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*Dean's Message*

Afternoon my AGO friends:

As I write this many things are winding down allowing me to reflect on this past year. It has been a busy, fun yet fulfilling year and I must say a large portion of that has been because of the Guild, working with some of the best musicians I know. We really do have a fantastic chapter and next year (2014-2015) promises only to be better with the amazing events planned out.

This past week I was able to proctor an organist working towards their Colleague certification. It reminded me on where I am in that goal and inspired me to get that done sooner than later! Isn't wonderful that the AGO has programs where we can continue to push ourselves in learning and become better musicians? It was a perfect way to start the week, listening to fabulous organ music on the King of Instruments!

On Sunday, June 8th, we get to have an afternoon together for our Annual Installation dinner, beginning with an organ recital of one our chapter members at Los Gatos Methodist Church. I hope you are all able to set aside some time to sit in the pews, enjoy the music and then have dinner with current and new friends and feel the warmth our chapter has. Invite a friend, a musician, or a student but please come. I look forward to seeing you there!

Until June 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Elisabeth Pintar, Dean*

**JUNE CHAPTER EVENT**

On **June 8, Sunday**, the San Jose Chapter's Frasier Scholarship recipient, **Myrna Emata**, will present a recital at **3 PM**. in the sanctuary of **Los Gatos United Methodist Church**, 111 Church Street. The program will include works by Buxtehude, Vierne, Langlais, Dupre, and others. Following the recital there will be a **potluck dinner** and **installation of officers** for the 2014-15 year. This is a great time to be with other organists and friends to celebrate and renew. 🎵

**SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT YEAR**

**1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.**

Dean: Elisabeth Pintar	Sub-Dean: Carolyn Lamcke
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## LOOKING AHEAD

### 28 September 2014, Sunday

Dean's Concert at Saratoga Federated, 3 PM

### 31 October, Friday 2014

Halloween Concert, **David Hegarty** at Campbell United Methodist Church at 7:30 PM.

### 23 November, Sunday 2014

Choir Fest at Union Church of Cupertino

### 23 January, 24 January, 25 January 2015

Alzheimer's Concerts.

### February 22, 2015

David Hatt.

### March 22, 2015

Student Recital

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## CHINAR MERJANIAN IN RECITAL

**Chinar Merjanian** is playing at **St. Bede's**, 2650 Sand Hill Rd., Menlo Park, 94025 at **4 PM, 1 June 2014**. She is the 2013 winner of the AGO Regional Competition for Young Organists for Region IX, and is a resident of San Jose. Chinar will also be playing in a "Rising Star" Recital at the upcoming National AGO Convention to be held in Boston. Her program will include works by Mendelssohn, Hindemith, Bach, Daquin, Decker, Widor, and Vierne. This event is co-sponsored by the Palo Alto/Peninsula Chapter and the Arts at St. Bede's Concert Series.

This concert is \$10 general/\$6 seniors/free to students.

**Chinar Merjanian** in a **FREE** solo organ concert, **Friday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. Campbell United Methodist Church**, 1675 Winchester Blvd., Campbell 95008. Chinar will perform music by: Vierne, Hindemith, Widor, Ad Wammes and Pamela Decker.

This performance is the South Bay preview of her Boston national AGO convention "Rising Stars" recital. Chinar was awarded the Boston convention recital as a result of winning the Region IX Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists last summer in Bakersfield. 🎵

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### Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday **9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2014 at 7:30 PM at Valerie Sterk's home, 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara**

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### Carolyn Lamcke - New Address

1360 Longmeadow, Gilroy, CA 95020  
408-842-4585 clamcke@gmail.com

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## OPEN POSITIONS

**Los Gatos United Methodist Church** has an opening for part time exempt **Chancel and Bell Choir**

**Director.** Send resumes to

[jennifer.murdock@lgumc.org](mailto:jennifer.murdock@lgumc.org)

**Responsibilities:** Rehearse and direct the Bell and Chancel Choirs; help select music; facilitate a late summer workshop; attend and participate in monthly church staff meetings; conduct and plan special performances; bring broad professional experience and music community involvement to the LGUMC Chancel Choir, and a high level of choral directing skills

