



SAN JOSE PIPINGS
SAN JOSE CHAPTER OF THE AGO
 November 2012 www.agosanjose.org



Chapter Officers

Dean: Diane Keller

Sub Dean: Elisabeth Pintar and

Secretary: Libby Codd

Auditor: Melanie Cervi

Budget/Auditor: Darryl Parker

Handbook: Kay Lee

Education/Resources & Historian: Valerie Sterk

Members at Large:
 Susan Snook-Luther
 Carolyn Lamcke

Membership: Pat Milstead

Newsletter: Kenneth Talbot
 (408) 732-6094
 kitalbot@pacbell.net

Issue Deadline: 25th of month

Professional Concerns:
 Darryl Parker

Substitutes: Darryl Parker

Treasurer/ Registration:
 Rebecca Harrison

National Executive Director:
 James E. Thomashower
 jet@agohq.org

National AGO President:
 Eileen Guenther
 (212) 870-2310
 agoprez@gmail.com

Region IX Councillor:
 Leslie Wolf Robb
 lesliewolfrobb@mac.com

Region IX N Coast Convener:
 Dick Coulter
 frandick@comcast.net

Dean's Message

As musicians, and specifically organists, we have embarked on a lifelong journey to learn all we can about our instrument. And there is always more to learn! So why take time to study a whole different specialty from our own? Hearing dynamic and talented people share their knowledge can only help us improve as musicians. Many thanks to Elisabeth for bringing one such dynamic and knowledgeable individual to our chapter.

Our October choral workshop with Daniel Hughes was fabulous. If you missed it and would like copies of his handouts, please contact Elisabeth Pintar. I believe she still has some extra copies. I enjoyed the rare opportunity to sing with the choir instead of accompanying them. The workshop was three hours, but the time flew by. Choral conducting has always been a bit of a mystery to me, even though I have accompanied for some amazing conductors. Daniel's presentation made a lot of sense and demystified, at least a little, the process of drawing a beautiful, cohesive sound out of a group of individual singers. My only regret was not wearing more comfortable shoes. There was a lot of standing and my feet did not care for the cute shoes I wore.

November brings us three sparkling concerts. The details follow in the newsletter. Please join us at any or all of these concerts and enjoy music by members of our chapter as well as other outstanding musicians. Invite friends and neighbors and help us raise money for research into the cure and prevention of Alzheimer's. Many thanks to Paul Rosas for bringing this idea to our chapter and all his work on this wonderful project.

It seems that the mad end-of-the-year rush is already beginning. Come to our sparkling concerts, take a deep breath and then dive headlong into the December rush. You can breath again in January!

Diane Keller, Dean 🎵

SAN JOSE AGO YAHOO GROUP

If you would like to join the San Jose AGO Yahoo group, send an Email to Mary Ann Gee at mary_ann_gee@yahoo.com and ask her to put you on the list. 🎵

PEDAL, PIPES, AND PIZZA EVENT

Our annual PPP was held on **29 September** at the **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**, 728 W. Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale. This event is sponsored by our chapter members to give more exposure to the instrument that we love. This year's event was outstanding. We wish to thank **Elisabeth Pinter** for organizing and conducting the event. We wish also to thank **Valerie Sterk** the organist at Sunnyvale Presbyterian and the **Church Officials** for their sponsorship of the event for at least the last four years.

Demonstrations and explanations of the various different tone qualities were given as well as how the different tones were given. There were pictures of what the various pipes look like that there were a small number of small set of pipes there so they could see how they were constructed. There was also an explanation of all the unique features of the organ, i.e. the stops, the couples, the combination action, etc. **John Chang** had a different types of pipes so that each could see how they were built.

Each student played their piece on the organ with various organists set registration for the students. . Some of the pieces were played a number of times with different registration so that they could see how registration can affect the presentation of the piece.

