:20 p.m. in Redwood City for one of its training groups. Kodaly experience is preferred. Keyboard skills are helpful, but there is a part-time accompanist available. A separate theory teacher supervises written theory work. Family recitals are held in December and June. Salary depending on experience (up to \$5K). Contact: **Julia Simon**, Ragazzi Boys Chorus 650.424.1242. &

Lafayette United Methodist Church, CA, is looking for an **Organist, quarter-time**. Sundays at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.; Choir Rehearsal Thursdays 7:30 p.m.; Seasonal services. Swain & Kates 2 M & P, 8 rank pipe organ. Salary commensurate with experience. Contact: **Rev. Lori Sawdon** 925.284.4765 sawdon2@pacbell.net or fax 925.284.5170.

WEB LINK LIST

We could start list of your favorite Web Links to Organ pages that you think that other organists would find interesting. For example, Organlive, is know is being visited by one of our members. This list could include places were organ music can be heard or music could be purchased. Sort of a classified section. **LET ME KNOW.**

Here are some examples.

Live Organ Music

Organlive – www.organlive.com

Organ Sheet Music and Books

www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/chkey.jsp

Organ Historical Society's catalog www.ohscatalog.com/



Dear Region IX Leaders,

The Central Arizona Chapter will present the 2009 Region IX Convention. For the convention, we plan to commission a few new works. If any of you would like to submit a composition, please contact Mark Ramsey, Dean, Central Arizona Chapter, AGO, P.O. Box 60701, Phoenix, AZ 85082-0701

For Sale

Farrand of Detroit, Michigan, 1920's Cicilian model Player Piano

Dark mahogany, and matching rolls cabinet. Also needs restoration, roll player non-functional at present, \$300.00. **Roger Inkpen** Home: 408-720-0412.

For Sale

Small Wurlitzer Theatre pipe organ

2 manuals, 6 ranks/ windchests with a variety of traps and tuned percussions and blower. From an unknown Hollywood Theatre, it is believed. Some components are not Wurlitzer. Needs much work, will be willing to help or consult with buyer on restoration and setup. **Roger Inkpen** Home: 408-720-0412

Allen Organ for Sale:

Allen Organ: Paul Kirkwood, son of deceased former member Margaret Kirkwood, is interested in selling her Allen organ. It was purchased about 1968, asking **\$2200**, but is apparently electronic innards, not tubes. Two manual, full size pedal board, 41 stops, excellent condition according to him. Self contained speakers, dark mahogany, takes up space about 5x5. It is now housed in Cupertino near Blaney. If interested, **contact Paul Kirkwood at 226-8799.**

For Sale

Visser-Rowland Home Pipe Organ for Sale

For sale to a good home- 2 manual(56 notes) and pedal(30 notes) Visser Rowland pipe organ. Fits under an 8 foot ceiling. 3 ranks.

Lower keyboard: Rohrflote 8, Kleinflote 4

Upper keyboard: Rohrflote 8, Prinzipal 2

Pedal has I/Ped and II/ Ped.

Beautifully decorated case. I am its second owner and it's a great practice instrument in very good working condition. Currently in Woodside. **Call Alison Luedecke at (650) 851-02428**, or email for more info- alison@lawthers.com. Asking \$25,000.

1979 Rogers Two Manual Church Organ, Free:

Our church has just purchased a new Allen organ, and our good, working 1979-model Rodgers two-manual is free to any church in need of one. You need only come take it away. Interested parties may come see, hear, and play, although it will be disconnected and moved out of the Sanctuary soon. Contact **Brent Peterson**, First United Methodist Church, 2950 Washington Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536. Phone **510-794-1150**, or Email picander@hotmail.com.

Peninsula Girls Chorus presents spring 2007 concerts

The *Peninsula Girls Chorus* presents three spring concerts.

Sunday, June 3 highlights songs with an international flavor performed by the *Peninsula Girls Chorus*' younger singers, ages 6-12.

Burlingame United Methodist Church, 1443 Howard Ave, Burlingame. **3 PM**, Tickets are \$10-25

Sunday, June 10 is "*A Living Song*" features music by internationally renowned composer David L. Brunner. This performance will also showcase the premiere of *Fear No More* by PGC graduating senior Justine Drennan. This concert is sponsored by **Borel Private Bank & Trust**. **Burlingame United Methodist Church**, 1443 Howard Ave, Burlingame. **3 PM**, Tickets are \$10-25

Saturday, June 16 is the *Peninsula Girls Chorus*' "*Tour Farewell Performance*." The PGC performs music from its upcoming tour to Denver, CO, where it has been invited to work with David L. Brunner. **United Methodist Church**, 675 Winchester Blvd, **4 PM**. Donations at the door welcome.

For more information and tickets, call (650) 347-6351 or email office@peninsulagirlschorus.org.

