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*Dean's Message*

Hopefully you were all able to get some much needed R&R this summer! Now we are back to business as usual with our chapter. We have many great programs coming in 2017-2018.

First, on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. there is the **Pipe Dream Donation Concert Series** at **First UMC in Salinas**. These recitals are held to raise money for the upgrading of the church's 80 year old Wicks organ. Several of our chapter members will be playing. We have **Ugo Sforza** returning to the area on Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> to play a recital at **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church** at 7:30 p.m. However the one recital that for me is the most exciting is the return of **John Walker** to San Jose to do a recital and a workshop the following day. His recital in on Friday evening March 23<sup>rd</sup> at **First UMC, Campbell** and the workshop will be held the next day, Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> at **First UMC, Palo Alto**. You most assuredly want to be in attendance for all of these events so please mark your calendars now and be assured that more details will follow in our monthly newsletter. We are still working on our other programs and will have most finalized after our first Board meeting in September.

*Michael Cala, Dean*

**UGO SFORZA IN RECITAL: 15 SEPTEMBER 2017**



**Ugo Sforza**, an accomplished Italian organist and composer, will present an organ recital on **Friday evening, September 15, at 7:30pm at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church** (728 W. Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale 94087). There is no admission charge; donations to Ugo will be received at the door. Mr. Sforza presented a wonderful recital for us each of the past three years, and we are eager to welcome him back to the Bay Area for another inspiring performance. Invite your friends and family to join us for this evening of organ music, and for the reception following.

Ugo's program will include a variety of exciting organ repertoire. He will open his recital with J.S. Bach's organ transcription, BWV 593, of Vivaldi's RV 522 concerto for strings (from *Estro Armonico*). As in past recitals, Ugo will honor us with a first performance of his newest composition, *Petite Fantaisie*, op. 21, for organ duet; followed by a set of variations composed by Valerie Sterk. He will close his program with Louis Vierne's grand Symphony no. 6 in B Minor, op. 59. For more information on Ugo, including recordings of some of his other compositions, visit his website: [ugosforza.jimdo.com](http://ugosforza.jimdo.com)

Ugo Sforza has earned degrees in organ performance, composition, piano, and cultural heritage (historic keyboard instruments) in Italy and Austria. **Cont on Page 2**



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## Recently Passed Away

### Toshiko Knaack

Aug. 3, 1931 - Jul. 31, 2017, Resident of San Jose



Toshiko, 85, beloved wife, mother and grandmother passed peacefully on Jul 31. Toshiko most recently served as a church organist and choir member at Mount Olive Ministries for almost 38 years.

Toshiko was married to Jerry Knaack for 59 years before his passing in Aug, 2015. She is survived by her sons, Eddie (Kim) and Paul and grandsons Jerry, Andrew and Brent.

A memorial celebration was held at Mount Olive Ministries, 1989 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, CA on Aug 19 at 10:00 a.m. She will be interred at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery on Sep 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Toshiko was a member of our chapter for many years until this last year.

I received the following from her son Eddie.

“This is Toshiko’s son, Eddie. Thank you very much for acknowledging my Mom. The organ was very much a part of our family. She met my Dad Jerry while he was in the Air Force stationed in Japan. Her English teacher in college suggested she attend an American church in order for her to practice her English. Well, upon attending the Tokyo Lutheran Church she developed a love for the organ and also met and married my Dad. She was very active playing the organ and singing in the choir everywhere my Dad was stationed. After Dad’s retirement, they settled down in the Bay Area and Mom was the organist at Mt. Olive for almost four decades.”

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## AGO Members that Compose

We have a number of chapter members that compose. Here is a list of them that will share their music:

Lothar Banderman, [www.lotharbandermann.com](http://www.lotharbandermann.com)

Carolyn Lamcke, [clamcke@gmail.com](mailto:clamcke@gmail.com)

Paul Rosas, [tpaulsosas@gmail.com](mailto:tpaulsosas@gmail.com)

Valerie Sterk, [valeriesterk@gmail.com](mailto:valeriesterk@gmail.com)

Harold Stuart, [www.theorganispraise.org](http://www.theorganispraise.org)

If any of you would like to have your names added to this list, please let me know. 🎵

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## New Member

**E. Vaughn JONES**, 261 Palisades Dr., Daly City  
CA 94015-4520

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## Changed Email Address

**T. Paul Rosas** has moved to San Diego. His new email address is [tpaulsosas@gmail.com](mailto:tpaulsosas@gmail.com).

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## Changed Address

**Richard Merrittstein-Timmins** has moved to a different apartment. His new address is 814 St. Elizabeth Drive #219, San Jose, CA 95126.

