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Dean's Message

WELCOME 2008!

I hope you have had a wonderful holiday season. I hope your celebrations were personal, meaningful, and purposeful. I hope that for every frustrating moment bent on raising your blood pressure, you experienced two or three moments of joy and satisfaction. Please take the time to record somehow those joys so that you can revisit the wonderful memories in the future and perhaps share them with others.

Speaking of sharing....

If you had an Never On Sunday moment during the holidays (a well meaning, but inappropriate request; a fun discovery, perhaps secular, of a new arrangement; an unintended oopss that was just too funny; or a gift for your extended library) that can be shared next May, set it aside. Better yet, let Mike Cala or Andrew Birling know that you'll play in May!

January starts our fast and furious for our chapter. Please read the notices in the rest of the newsletter of these upcoming events. The short version is listed below. We are a strong chapter. Let's work together to share our ideas, laughter, and love for the organ!

To the NEW YEAR!

If you need more info on any of the events, ask! Andrew is going to spend the last Christmas in the Farmhouse as his Mother needs to move and sell. So, he should be checking email, but may not for a day or so. I know enough I think to get us published.

Talk to you soon,

Melanie Cervi, Dean &

Future Chapter Events

6 Jan – “Twelfth Night Party”, Pat Milstead’s Home, 1258 Oak Knoll Dr, San Jose, 3 PM. This should be a great time to let your hair down and relax after Holiday (C)rush!

13 Jan – Student Recital, Saint Mary’s Catholic Church, 219 Bean Ave., Los Gatos, 3 PM. &

Andrew Birling, Sub Dean

JANUARY CHAPTER EVENT

“Twelfth Night Party”

2nd ANNUAL AGO HOLIDAY SEASON PARTY
6 January 2008, 3 PM

Bring your spouse or significant other - we look forward to seeing all those who give us such great moral support!! Also bring along with your **favorite treat or sweet** to share, and your **best voice**.

We hope to see all of you, especially members who usually have a hard time making our regularly scheduled meetings. Last year we all had a marvelous time getting to know each other and singing Christmas music.

RSVP by 3 January!

Pat Milstead's home, 1258 Oak Knoll Drive, San Jose 95129. Please call to let me know how many of you there will be, **408 253-8630**.

JANUARY CHAPTER EVENT

Student Recital

13 January 2008, 3 PM

Our second January Chapter event will be the Student Recital. Come and enjoy a wonderful recital given by many organ students of varying ages. This year we have quite a number of new participants and are looking forward to hearing them play. The recital will take place at **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**, 219 Bean Avenue, Los Gatos, CA. There will be a reception in the church's Fellowship Hall following the recital to give us a chance to congratulate and encourage the recitalists.

Our January Student Recital Program is going to be an exciting event. I hope you all will come out and encourage those who are learning or advancing in their organ studies. We have over 10 participants this year and it will be a varied program.

Those that will be participating are: **Scott Lillard, Alec Langga, Stephan Summers, Susan Snook-Luther** and her husband **David, Melody Bast, Chinar Merjanian** and **Michelle Hennessy, Berdie Bowsby, Gary Carleton, Albert Bellefeuille, Mary Lou Simmermacher**, and **Paul Rosas**.

We appreciate **Berdie Bowsby** organizing this annual event. &

Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8th, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the **Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 5825 Bollinger Road, Cupertino**. All meetings are open. &

UP COMING CHAPTER EVENTS

- 6 Jan**, 3:00 p.m. Twelfth Night Party, Pat Milstead's home, 1258 Oak Knoll Dr., San Jose
- 13 Jan**, 3:00 p.m., Student Recital, Saint Mary's Catholic Church, 219 Bean Ave., Los Gatos.
- 23 Feb**, 10:00 a.m., Field Trip to Carmel Mission, Depart from, Campbell United Methodist Church
- 5 Apr**, 9:00AM - Noon, Pedals, Pipes and Pizza, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
- 18 May**, 3:00 p.m. Rescheduled Member's Recital "Never on a Sunday"– Call Andrew Birling to sign up.
- TBA May**, TBA Professional Concerns/Music Swap Meet/Music Sale
- 22 June**, 4:00 p.m. Annual Meeting/Installation, Kathy Dougherty's home, 19980 Herriman Ave. Saratoga

