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Dean's Message

Happy First Day of Summer!

School is out, graduations are over, vacations are starting, the drought is continuing, sand is being found not only at the beach but in cars and in between toes, memberships for the AGO are being renewed (don't forget to do so online), scrambling to find subs is in progress, and choirs are on hiatus but surprise!... the July newsletter is not! Just a few short weeks ago many friends/members, new and old, of our chapter attended the Hymn Sing and Pot Luck/Installation dinner. It was a fabulous success with moving, fun, and inspirational organ arrangements based on familiar and unfamiliar hymn tunes. I have decided that as organists we make a fine sounding choir. Perhaps we ought to form a 'summer organ choir' and perform at various churches throughout July and August. Any takers? At the Pot Luck dinner we all felt that we hit the lottery in the delicious assortment of dishes to choose from and even had to pull out extra chairs. We hope to make this a yearly tradition but instead of chairs we have to pull out more tables! We are still looking for a treasurer but the Board is excited to resume their duties beginning in September and plan for the next year.

Summer is a wonderful time to get outdoors and recharge ourselves through sunshine, needed vacations, trips near and far, AGO conventions, concerts, BBQs, watching and feeling the rumble of fireworks, visiting family and friends, a plethora of fruit to choose from, and just enjoying the season. I don't know about you but as an organist I have always felt that the term "Christmas in July" is really meant for us. It is during this month that I start planning the music for my annual Christmas concert (I know a shameless plug early on) and for the Advent Season. Perhaps it is because by July with the heat in full effect I am wishing for cooler weather but truth be told there is something satisfying in setting a few goals and working towards them a day at a time, hearing the desired result months later. It keeps me looking ahead for good things to come and not give up on my long term goals as well.

So, as your summer unfolds I wish you great adventures, safe travels to and fro, and nothing but sunny skies in your personal and musical life! I look forward to hearing and seeing photos of all the things that summer has to offer for you.

Cheers,

Elisabeth Pintar, Dean

Wanted: Treasurer
Reward: Work with a fantastic group of people
Firsthand knowledge of upcoming events

For further information Please contact: Elisabeth Pintar or Carolyn Lamcke

ANNUAL MEETING & HYMN SING

Darryl Parker

We held our **Annual Meeting, Hymn Sing and Potluck** at the **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church** in Saratoga. In the Annual Meeting the chapter members approved the board members (as list on page 1) for the coming year. This was followed by a Hymn Sing and a pot luck dinner.



Hymn Sing Performers (Left to Right): Dian Ruder, Mike Cala, Charles Cramer, Michael Wright, Cecelia Lung, & Susan Snook-Luther

Title: Variations on an Old and, Sometimes New Song/Hymn

The San Jose Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and guests participated in the singing of hymns and were treated to organ variations and accompaniments by chapter members. Hymns ranged from the very familiar to the new and unfamiliar.

Dian Ruder opened the program with Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (Marion) and played an Emma Lou Diemer arrangement.

Mike Cala followed with his own improvisation of Let All Things Now Living (The Ash Grove).

All present sang the familiar O, Worship the King (Hanover) at the request of **Charles Cramer**, who then played a bright, elaborate arrangement by William Thomas Best.

Susan Snook-Luther combined a Paul Manz setting of God of Grace (Cwm Rhonda) as an interlude to the singing of verses of the hymn. Afterwards she played an arrangement by Michael D. Costello.

Cecelia Lung enlisted the assistance of David Snook-Luther and Michael Wright as vocal leaders for the singing of a Tanzanian melody Neno Lake Mungu to the words of Listen, God is Calling. Anne Karentz arranged this new hymn in the piece that Ms. Lung showcased.

Michael Wright closed out the program with Alleluia! Sing To Jesus (Hyfyrdol) and a jazzy arrangement by David A. Schack entitled Lord of Glory, Who Has Bought Us.