**Requirements:** strong choral directing experience and expertise; bell choir directing experience; excellent communication and people skills; ability to energize, motivate and grow; thorough knowledge of vocal techniques and choral singing

Los Gatos United Methodist Church - 111 Church Street - Los Gatos, CA 95030 - [www.LGUMC.org](http://www.LGUMC.org). 🎵

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## NEXT YEAR'S DUES PAYMENT

AGO headquarters has developed a new online method (called OnCard) to collect next year's dues. Each of you will be contacted by headquarters via Email or Regular mail, probably in a month or two. They are slowly sending out requests so that their system will not be overloaded. Those who do not have an Email address will receive a normal mail notice (so we have been told).

It is best to login into the OnCard system now so that your personal information is correct before they send your Dues Notice. To get ready for the OnCard system, login to the OnCard system and update your Update Personal Information. The following address is the login page.

Go to <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>

First time login: Your user name is the first letter of your first name followed by your last name. (Do not include apostrophes, hyphens, or spaces). Your password is your member ID which is found just to the left of the date on the address label of The American Organist magazine. Once you are logged in, click on "Update Personal Information," update your personal information and "Submit" it.

This information was copied from their web page. 🎵

### Carl Moore

Carl Moore of Paso Robles who was a former member of our chapter recently passed away on 26 July 2013.  
Hacienda Circle, Paso Robles, CA 9307-2015  
805-975-2070

### Lyle Settle

Lyle Settle who was a former member of our chapter recently passed away on 9 May 2014.

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### FRANK ASHDOWN'S "STEINBECK SUITE FOR ORGAN"

A CD of Jim Welch's February 16 recital from Santa Clara University has been received, and Jim and Frank Ashdown have given permission to upload Jim's remarks about the work and performance of Frank's 'Steinbeck Suite for Organ' at [www.SteinbeckNow.com](http://www.SteinbeckNow.com). To enjoy the 18-minute piece, plus Jim Welch's written and spoken comments about the piece, go to [www.SteinbeckNow.com](http://www.SteinbeckNow.com). The first blog at the top of the page will contain a click-to-play audio feature containing Jim's live remarks and performance.

Thanks! William Ray.

*Chapter who substitutes at churches closer to home than Salinas. To learn more about Steinbeck and the organ, visit [SteinbeckNow.com](http://SteinbeckNow.com).*

St. Paul's web page indicates that they have free organ concert every Friday from 12 noon to 1 pm at 1071 Pajaro St. Salinas, CA 93901. 🎵

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### 2014 FRASIER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Congratulations to **Kirk Waiblinger**, the winner of the 2014 Frasier Organ Scholarship! Our chapter will present Kirk with the \$1000 award at our Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday afternoon, June 8.

The Frasier auditions were held at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church on Saturday afternoon, May

10. Two young and very talented organists competed for the award this year. The scholarship decision was based on their written applications, letters of recommendation, and their audition performances.

For his Frasier audition, Kirk performed *Fugue in G Major, BWV 577*, by J.S. Bach, *Grand Choeur*

*Dialogué* by Eugene Gigout, *Prayer at Midnight* (from *From the World of My Father*) by Herman Berlinski, and the hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (*Easter Hymn*).

Kirk has studied piano for ten years and organ for four years, both with Diane Keller (a member of our chapter – congratulations, Diane!). Kirk is currently a junior at Mountain View High School. He has served as a substitute organist, a ward organist, and as an assistant choir accompanist. He is excited to learn new organ music, enjoys performing, and hopes to eventually hold an organist position. In the meantime, he welcomes opportunities to substitute for church services. As he looks ahead to college, Kirk plans to major in science, with a minor in music and/or organ performance. He plans to use the Frasier scholarship to continue his organ lessons into his college years.

Judging the scholarship auditions this year were Carolyn Pryor, Paul Rosas, and Joyce Rhodes. Our San Jose AGO chapter extends sincere appreciation to them for so generously sharing their time, professional expertise, and musical encouragement with this next generation of organ students. We also thank Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church for graciously allowing the Frasier applicants to practice and prepare their audition pieces there, and for hosting the Frasier auditions.