To JOIN THE SAN JOSE AGO YAHOO GROUP

Send an Email to Mary Ann Gee mary_ann_gee@yahoo.com

PIPES IN THE DESERT



THE NEXT
MID-WINTER CONCLAVE

Pipes in the Desert – Workshops

LAST CHANCE – The AGO Region IX Mid-Winter Conclave (Pipes in the Desert) will be held in nice, warm Tucson, Arizona, January 20–24, 2008. In addition to a rich array of solo and choral concerts, a variety of workshops will be offered. There are workshops on hymn-singing and playing; Bach performance practice at the organ; choral conducting; handbells in worship; Mexican organ culture; organ and instruments; presentation of the work in progress on the historic organ at St. John the Divine in New York City; organ music of Brahms; organ master class; accompaniment styles for leading congregational singing; children's choir techniques; new service music for the organ; and others.

Two composers with anniversaries in 2008 will be featured in the workshops. Johannes Brahms (175th anniversary of his birth), will be presented in a workshop by **Dr. John Brobeck**, focusing on Brahms's organ music. Some of the organ music of Olivier Messiaen (100th anniversary of his birth), will be heard at the master class with Paul Jacobs.

Did you know that Paul Jacobs has performed all 9 hours of Messiaen's complete organ works?

Please visit the conclave web site at www.agoixaz.com and read all about it, then print the registration form and send it in! Discounted hotel rates are available until December 20. &

Margaret Kvamme Concert

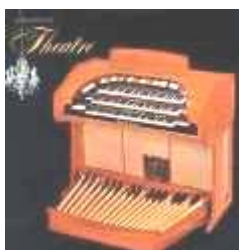
Sat. Jan. 19, 2008 Margaret Kvamme - organ concert, Joint Venture Churches, 6581 Camden Ave. 95120 7:30pm, preceded by a free Soup, Salad and Bread Buffet for all ticket holders at 6:15pm. Tickets reserved in advance are \$15.00 by calling 408-268-0243. Tickets at the door will be \$20

Schoenstein Builds Four Organs for New York City

San Francisco – **Schoenstein & Co.** of San Francisco is building four new organs for New York City. The first is for **Christ and St. Stephen's Church**, near Lincoln Center, where **Nigel Potts** is organist and choirmaster and **Paul Jacobs** is artist in residence. **The three-manual, 17 rank** organ in symphonic style will be entirely under expression with a double expressive division within the Swell. It will have a very distinctive, elaborately carved façade with decorated display pipes. The next two Schoenstein organs are for **St. James' Church** on the Upper East Side. The first instrument of **two-manuals and 17 ranks** will be installed in the gallery and will serve the Parish until the **four-manual, 77 rank** organ is installed in the chancel, at which time both instruments will be playable from either console. **Davis Wortman** is the director of music and organist and was formerly organist at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas, where he supervised the installation of Schoenstein's first large symphonic organ. The fourth New York City Schoenstein will be in the teaching studio of **Paul Jacobs** in the newly renovated Juilliard School of Music campus at Lincoln Center. This **three-manual and ten rank** organ has one unenclosed and two enclosed divisions and a complete range of modern playing aids. The instrument will be arrayed so that its component parts and mechanism can be viewed for instruction on the inner workings of pipe organs.