About the Peninsula Girls Chorus

Founded in January 1994, the Peninsula Girls Chorus has evolved from an organization serving just 11 girls into a 250-member premiere arts education and performance center that commissions world class composers, participates in prestigious international music festivals, provides a valuable resource to our community through assorted outreach performances, and makes a qualitative difference in the lives of our young choristers. The Peninsula Girls Chorus provides San Francisco Bay Area girls with an accelerated music education and performance program not found in the public or private school system. It is also where important mentoring lessons are learned. Younger girls learn from older girls (by example and directive) and see just what it takes to succeed. These lessons are learned, and in turn passed on to the next group of incoming singers. We teach music, and in the process our girls learn something equally valuable — responsibility.

Mary Ann Gee

News of the Weird

An Organ Recital for the Very, Very Patient

Last year in the May 2006 Newsletter we reported about an organ concert that will last 639 years (of John Cage's "*As Slow As Possible*" is being performed in St. Burchardi Church in Halberstadt, Germany). We report that the piece is continuing and include a small write up obtained from

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/As_Slow_As_Possible. This article contains more details and some notes about the piece written by John Cage. It also contains a portion of the first measure so that you can see the interesting beginning chords.

The piece started on 5 Sept 2001 with 20 months of silence (the piece starts with a rest). Chords changes occur on the 5th day of a month (Cage's birthday). The first notes were heard on 5 Feb 2003 (two G sharps and a B in between). Notes will sound or cease once or twice a year. The last change occurred on 5 May 2006 (two E pipes were removed from the chord) and the next change will take place on July 5, 2008. (G sharp, F sharp, C and A, in descending order.) The organ was encased in a Plexiglas enclosure due to the complaints of the neighbors. The first movement of the five movement piece will end in 71 years. The piece will be complete in the year 2640.



Also see http://www.musicweb-international.com/classrev/2007/Apr07/Cage_PSe.htm

Patricia Ann Gardner 18 November 1932 – 22 April 2007

I am sad to report that my wife, Patricia Ann Gardner, AGO member, passed away on Sunday, April 22nd from a massive stroke. Pat went to be with our Lord on April 22 in San Jose, CA. She was born 18 November 1932 in Hot Springs, AR, the daughter of Wm. A. Ponder and Evelyn Smith.

From age 6, music was her passion. The family moved to Porterville, CA in 1946. In 1951 she married John R. "Jack" Corckett. Jack died in 1951 before their twins were born in 1952.

She was an organist for St. John's Episcopal Church in Porterville, CA where I met her. We were married there on Aug 15, 1953, and came to Santa Clara in Oct. 1960. She was the assistant organist under Mildred Shepherd in the early 1960's with Bill Erlendson as choir director. Her organ work continued with St. Marks, Santa Clara; St Edwards, San Jose; and St. Judes, Cupertino as well as the Baptist Church on 10th St., San Jose, and a Lutheran Church in Los Gatos. Besides her organ work, her first love was as a classical pianist, studying under Lois Banke of Monte Sereno, CA. She was loved by all who knew her.

For more information see www.gardnerandassoc.com/obit.htm.

A Celebration of here life was held on 28 April.

Robert M. (Bob) Gardner

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Music Calendar

Locations

CPLH: Calif. Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco

CSMA: Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco

GC: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco

* Chapter Member

Every Saturday and Sunday

Organ, 4 PM, CPLH

June

3 Sunday

Peninsula Girls Chorus, songs with an international flavor, **Burlingame United Methodist Church**, 1443 Howard Ave, Burlingame, **3 PM**, Tickets \$10-25

Daniel Sullivan, organ, **4 PM GC**

10 Sunday

Peninsula Girls Chorus, "A Living Song", **Burlingame United Methodist Church**, 1443 Howard Ave, Burlingame, **3 PM**, Tickets \$10-25

Grace Cathedral Choir, Bon Voyage Evensong (America & French music) & European Tour, **3 PM GC**

David Hatt, organ, **3:30 PM CSMA**

15 Friday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, "Preludes & Fugues by Bach, & Durufle, & Dupre, **8 PM**, **Stanford Memorial Church**, free

16 Saturday

Peninsula Girls Chorus, "Tour Farewell Performance," **Campbell United Methodist Church**, 675 Winchester Blvd Campbell, **4 PM**, Donations welcome.

17 Sunday

David Hatt, organ, Works of Dupre, Herzogenberg, Busoin, Hatt & Reger, **1:30 PM First Immanuel Lutheran**, 374 S. Third Street San Jose, CA, (408) 292-5404

Christoph Tietze, organ, **3:30 PM CSMA**

24 Sunday

Russell Hancock, organ, & **Vicky Wang**, Cello, **3:30 PM CSMA**

July

1 Sunday

Robert Adams, organ, **3:30 PM CSMA**

8 Sunday

David Christensen (UC Riverside) organ, **3:30 PM CSMA**

15 Sunday

Angela Kraft-Cross, organ, Works of Mendelssohn, **3:30 PM CSMA**

22 Sunday

Angela Kraft-Cross, organ, Works of Mendelssohn, **3:30 PM CSMA**

29 Sunday

Stephen Lind, organ, **3:30 PM CSMA**

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