Everyone had a good time and there was plenty of pizza afterward. 🎵



Students who played: Back row: Matthew, McKay,
Middle row: Ellie, and Sophie. Front row: Derek, Sarah, David, and Christine

21 OCTOBER CHAPTER EVENT

Choral Workshop

October's Chapter event was a choral workshop presented by Daniel Hughes at Campbell UMC Sunday afternoon on the 21st. We had over 70+ people in attendance and all had a wonderful time learning so very much from Mr. Hughes. He divided the congregation as if in a choir and for the first 2 hours explained how the voice works, the difference between the male and female voice, various warm-up exercises and voice exercises where harmonic overtones were made and heard, sounding like whistling overhead. We stomped our feet, waved our arms to keep in time and pitch, we learned that the 'break' in the voice is not a break but a 'passage' connecting the various ranges in your voice and more. One of the most effective exercises Mr. Hughes showed us was by having the Alto section, row by row, sing the first two phrases of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" while he re-arranged 2-3 singers to a different seat to get a better sound. By the end of this exercise, all the Alto rows had been rearranged and the 'new Alto' voicing was drastic, all by moving them around. He suggested that this should be done in all choirs, no matter the size. He went over the four styles of conducting: legato, marcato, tenuto and staccato and correct hand/palm position. All this and more was taught in a very personal and warm manner. The last 45 minutes we sang two pieces, ending with Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus, played on the organ by Paul Rosas. He had the Sopranos sing their parts, plugging their notes to sing the notes in the correct form. The whole afternoon was beyond informative and enjoyed by all. Daniel Hughes conducts the Los Altos UMC chancel choir and 'The Choral Project.' For more information on Mr. Hughes' upcoming events and contact information please visit his **website at: danielhughesmusic.org**. 🎵

9-11 NOVEMBER CHAPTER EVENT

Sparkling Alzheimer's Concerts

Get ready for 3 "Sparkling" concerts filled with delightful music on the weekend of **Nov. 9, 10, and 11**. The San Jose Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is joining with various Bay Area musicians to raise money for research into the cure and prevention of Alzheimer's disease.

The first night, **Friday, Nov. 9, 7:30pm**, organist **Valerie Sterk** will be joined by "Sparkling Handbell" musicians **Larry and Carla Sue, Norma Rose and Sue Hansen**, and 12 year old soloist **Paul Kvamme** accompanied by **Margaret Kvamme**. **The concert will be held at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church** (728 West Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale 94087).

The second night, **Saturday, Nov. 10, 7:30pm**, "Get Your Sparkle Back" organist **T. Paul Rosas** will be joined by a spectacular vocal trio **at Los Altos United Methodist Church** (655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos 94024). **Casie Walker, Laura Lang-Ree, and Don Gustafson** will present delightful classical, jazz and Broadway-style songs. Mr. Rosas will be joined by **Carolyn Lamcke** to perform a mesmerizing organ/piano duet inspired by three unique Bay Area locations: Muir Woods, Bodega Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge. This piece was written by nationally-acclaimed local composer, **Sondra Clark**.

The third concert, "Sparkling Brass," will be presented on **Sunday, Nov. 11, 3pm** at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** (13716 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga 95070). Organist **Diane Keller** will be joined by the **Ken Yee Trombone Fourtet**. They will be bringing you a bit of jazz, classical and some fun new stuff. The best thing to say is "WOW!" when you hear the program that they have put together.

T. Paul Rosas

- If you know a caregiver of an Alzheimer's patient – offer them the chance to get out by standing in for them while they attend a concert.
- If you know someone who has Alzheimer's disease – invite them to join you at one or more of the concerts.
- If you are taking care of someone who has Alzheimer's disease – make this a special time spent together.
- If you want to honor the memory of someone who died from Alzheimer's disease – come and donate to the Alzheimer's Association in their name.
- If you simply want to help bring an end to this awful disease – make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

REGION IX AGO CONVENTION 2013

24-26 JUNE IN BAKERSFIELD

Region IX AGO Deans and Conveners:

Attached please find a flyer announcing the Region IX AGO Convention 2013 in Bakersfield, CA. Please distribute to your membership and/or newsletter editor at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Eunice Sears and Pat Elam

AGO REGION IX CONVENTION
everything you expect:

- ★ world-class artists and presenters
Robert Ampt & Amy Johansen
Christoph Bull
S. Wayne Foster
Hyunju Hwang
Hector Olivera
Dorothy Young Riess
Carey Coker Robertson
- ★ professional ensembles
★ AGO/QUIMBY
Region IX Competition
- ★ organs by Aeolian-Skinner
Austin-Rodgers
Bosch
Schantz

and lots you don't:

- ▶ Dewar's Chews (you'll be addicted)
- ▶ Spectal Basque Dinner World-Famous Restaurant (you'll like it)
- ▶ Pistachios (dab)

You're gonna have a good time!
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA summer 2013
bakersfieldAGO2013.org

Hilton Double Tree Hotel All venues air-conditioned

**We're nuts!*
*about organs!**

**OUR MASCOT DUFFY
T-shirts & Postcards
available on our website**

**AGO Region IX Convention
BAKERSFIELD
Golden Sounds of the Golden Valley
June 24-26, 2013**

Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th
Nov, 2012 at 7:30 PM at Diane Keller's home,
665 Ashbourne Dr. Sunnyvale

LOOKING AHEAD

Times and Dates may Change

November 9-11th, Sunday, **Alzheimer Concert**, Times and location TBA.