Congratulations again to Kirk, and we look forward to hearing him play at future chapter events—hopefully at our student recital and perhaps also in a solo recital next year. 🎵

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### PASSING OF LYLE SETTLE

I regretfully need to pass the news to all of you of the passing of one of the oldest and revered Music Ministry members on 9 May 2014 at approximately 6:45pm. Lyle Settle (former member of our group) was the almost unsung organist for the 8:00a.m. service on Sunday mornings. He cheerfully would be at Trinity, usually between 7:15 and 7:30 on Sundays to put in a few minutes warming up for the 8:00a.m. service. He was nearly totally blind, but knew all the hymn harmonizations from memory as well as many, many organ masterpieces which he also would render almost perfectly from memory.

I am not completely sure of the exact nature of his illness, but he needed a serious blood transfusion two weeks ago for his anemia. Then, of course, he was back on the organ bench last Sunday, so cheery and playing so well. I am trying to learn more about Lyle's career, but I do know he has been around Trinity for a very long time; he played for some twenty years at St.

Joe's Cathedral over on Market. I know he was playing for the chapel services of St. Andrew's School just before I started there back in 2010.

Please remember Lyle in your prayers and thoughts! He was a most dedicated church musician and he had such wisdom to pass on about past teachers and professors. If you know more about Lyle, please share it when you can. He will be missed and will be held deeply in many hearts

May he rest in peace. Mike Joyce. 🎵

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## THE NOVEMBER 2014 CHAPTER EVENT

The AGO Chapter Event for November 23, 2014 will be a choral festival involving several church choirs. It will be held at Union Church of Cupertino, 20900 Stevens Creek Blvd. (across from Whole Foods) at 3:00 PM on November 23rd. Each choir will present an anthem separately, and then all voices will join to sing one or two selections together. Conducting the combined choir will be Ross Hoksbergen, the new Music Director at Union Church. A festive Prelude will be offered by Rumyana Yanakieva and Susan Snook-Luther, the new and former pianists /organists at Union Church.

The A-frame church structure has great acoustics, a wonderfully versatile Rodgers 3-manual organ, and a Boston grand piano with an exceptionally lovely tone. If you are interested in having your choir participate, please contact Susan Snook-Luther at (408) 205-1299 or [spsl@sonic.net](mailto:spsl@sonic.net).

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## UGO SFORZA IN RECITAL SEP. 12



Ugo Sforza, a young Italian organist and composer/lecturer, will be presenting an organ recital at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, September 12 at 7:30 PM. He will be performing works by J.S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Franck, Vierne, as well as some of his original compositions. Admission is free, with a free-will donation

welcomed at the door. For more information (and videos) on Ugo Sforza's compositions, repertoire, and concerts, please visit his website: [ugosforza.jimdo.com](http://ugosforza.jimdo.com). His Bay-Area tour in September also includes San Francisco recitals Sept. 7 at Grace Cathedral, and Sept. 14 at St. Mary's Cathedral. 🎵

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## Bach Chorales and Chorale Preludes

Bay Area organist **Rodney Gehrke** plays an all-Bach program on **Sunday, June 22 at 4 PM at All Saints' Episcopal Church**, 555 Waverley St, Palo Alto. Wonderful and varied Bach organ chorale preludes are paired with Bach harmonizations of the same chorales

sung by members of the California Bach Society. During intermission, sample a selection of California and Italian wines and tasty cheeses. This concert is a fundraiser for the California Bach Society. Advance purchase tickets are \$25 until June 15; \$30 at the door.

