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*Dean's Message*

*Happy Summer dear San Jose Members!*

The beginning of a new calendar year has begun with a calendar full of great concerts and events to attend. First, I need to do a recap of our last Guild's event from June. If you recall a while back I used the story of "The Little Red Hen" and how the moral of the story was that ALL needed to help to enjoy what was being made. Well, our Guild saw this come to fruition in June. Due to an illness our previously scheduled event had to be changed at the last minute. What happened in that short amount of time of 6 days was that under the direction of our faithful Sub-Dean, Carolyn Lamcke, members from our Guild said "yes" and we ended up with a fabulous Hymnsong!

Our wonderful members played variations on hymns, one even her own arrangement, as the congregation joined in. It was a real treat for everyone to hear each other and how we treat the hymns since we are never together in church on a Sunday morning. It warmed my heart to hear and see this and the comments afterwards were such that we need to do this again. Thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart!

I hope you will all continue to be active members in our Guild this coming year and help increase the awareness of the Organ. We need to not only reach those sitting in the pews but stretch the harmonies from the organ out into the community for ALL to enjoy.

I am yours in music,

*Elisabeth Pintar, Dean*      🎵

**SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT YEAR**  
**1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.**

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| David Snook-Luther – 2014            | Susan Snook-Luther – 2014            |
| Mike Cala – 2015                     |                                      |

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## JUNE CHAPTER EVENT

On **June 8, Sunday** we held our annual membership meeting at **Los Gatos United Methodist Church**, Los Gatos. A Hymnsong was held where each participating organist would play a selected Hymn and the congregation would then sing it. For some of the Hymns an arrangement was also played. Then Kirk Waiblinger, the winner of our 2014 Frasier Scholarship, played his scholarship audition pieces.



From left to right: Carolyn Lamcke, Joyce Rhodes, Elisabeth Pintar, Darryl Parker, Valerie Sterk, and Kirk Waiblinger. Not pictured: Margaret Kvamme.

The musical program was as follows:

**Joyce Rhodes** selected "Amazing Grace" followed by a Toccata of "Amazing Grace" arranged by J. Christopher Pardini.

**Margaret Kvamme** selected "Puer Nobis" where the music for some of the verses were arranged by Jack Goode and Douglas Franks.

**Valerie Sterk** selected "This is my Father's World" arranged by Valerie Sterk.

**Elisabeth Pintar** selected "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" with verses arranged by Richard Elliott, Darwin Wolford, and Daniel Berghout.

**Carolyn Lamcke** also selected "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" played on the piano where verses were arranged by Fred Bock.

**Darryl Parker** selected "Move Love to Thee, O Christ" where verses were arranged by Charles Callahan.

**Kirk Waiblinger** selected "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." He then followed with two pieces BWV477 "Fugue in G Minor" by J. S. Bach and "Grand Choeur Dialogue" by Eugen Gigout.

The musical portion of this event ended with Joyce Rhodes on organ and Carolyn Lamcke on piano with the hymn "I sing the Almighty Power of God."

A potluck dinner closed the event with an excellent meal and great conversation among the members. Kirk Waiblinger was also received his Frasier Scholarship check of \$1000.



Kirk Waiblinger (middle) receiving his Scholarship check from Valerie Sterk. Diane Keller (right) is his teacher.

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## SEPTEMBER CHAPTER EVENT

The September Chapter Event will be a **Dean's Concert 28 September, Sunday at 3 PM** at the **Saratoga Federated Church**, at 20390 Park Place, Saratoga, CA.

The past deans playing at the recital are **Mike Cala** who was dean from 1995 to 1997, **David Hatt**, 1997-1999, **Joyce Rhodes**, 2001-2003, **Patricia Milstead**, 2005-2007, and **Diane Keller**, 2011-2013. A fine reception will follow the concert put on by the church. The Federated church is celebrating that their Aeolian-Skinner organ was put in 50 years ago by the Schoenstein Company. Put this concert on your calendars now. You will enjoy listening to these wonderful people play.

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## OCTOBER CHAPTER EVENT

The October Chapter Event, co-sponsored with **Campbell United Methodist Church**, will be a **Halloween concert 31 October, Saturday at 7 PM**. This concert features organist **DAVID HEGARTY**. We will have a costume contest as well with prizes and a reception following the concert. David Hegarty



is best known in the Bay Area as the organist of the Castro Theatre since 1978. He also plays regularly at the Stanford Theatre (Palo Alto) and at the

California Palace of the Legion of Honor. He is a prolific composer/arranger, and, as a concert organist, he specializes in his own transcriptions of film music from Hollywood's Golden Age.