This is the second year that the San Jose Chapter has organized this type of event, which is proving to be popular with members and guests. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Saratoga hosted this year's event. The organ is a 3 manual Allen electronic organ. 🎵

Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th Aug, 2015 at 7:30 PM at Valerie Sterk's home, 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara

FRASIER WINNERS' RECITAL FRIDAY JUNE 12TH FEATURING KI RIM EOM & KIRK WAIBLINGER

We heard an exciting organ recital showcasing our two most recent Frasier Organ Scholarship winners, **Ki Rim Eom** (2013 winner) and **Kirk Waiblinger** (2014 winner). The recital was held at the **Los Altos United Methodist Church** with an informal reception following in the church's Redwood Room.

Ki Rim Eom played the piano for worship accompaniment in Korea when she was young, and continued to study music composition in university there. She is studying music again in English now at De Anza College. A student of Dian Ruder, Kirim won the Frasier scholarship in May 2013. In recital, she will be performing "In Dulci Jubilo" by Eleanor Whitsett, "Chorales for Lent, Easter, and Pentecost" by J.S. Bach and Max Reger, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" by Joyce Jones (selection for pedals only), "Larghetto" by Handel, and "Festival Toccata on St. Anne" by Frederick Swann's.

Kirk Waiblinger is a senior at Mountain View High School. He has been studying the organ for five years with Diane Keller. Since taking up the organ, he has loved performing complex solo pieces. In addition, he has substituted as accompanist for several churches, giving him the opportunity to play on several excellent instruments. This fall, Kirk looks forward to attending college as a physics major, with a potential second major in music. In recital, he played Bach's "Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C-Major" (BWV 564) (it also has a pedal solo and most of it was memorized), "From the World of My Father" by Herman Berlinski, and the finale from Vierne's Symphonie no. 3 (op. 28).

The music we heard was fantastic. Both Ki Rim Eom and Kirk Waiblinger have great skill. 🎵

Valerie Sterk



Ki Rim Eom and Kirk Waiblinger

Dates to Remember

*****Alzheimer's Benefit Concert, 16 August, 3 PM**

The next **Alzheimer's Benefit Concert**, sponsored by the San Jose Chapter of AGO, is at the **First United Methodist Church of Salinas**, 404 Lincoln Street, Salinas. **Rebecca Smith**, Violin; **Paul Rosas**, organ and piano; **Carolyn Lamcke**, organ and piano. Put this on your calendars. Car-pool if you would like. You will ALL love this concert. See you there. 🎵

*****Ugo Sforza Recital: 9 October, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**, 728 W. Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale at 7 PM. Mr. Sforza is an accomplished Italian organist and composer. His program will include Franck's *Pièce Héroïque*, Widor's sixth organ symphony, and a first performance of an original composition. There is no admission charge; a free-will offering will be received at the door. For more information on Ugo Sforza and his compositions, visit website: ugosforza.jimdo.com. 🎵

*****Halloween Concert, 30 October, Campbell United Methodist Church**, 1675 Winchester Boulevard, Campbell, CA at 7:30 PM. 🎵

OPEN POSITIONS

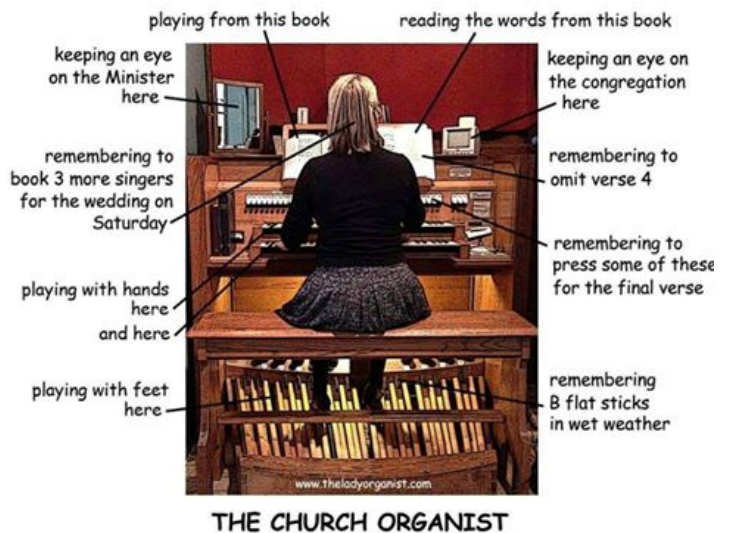
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1224 N. Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara, is looking for a **pianist/organist** to play for their 10am Sunday Lutheran service. This is a small congregation, no choir and ideal for someone wanting to start playing for churches. Prelude, hymns, liturgical music, and postlude can be played on either instrument. For more information please **contact Pastor Ed Miller** at: 408-296-2688. 🎵