December – no event

January 18, Friday, **Gail Archer Concert**, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto.

February 17, Sunday **James Welch Concert**, Mission Church, University of Santa Clara.

March 9th, Saturday, **Student Recital**, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 20 University Ave., Los Gatos.

April – Details coming

May – Angela Craft-Cross, TDB

June 9, Sunday

Annual Meeting and Recital by **Mryna Emata**.

OPEN POSITIONS

Los Altos Lutheran Church is seeking an **Organist** and/or **Choir Director**. Ours is a warm and welcoming congregation with a liturgical service of mixed musical styles, with an attractive facility and location. Time commitment: is approximately 10 hours per week; possibility of flexible schedule with use of MIDI.

Services: one weekly Sunday service, as well as events throughout year. Adult choir, SATB, rehearses weekly and sings two times a month (Sep through early June). Soloists, instrumentalists, and small ensembles are often scheduled on the choir's "off" Sundays and during the summer.

We have a three-manual, 1997 Allen Digital Organ with high quality, digitally sampled sounds and a "smart recorder" MIDI; 1911 Chickering grand piano.

Duties: support and enhance worship of the congregation with quality organ/piano music and accompaniment; for the combined position, direct adult choir, soloists, and small vocal ensembles; support various music performances R=The choir director collaborates with the pastor and the music committee to select repertoire; give direction to the overall music program of the congregation.

Qualifications: accomplished organist and pianist; for the combined position, also experience in directing choirs, worship service coordination, and selecting appropriate music according to the lectionary and season.

Salary Range for the combined position: \$14,000 - \$20,000 based on experience and qualifications.

This position becomes open on August 1, 2012.

Send cover letter, resume, and CD/DVD (if available) to:
Kris Stanfield, Worship Committee Chair, Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 South El Monte Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022. FAX: 650-948-3098

E-Mail: office@losaltoslutheran.org. 🎵

Music Calendar

Locations

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 & Sunday

Organ, 4 PM, Calif. Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco

D. Hegarty, 11/3-4, 12/1-2

R. Gurney 11/10-11, 12/8-9

J. K. Hirten 11/17-18, 12/15-22

K. Thompson, 11/24-25, 12/22-23

Angela Kraft Cross, 11/24-25, 12/29-30

November 2012

4 Sunday

James Hicks (Morristown, NJ), Organist, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

Richard Spotts, Organist, **GC, 4 PM**

9 Friday

"Sparkling Alzheimer's Concert 1", See article, page 3, **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church,** (728 W Fremont, Sunnyvale), **7:30 PM**

10 Saturday

"Sparkling Alzheimer's Concert 2", See article, page 3, **Los Altos United Methodist Church** (655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos).

11 Sunday

"Sparkling Alzheimer's Concert 3", See article, page 3, **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** (13716 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga), **3 PM**

14 Wednesday

Nathan Laube, Organ, Freewill offering, **Stanford Memorial, 8 PM**

18 Sunday

Angela Kraft Cross, Organist, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

25 Sunday

Alexei Kodash, Violin, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

December 2012

1 Saturday

James Welch, Christmas Crèche Exhibit, organ, **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day**

Saints, 3865 Middlefield Rd, PA, **4:30 PM and 7 PM, Free**

2 Sunday

Vytenis Vasyliunas, (Germany), Organist, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

James Welch, Christmas Crèche Exhibit, **Valparaiso Singers, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,** 3865 Middlefield Rd, PA, **4:30 PM and 7 PM, Free**

9 Sunday

Lyle Sheffler, Classical Guitar, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

12 Wednesday

James Welch - CANCELED

16 Sunday

Chirstoph Tietze, Organist, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

23 Sunday

Angela Kraft Cross, Organist, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

30 Sunday

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

31 Monday

Jessie Jewitt, guest organ, **Annual New Year's Concert, St. Mark's Episcopal Church,** 600 Colorado Ave, PA, **8 PM, \$10**

American Guild of Organists

San Jose Chapter

582 Dublin Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FIRST CLASS