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## OPEN POSITIONS

The two churches of Joint Venture Churches of Almaden are seeking a new Music Director/Keyboardist. Please find the attached job descriptions and respond to the e-mails listed in the postings and/or forward them to prospective candidates. Please note that there are two separate positions for two separate churches, within the same location. Candidates may apply to both positions at the same time, but only one position will be offered to suitable candidate.

The organ is a state-of-the-art 3-manual digital Phoenix organ from England. Specifications at: [eca-sj.org/files/graphics/Phoenix\\_specs.pdf](http://eca-sj.org/files/graphics/Phoenix_specs.pdf)

The **Episcopal Church in Almaden** (ECA) in San Jose is seeking a **Music Director** and **Organist**. The church is located at 6581 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120. See detailed job listing at: [www.eca-sj.org](http://www.eca-sj.org).

**Ideal candidate qualities and background:** Familiarity with Episcopal/liturgical worship; flexibility and willingness to learn and lead new styles; ability to work collaboratively with Rector and other music leaders and musicians; range of experience with musical styles and genres; experience introducing congregations to new musical styles; experience with choral conducting; talented organist and pianist; ability to recruit and nurture choir members

**Key points:** Experienced adult choir; one Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday night rehearsal 7:30-9:00 (except during summer); help oversee Bell Choir, folk choir, and possible youth music programs; intimate, in-the-round worship space; church facility shared with UCC congregation; churches previously shared Music Director and are open to continuing similar arrangement

Half-time position (15 hours/wk. average) with competitive salary and negotiable benefits. See more detailed job listing at: [eca-sj.org/files/music\\_search.pdf](http://eca-sj.org/files/music_search.pdf). **Apply by: July 31, 2014. Email resume to: [music\\_search@eca-sj.org](mailto:music_search@eca-sj.org).** 🎵

The **Congregational Church of Almaden Valley/United Church of Christ (CCA/V/UCC)** is seeking a part time **Music Director** and **Organist/Pianist** to serve our congregation. The person selected will help us fulfill our vision of creating a joyful, dynamic worship experience supported and enriched by music. We are seeking a talented musician with an upbeat personality to provide music for our congregation at our Sunday morning worship service and work with our enthusiastic adult choir. This person will work cooperatively with the pastor, musicians, and lay leaders of our church to develop and support our music program. We want to be creative and collaborative in our worship planning and to have fun together doing so. Our church considers our music program to be a vital ministry, and we seek a director who will be a joyful part of that ministry.

Our goal is for the person selected to start in the position on September 15, 2014.

**Key points:** Part time position. Starting salary \$10,000 – can be negotiated depending on experience of candidate. Sunday 9:00 AM Worship service with one Sunday off per month

One adult choir, which rehearses Wednesday evenings 7:30 – 9:00. No choir during summer months. Potential use of church space for teaching music lessons Intimate, in-the-round worship space.

See detailed job listing at: [www.ccavucc.org](http://www.ccavucc.org)

**Apply by July 31, 2014. Email resume to: [CCAVmusic@gmail.com](mailto:CCAVmusic@gmail.com).** 🎵

**St. Timothy's Lutheran Church** ([stlcsj.org](http://stlcsj.org)), San Jose CA has an opening **Organist and/or Pianist** for its traditional and blended Sunday morning services.

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church ([stlcsj.org](http://stlcsj.org)), San Jose, CA, is seeking an Organist and/or Pianist for its traditional and blended Sunday morning services. The combined Organist/Pianist role requires an average of 10-12 hours per week, with an annual compensation of \$14,000-\$17,000. The candidate is expected to work effectively with the Pastors and Director of Music Ministry to create a flow of worship for general services and liturgical seasons to ensure a cohesive music program in which participants bring musical excellence for the glory of God.

To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to [MusicSearch@stlcsj.org](mailto:MusicSearch@stlcsj.org). Include "YOUR NAME: Organist/Pianist" in the subject line of your email. In your cover letter, please describe how your particular skills and experience will help to further develop an already-vibrant music ministry in St. Timothy's large and active church. Review of applications will begin immediately and close when a candidate is hired. The target start date is 1 Sept.