The Good Samaritan Methodist Church, 19624 E Homestead Rd, Cupertino, is looking for a **Director of Music**. If you are interested in this position, contact their web page for the job description and the application information: <http://www.goodsam.info/WhoWeAre/join-out-staff.html>. 🎵

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 468 Grand St., Redwood City, is seeking an **organist/choir accompanist** for the tradition service Organist prepares preludes, offertories and recessionals as well as leads the hymns, which are selected by the pastor. There are seasonal services (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week) and about 40 choir rehearsals. The organ is a two-manual Schoenstein. Salary follows AGO guidelines. Resumes may be sent to hdraeger@gmail.com. 🎵

The Church Organist

I simply HAD to forward this! A friend sent it and I have no idea where it came from but I know we can all relate. Theresa Oatman.



THE CHURCH ORGANIST

YOUR AGO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS NOW DUE

***Now is the time to renew your 2015-2016 AGO membership! You should have recently received an email from the National AGO with complete details about dues.

To renew, login to ONCARD at the following link: <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/> Log in and update your information. You also will have the opportunity to contribute to national and chapter funds. On the payment screen, you can pay by credit card or print out an invoice to send in with your check. Your prompt reply to this request is necessary to help with programming for the coming year. As of 28 July only 75% of our membership have paid their dues.

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 Event ☉ 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: Aug 1/2 - Sep 5/6

John Dimmock: Aug 8/9 - Sep 12/13

Gail Archer: Aug 15/16

Jerome Lenk: Sep 19/20

John Walko: Aug 22/23 - Sep 26/27

Angela Kraft Cross: Aug 29/30 - Sep-31

August 2015

2 Sunday

Joseph Russell (Curtis), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

David Hatt, organ, **GC, 4 PM**

9 Sunday

Xiyan Wang, piano, **CSMA, 4 PM**

16 Sunday

☉ **Alzheimer's Benefit Concert,**
First United Methodist Church,
404 Lincoln Ave, Salinas, CA,
3 PM.

Katya Gotsdiner (Russia), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

23 Sunday

Xiyan Wang, piano and **Victor Xie,** viola, **CSMA, 4 PM**

30 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

September 2015

6 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

13 Sunday

Zoltan Varga (Hungary), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

20 Sunday

Andrzej Szadejko (Poland), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

27 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA**

October 2015

4 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

9 Friday

☉ **Ugo Sforza Recital,**
Sunnyvale Presbyterian

Church, 728 W. Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale, **7 PM.**

11 Sunday

Philip Manwell (Reno), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

18 Sunday

John Cannon (Estes Park, CO), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

25 Sunday

Diana Stork & Portia Diwa, Harps, "Music from the Labyrinth:", **CSMA, 4 PM**

30 Friday

☉ **Halloween Concert, Campbell United Methodist Church,** 1675 Winchester Boulevard, Campbell, CA, **7:30 PM.**

November 2015

21 Saturday

Ken Cowan, Master Class, All Saints Episcopal Church, 2076 Sutterville Rd., Sacramento CA, **10 AM.**

22 Sunday

Ken Cowan, Concert, Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Dr., Sacramento, CA, **4 PM.**

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