Contact: William L. Vaughan, Schoenstein & Co, 4001 Industrial Way, Benicia, CA 94510., 707-747-5858, Fax:707-747-4771, Email: bill@schoenstein.com

Conn 650 Theater Organ



I have a Conn 650 3 manual organ, AGO pedals, that I would like to donate to a church, senior center, youth organization, boys and girls club, etc. Includes 350 watt Leslie speaker. If interested, please contact Marc Capocci at 650-303-1051 or mcapocci@msn.com in Pacifica.

Need a Substitutes

The following is a list of the Substitutes for San Jose Chapter, AGO

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Olive Borgsteadt	650-493-0308
Berdie Bowsby	925 479-0244 (Lives in San Ramon)
John Chang	408-733-3632
Elizabeth Codd, CAGO	650-961-3429
Richard Coulter	408-395-0909
Katherine Dougherty	408-867-4672
Rebecca Harrison	408-725-2890
Cecelia Lung, CAGO	408-248-1322
Lyle Settle	408-224-1821
Richard Urbanek	408-246-7367
Emily Young	831-634-1548
Arlene Zimmerman	408-739-7094

October 5, 2007

National AGO Programs

EACH ONE-REACH ONE is designed to strengthen Guild membership. Leading membership recruiters will be awarded expense-paid registrations to the 2008 AGO National Convention in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn. Up to five prizes will be awarded. Complete information, guidelines, and forms are available online at www.agohq.org/eachone-reachone.

PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS (POEs). Complete information can be found in TAO and online at www.agohq.org.

POEs for Teenagers: June 8-14 Waco, Tex.; June 15-20 Salt Lake City, Utah; July 6-11 Holland, Mich.; July 13-18 Charlotte, N.C., July 20-26 Worcester, Mass.; July 27-31 Seattle, Wash.

POE (Advanced): July 6-11 Lincoln, Neb.

POE+ for Adults: May 18-23 Fort Collins, Colo.; June 15-20 Pittsburgh, Pa.

Notice

Robert Farrell, a composer and organist, is creating a list of organists who would like to receive one of his Preludes each month. You can access his web page and print out a Prelude and give it a try. He does this absolutely free of charge. His reward is having his music played in a sacred setting. If you want to become a member of his "**Prelude of the Month**" program, just reply with your email address and you will receive another prelude around the 1st of the month. You can learn more about him by visiting his web site at www.rfarrell.net/free <musicadministrator@fccla.org>

The Frasier Organ Scholarship

The Frasier Organ Scholarship has been established to encourage talented musicians of any age to continue organ studies. The award will be made on the basis of demonstrated talent and potential. The scholarship must be used for specified continuing education in organ studies. Such studies may include weekly organ lessons, course fees, workshops, etc. Previous winners are not eligible.

Eligibility: The applicant must be one of the following:

- a) A current member of the San Jose Chapter-AGO, or
- b) An organ student studying with a teacher who is a Chapter member, or
- c) An organ student sponsored by a current member of the Chapter.

How to Qualify:

Submit an application form to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee

Submit two recommendations to the Chair from persons qualified to evaluate applicant's musical ability, professional activity and potential

Prepare to play 3 compositions/movements in various styles and character:

- One written before 1800
- One written between 1800 and 1900
- One written after 1900

The candidate will choose one hymn from a group of four specified selections. He/she will prepare an introduction and three stanzas of that hymn for congregational singing: the introduction could be more free or improvisational in character, but should introduce the hymn in a manner that the congregation will know when to sing; the 1st verse is traditional four-part harmony; verses 2 and 3 may be original, published, or improvisational (but appropriate for congregational singing). The introduction and all three verses should be played as if leading congregational singing.

Audition in person before the Scholarship Committee

Method of Selection

A Committee composed of three members of the San Jose Chapter will be authorized by the Executive Committee to select the recipient of the Frasier Scholarship. Teachers or sponsors of applicants are excluded from the panel. The panel is authorized to award the scholarship or to decide that no award will be made that year.

Application Deadline

Application and Recommendations must be sent to the Chair **by March 20, 2008 (postmark deadline).**

Recommendations must accompany the completed application. Audition tapes will not be accepted.