Email resume to [MusicSearch@stlcsj.org](mailto:MusicSearch@stlcsj.org) or contact Cindy Cribbs at (408) 656-0828 or [cindy.cribbs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cindy.cribbs@sbcglobal.net).

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## Schoenstein Open House

Benicia, CA – Please join us on Sunday, September 7, 2014, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. for an Open House at our Benicia plant. On display will be the 3-manual, 46-rank Æolian-Skinner organ from Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska. This organ, built in 1950, has been totally renovated and reconfigured, ready for installation in its expanded organ chamber in September. You can tour the entire facility and see other exciting work in process.

Schoenstein & Co. is located at 4001 Industrial Way, Benicia, CA 94510. Telephone (707) 747-5858. Plenty of parking is available. **Directions:** *From I-80:* At Vallejo, take I-780 east towards Benicia. After East Fifth St exit, get into right lane and exit onto I-680 North (Exit 7A). *From I-680:* At Benicia, take the Lake Herman Road exit (Exit 61). Go east (toward the water) on Lake Herman Road and cross the railroad overpass. Take the first right onto Industrial Way and go 1.3 miles. The plant is on the right just past a curve – look for the 42' tall erecting room!

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### Carolyn Lamcke - New Address

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### New Members

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**Faith Lanam**, 1130 Starbird Cir #31, San Jose, CA 95117  
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**Roy Stegman**, PO Box 1105, Ben Lomond, CA 95005  
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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

### CHINAR MERJANIAN IN RECITAL

**Chinar Merjanian** Played in the "Rising Star" Recital at the National AGO Convention held in Boston. Her program included works by Mendelssohn, Hindemith, Bach, Daquin, Decker, Widor, and Vierne. 🎵

### 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). 🎵

### TRACKER ORGAN AVAILABLE

Dear fellow organists:

Billie and I are moving into the apartment part downstairs in our home while our daughter and her family is going to take over the main house. We are seriously downsizing. One part of the latter is to sell or give away my little tracker pipe organ (upstairs). It plays fine but is out of tune. It has an 8' and 2' rank, and the 2' can be played together with the 8' either in the descant or bass (so there are two stops). The pedal is full-size pull-down using **strings** which requires that the pedal board must not move much once it has been placed in the correct position. It has never been a problem with my using the organ. The blower uses a vacuum cleaner motor. Key dimension are: 1) Organ with pedal and bench in place (i.e. during play) 5' wide

x 4' deep. Fits under a 8' ceiling, of course. 2) Blower (separately placed next to the organ; see it in the second pic): 22" wide x 24" deep x 22" high (uses ordinary electrical outlet).

If you know of any one institution or private person who might be interested in it, let them know. I would donate it to any institution. Whoever buys or gets it should pay for having Roger Inkpen move it and install it in the new place. Roger, by the way, said that it might now be worth \$1000 (we paid \$1500 in ca. '77) but I am happy to give it to person of limited means who loves organ and promises to let the instrument not just sit there and deteriorate with age. It was built by an Episcopal nun in Hawaii from whom we bought it prior to our moving to CA in '78. *It needs to sit in a room where the temperature does not fluctuate wildly.*

Lothar Bander mann (408) 996-9352, [lbander mann@att.net](mailto:lbander mann@att.net)



### 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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## DUES PAYMENT

If you can no longer locate the email dues renewal notice you received from AGO headquarters, please go directly to the AGO website page. From the homepage click the Membership tab, then Renew Your Membership. From there you will be prompted to log into ONCARD. If you do not have an AGO email address, you should have received a U.S. mail paper invoice. Please send your check to the National office. 🎵

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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 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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## Region IX Councillor Leslie Wolf Robb

Dear Region IX Leaders and Members,

Today is the final day of my term as Region IX Councillor. It has been my joy and privilege to work with you during the past four years and to represent the Region on the AGO National Council. Chapter newsletters, district leadership meetings, steering committee meetings, chapter meetings, phone conversations, videoconferences, texts, Facebook pages, blogs and hundreds of emails have allowed me to hear about chapter activities and projects, to applaud successes, to discuss and brainstorm solutions to problems, disappointments and challenges, and to get to know the wonderful members, chapter leaders, and regional leaders in Region IX. Our region is full of people who are passionate about and dedicated to the Guild, and I join you in looking forward to new friendships, collaborations, and opportunities to enrich lives through organ and choral music as we join with the current Region VIII and Wyoming to become the new West Region!