Purchase by phone at (650) 485-1097 or online at <http://www.calbach.org/benefit.html#benefit>. 🎵

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## For Sale

**Carl Moore's 50 stop Allen Renaissance** Three-Manual Console is now for sale. It is now 15yrs old/new and in perfect condition. The Pipes and cabinet (5 speakers) are also included in sale. Let me know if anyone is interested in purchasing this. Next week will probably post on eBay. Thanks: Leah Moore 805-975-2707

**From Meanie Cervi:** I had the pleasure of seeing and playing this organ. It is a very special organ. Yes, it is a bit large. If you google Allen Renaissance R-320, you can find a PDF with the stop list and console measurements. Carl added 5 octaves of pipes (1 rank available at 8' 4' 2<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>', 2'). They are voiced very well for the small room and are mounted with 5 speakers in a cabinet (119"x68"x36"). This is mounted on the wall opposite the console. In my opinion, this would be an excellent organ for a teacher. I'm sure that it would please Carl and his family, to know that his organ is bringing joy to many other families.

If you would like to see more pictures, or to talk more specifics of the stop list and installation, please do not hesitate to contact me at [melaniecervi@verizon.net](mailto:melaniecervi@verizon.net): 408-358-6568.



**Spinet piano** with matching padded bench. Medium Oak finish. Nothing fancy - but Good Condition. Manufactured by Kincaid. Piano keeps tune well. Buyer will be responsible for moving, although we can provide some help in loading. Cash or Paypal accepted." Contact information: Charilyn



Damigo 408-234-6289 [cdamigo@pacbell.net](mailto:cdamigo@pacbell.net). 🎵

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## FARE THE WELL CONCERT

This Sunday, **June 1st, at 7:00 p.m.**, everyone is invited to attend the **FARE THEE WELL CONCERT** presented by **Crista Marie Harrington**, the Los Gatos United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, their accompanist Joyce Rhodes, and guest performers. The **Los Gatos United Methodist Church** is located at 111 Church Street, Los Gatos

The concert will feature choral works by great masters such as Gabriel Faure & Johannes Brahms. Works by contemporary artists such as John Tavener & Seth Housten, alongside traditional church works & spirituals. There will also be a selection of solo works for soprano by Rachmaninoff, Mozart, Puccini, & more.  
Joyce E. Rhodes. ♪

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### PREVIOUS FRASIER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

1977	Christoph Tietze	1978	Karen Hastings	1979	Suzanne Jill Mueller
1980	Kevin Buttle	1981	Henry Kogler	1982	Emily Young
1983	Melanie Marilyn Mueller	1984	Gladys M. Murray	1985	R. Monty Bennett
1986	<i>no applicants</i>	1987	Elizabeth Codd	1988	Craig Lusk
1989	Cecelia Lung	1990	Aaron Peterson	1991	Siegfried Drinkmann
1992	Brian Chu	1993	Ann Thiermann	1994	<i>no applicants</i>
1995	<i>not offered</i>	1996	Curtis Chu	1997	<i>no applicants</i>
1998	YaChing Pan	1999	Steven Boniface	1999	Mary Ann Gee
2000	Michael Wright	2001	Berdie Bowsby	2002	<i>no award</i>
2003	Alishan Merjanian	2004	Valentin Barsan	2005	<i>no applicants</i>
2006	<i>no applicants</i>	2007	Chinar Merjanian	2007	Susan Snook-Luther
2008	David Wills	2009	<i>no applicants</i>	2010	Andrew Birling
2011	Elisabeth Pintar	2012	Myrna Emata	2013	Kirim Eom
2014	Kirk Waiblinger				

### September Newsletter Deadline

I will not be available during the last two weeks of August. Therefore, the **deadline** for the September newsletter issue is **11 August 2014**. Kenneth Talbot, newsletter editor.

### Music Calendar Continued

#### **13 Sunday**

**Justin Takamine**, Bassoon, with  
**Xiyan Wang**, Piano, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **20 Sunday**

**Christoph Tietze**, Organist, **CSMA,**  
**4 PM**

#### **27 Sunday**

**Xiyan Wang**, Piano, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### August 2014

#### **3 Sunday**

**Gabriel Dessauer** (Germany),  
Organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **10 Sunday**

**Paul Fejko** (Chester, PA), Organ  
and Piano. Franck: "Prelude,  
Chorale, and Fugue," "Grande Piece  
Symphonique," **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **17 Sunday**