Application forms may be obtained from the Scholarship Chair, or from the San Jose Chapter's website (www.agosanjose.org).

Notification of Winner

Winner will be notified by May 1, 2008. The award will be presented at the Annual Installation Ceremony in June. **Scholarship Chair** Valerie Sterk, (408) 249-5705, vssterk@aol.com

William Ray – A New Member

Will Ray recently relocated to Los Gatos from Lantana, FL, where for 22 years he was chief executive officer of the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, and 3 years vice president, external affairs, for The Scripps Research Institute, based in FL and traveling frequently to Scripps' main campus in La Jolla, CA. Since September 1, he has been chief philanthropy officer and director, capital campaign, for the Camino Division of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, with office in Camino's new Mountain View Center. He has been an avocational church musician for over 40 years, serving most recently as organist for St. Edward's Catholic Church, Palm Beach. He has also been music director and/or organist for Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Anglican churches, serving at one time as editor of the newsletter of the Association of Anglican Church Musicians. He is available for a liturgical position as organist only in the San Jose-Santa Clara-Cupertino-Mountain View area. He holds Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of North Carolina.

William Ray, PhD, Chief Philanthropy Officer,
Director, Capital Campaign
Camino Division - Palo Alto Medical Foundation
701 East El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040
Direct: (650)934-7252, Fax: (650)934-7293
caminomedical.org

Frederick Swann Recital

For those who will be in Los Angeles, 13 April 2008.

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) will sponsor a Recital and Gala Benefit Reception honoring organist **Frederick Swann on Sunday, April 13, 2008, at 4 p.m., at the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles.** Founded in 1867, First Congregational Church is the oldest protestant church in Los Angeles. The Recital will feature Mr. Swann performing on the church's Great Organ, which is celebrated as one of the largest, most complete church organs in the world. The Gala Benefit Reception will follow. The gala is sponsored by the AGO National Council and its Development Committee, Bruce P. Bengtson, AGO, director. All proceeds will go to the AGO Endowment Fund in Fred Swann's honor.

For Recital only, \$20 (by April 11) \$25 (at the door)
Contact: 213-385-1345 or e-mail
<musicadministrator@fcla.org>

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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

CUMC: Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Blvd, Campbell.

GC: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco

* Chapter Member

Every Saturday and Sunday

Organ, 4 PM, CPLH

January

6 Sunday

Epiphany Lessons and Carols,
Cathedral Choir of Boys and Girls, Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellsingers, 3:30 PM CSMA

11 Friday

Voices of Music, 8 PM, St. Alban's Episcopal Church,
1501 Washington Ave, Albany, CA

13 Sunday

Anthony Newman, organ, recording virtuoso, **4 PM GC**

Voices of Music, 7:30 PM, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco

19 Saturday

* **Margaret Kvamme** - organ, **Joint Venture Churches,** 6581 Camden Ave., **7:30pm,** preceded by a free Soup, Salad and Bread Buffet for all ticket holders at 6:15pm. Tickets reserved in advance are \$15.00 by calling 408-268-0243. Tickets at the door will be \$20.00

20 Sunday

Jonathan Dimmock, organ, **3:30 PM CSMA**

Karen Christianson, organ, Philadelphia's outstanding 12-year old prodigy, **4 PM GC**

27 Sunday

Bonnie Rasmusen, violin, and **Jeanette Wilkin Tietze,** piano. **Brahms Violin Sonata, 3:30 PM CSMA**
Sandra Soderlund, organ, **4 PM GC**

February

3 Sunday

Mark Bruce, organ, **St. Lukes Episcopal Church,** 20 University Ave, Los Gatos, **3 PM, \$10 at the door**

10 Sunday

James Welch, recital marking 50th Anniversary of St. Mark's Casavant Organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church,** 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, **4 PM, \$10 at the door**

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