**You'll read more about the events of the past two years in my final Region IX report, which will appear soon in *The American Organist*.**

My work as your representative on National Council these past four years has been a fantastic experience. The Guild has evolved significantly with new regional boundaries, new governance structure, and new competition guidelines. An

updated [Chapter Management Handbook](#) and [Regional Convention Guidelines](#) are in process and should be completed soon. We have a new website, a YouTube channel, and online collection and remittal of dues. A number of bequests have made generous scholarships for young organists possible. We've made great strides in marketing and IT, and *The American Organist* is now in color and online. I know that our newly elected National Council will work with energy and dedication to continue growing our organization.

I hope to see ALL of you at the first convention of the new West Region! ***Party in Paradise***, under the leadership of Coordinator Jack Lasher and his outstanding steering committee, will be held **June 28-July 2, 2015**, in San Diego, California, and will feature world-class artists, ensembles and presenters, wonderful organs, and a celebration of the Centennial of the Panama-California Exposition and the Spreckels Organ. It's going to be spectacular! Mark your calendars now and join your colleagues from the West Region: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Canada (Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Yukon), Korea, Singapore, Sydney, Taiwan, and our newest chapter in the Guild, HONG KONG!

In closing, thank you to each member and leader in Region IX. The opportunity to work with so many dedicated, energetic, and talented people has inspired me and helped me grow.

I know our new Regional Councillor well from his work in a variety of areas in both his chapter and Region IX. Matthew Burt is gifted, energetic, and passionate about growing the Guild, helping every chapter reach its fullest potential, and partnering with all of the members in our new West Region to carry out the AGO's mission. I know that you will all enjoy getting to know Matthew and working with him, and will benefit greatly from his wisdom and leadership.

It has been an honor, a blessing, and a privilege to serve as your Regional Councillor.

Sincerely,

**Leslie Wolf Robb**

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## IS THIS BRITAIN'S OLDEST SANDWICH?

Information from Joyce Rhodes.

Perfectly preserved bread found inside church organ – 118 years after it was left there. Slices of bread were stashed away by workmen in 1896 with a newspaper. It was left untouched in Padiham Road Methodist Church, Burnley, Lancashire. The snack was only found when the organ was dismantled after it was sold for parts. Read more at <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2676782/Is-Britains-oldest-sandwich-Perfectly-preserved-bread-inside-church-organ-118-years-left-there.html#ixzz36uXmumcu>

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## 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

### 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:** Sep 7/8 – Oct 4/5

**R. Gurney:** Sep 14/15 – Oct 11/12

**K Thompson:** Aug 24/25 – Sep 28/29 – Oct 18/19

**B. Swager:** Aug 31 / Sep 1 – Oct 25/26

### August 2014

#### **24 Sunday**

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

#### **31 Sunday**

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

### September 2014

#### **7 Sunday**

**Chiu Yu Chen,** Piano, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **12 Friday**

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

#### **14 Sunday**

**Ugo Sforza** (Italian), Organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **20 Saturday**

**James Welch,** Danish Days, **Bethania Lutheran Church,** Slovang, CA, **1 PM,** Free-will offering.

#### **21 Sunday**

**Stephen Boniface,** Organ, **Kathryn Campbell,** Soloist, **Stone Church,** 1937 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose, **2 PM,** Alzheimer's Benefit

#### **28 Sunday**

**Alexei Kodash,** Violin, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### October 2014

#### **9 Thursday**

**James Welch,** organ, Annual LDS Convocation, **Stanford Memorial Church,** Free.

#### **24 Friday**

**T. Paul Rosas,** Organ, **Laura Lang-Ree & Casie Walker,** Soloists & **Stephanie Janowski,** Harp, **Los Altos United Methodist Church,** 655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos, **7:30 PM,** Alzheimer's Benefit

#### **31 Friday**

**David Hegarty,** Halloween Concert, **Campbell United Methodist Church,** 1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell, **7 PM,** costume contest as well with prizes and a reception following.

**James Welch,** Annual Halloween Concert, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church,** 600 Colorado Ave. Palo Alto, **8 PM,** \$10 at the door.

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