**Suzy Webster** and **Heidi  
Fleischbein**, Organists, **CSMA,**  
**4 PM**

#### **24 Sunday**

**Shan Huang**, Trumpet, **Xiyan  
Wang**, Piano, **CSMA, 4 PM, CSMA,**  
**4 PM**

#### **31 Sunday**

**Christoph Tietze**, Organist, **CSMA,**  
**4 PM**

### September 2014

#### **12 Friday**

**Ugo Sforza** (Italian), Organist,  
**Sunnyvale Presbyterian**, 728  
West Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale.  
**7:30 PM**, Free-will donation  
welcomed at the door.

#### **20 Saturday**

\***James Welch**, Danish Days,  
**Bethania Lutheran Church,**  
**Slovang, CA**, Free-will offering.

#### **AGO 5 POEs – See Agohq.org**

##### **POE for ages 13–18**

June 8–13, Fort Collins, Colo.  
June 9–14, Indianapolis, Ind.  
June 29–July 4, Wilmington, Del.  
July 7–11, Manhattan, Kans.  
July 13–18, Easton, Mass.

##### **POE (Advanced) for ages 13–18**

June 29–July 4, Ann Arbor, Mich.

##### **POE (Technical) for ages 16–23**

June 8–13, Stowe, Pa.

##### **POE+ for Adults**

June 8–13, Rockford, Ill.  
July 13–17, Seattle, Wash.

## 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, 34<sup>th</sup> Ave & Clement St., San Francisco.

**D. Hegarty:** Jun 1/2 – Jul -6/7 – Aug 3/4 – Sep 7/8

**R. Gurney:** Jun 8/9 – Jul13/14 – Aug 10/11 – Sep 14/15

**T. Joyce:** Jun 15/16 – Aug 17/18

**J.Walko:** Jul 20/21

**K Thompson:** Jun 22/23 – Jul 27/28 – Aug 24/25 – Sep 28/29

**B. Swager:** Jun29/30 – Aug 31 –

**B. Swager:** Aug 31 – Sep 1

### June 2014

#### **1 Sunday**

**\*Chinar Merjanian, St. Bede's,** 2650 Sand Hill Rd., Menlo Park, **4 PM.** \$10 general, \$6 seniors and free to students.

**Martin Setchell, GC, 4 PM.**

#### **5 & 6 Thursday & Saturday**

**\*James Welch,** "Pipe Organ Fantaisie" on the organ of the historic Presidio Chapel. **Nicholas Welch** & youth performers from the **San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Presidio Chapel,** 130 Fisher Loop, Presidio of San Francisco. Adults \$15, Seniors \$10, Children \$5. Reservations Hotline: [415 447-6274](tel:4154476274).

#### **8 Sunday**

**Christoph Tietze,** Works by Rheinberger, **CSMA, 4 PM,**

**Ruden Valenzuela,** organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church,** 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **6:05 PM**

#### **13 Friday**

**Robert Huw Morgan,** Organist, Annual Commencement Recital, **Stanford Memorial Church,** **7:30 PM**

**\*Chinar Merjanian, at 7:30 p.m. Campbell United Methodist Church,** 1675 Winchester Blvd., Campbell 95008, **7:30 PM,** Free

**\*James Welch,** June 13 (**4 PM** and **June 14 (2 & 4 PM),** 2014, **Scotty's Castle,** Death Valley, California, <https://www.dvnha.org/>

#### **15 Sunday**

**David Hatt, CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **22 Sunday**

**Mauro Correa,** Guitar, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **23 Monday – 27 Friday**

**Join us in historic Boston: June 23-27, 2014 for the AGO Boston 2014 Organ Convention**

#### **29 Sunday**

**Victor Xie, Viola, Xiyang Wang,** Piano, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### July 2014

#### **4 Friday**

**\*James Welch,** Patriotic Music from the Carillon, Hover Tower, **Sanford University, Free,** Free parking

#### **6 Sunday**

**Karen Beaumont** (Milwaukee, WI), Organist. Early Spanish works, **CSMA, 4 PM**  
Free-will offering

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