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## SCHOENSTEIN OPEN HOUSE HELD 20 AUG 2017

Schoenstein & Co. celebrated its 140th anniversary with an Open House demonstrating new organs for Holy Cross Church, San Jose, CA and Mikell Chapel of the Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, GA. The 150 guests were fascinated with the extremely complex arrangement of pipes, windchests, bellows and wind conductors necessary to fit in the Chapel’s small, irregular shaped chamber, “One of our most challenging installation sites!” said company president Jack Bethards.

Twenty-four members of the founding Schoenstein family representing the fourth, fifth and sixth generations joined the celebration and presented a commemorative glass sculpture for the firm’s archive, which includes Schoenstein records and artifacts dating from the mid-19th century in Germany.



Grandchildren of company founder Felix F. Schoenstein: Sister Mary Mark, Norman, Vincent and Edward with company president Jack Bethards. Photo by Louis Patterson.

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## FREE DOWNLOADS OF J. S. BACH MUSIC

James Kibbie is offering FREE downloads of the complete organ works of J S Bach. Darryl Parker sent me a note that the downloads are free but you must purchase a special program to open them.

[http://www.blockmrecords.org/bach/?utm\\_source=Organ+Playing&utm\\_campaign=f498136dc9-RSS\\_EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_8550672c28-f498136dc9-325593709&mc\\_cid=f498136dc9&mc\\_eid=50749fe501](http://www.blockmrecords.org/bach/?utm_source=Organ+Playing&utm_campaign=f498136dc9-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8550672c28-f498136dc9-325593709&mc_cid=f498136dc9&mc_eid=50749fe501)

Harold Stuart also sent me the following note “You may also be interested in [www.allofbach.com](http://www.allofbach.com). It’s a beautifully done website with many great Bach organ works.”

Ken Talbot

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## OPEN POSITIONS

**Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, CA,** is looking for a **Part-Time Bell Choir Director**. The position is 3 hours a week, from mid-September through May. Responsibilities include one 90 minute rehearsal a week, (excepting certain holiday weeks TBD) and a goal of playing one service a month depending on availability of the players in the group.

The bell choir is also invited to be part of a Christmas Eve service, Easter morning services and a music program concert in May. It is understood that candidates may have multiple bell groups they conduct; therefore they would not be required to attend Christmas and Easter services. The music director would take the role of conductor for these services as needed.

**Abilities:** The applicant must have experience and background in playing, rehearsing bell choirs.

PCLG is a growing community and usually has 300 plus congregants on a typical Sunday. The service is a traditional Presbyterian liturgy with communion once a month.

Send resume, references and letter of intention to: [michael.taylor@pclg.org](mailto:michael.taylor@pclg.org). 🎵

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 149 Manzanita Ave, San Carlos, CA** is seeking a **Part-time, Organist/Pianist**. The Organist is responsible for playing the organ, piano and choir rehearsals. This person shall work an average of 3 – 5 hours per week. This is a temporary position while the congregation completes the process of calling a new pastor. The position is to start as soon as possible and extend through January 2018, with the possibility of extension or permanent hire.

Submit resumes to: [office@sancarlostlc.org](mailto:office@sancarlostlc.org). For more information visit our website <http://sancarlostlc.org/>. 🎵

**Christ Church Portola Valley & Woodside, 815 Portola Road, Portola Valley,** is looking for a talented, creative and pastoral **Music Director** who can both conduct a choir and play the church's famous Visser-Rowland Opus #97 Organ. Candidates must be enthusiastic about building a volunteer choir and continuing the high standards of its existing music program. This is a part-time (15-20 hours) permanent position with a competitive AGO scale-based salary. However, housing is not provided.

The current program includes Sunday morning and Wednesday evening rehearsals, two worship on Sundays, special services occasionally on Sunday evenings, organizing occasional concerts, and annual events such as a concert with a sister parish, a Parish Retreat, and high holy days including Christmas and Holy Week/Easter. There is a weekly staff meeting. Applicants must consider themselves partners-in-ministry with the entire team, including the Rector, other staff members, and the congregation. The candidate must be willing to support the children's ministries of the parish, and lead chapel for the Carillon Preschool classes with an organ demonstration

once per semester. For consideration, please email your resume to the Rector (no phone calls please), the Rev. Beth Phillips, at [motherbeth@ccpvw.org](mailto:motherbeth@ccpvw.org).

Christ Episcopal Church Portola Valley & Woodside  
815 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028. 🎵

The **Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Avenue, Los Alto** is looking for a **three quarter time organist/pianist position**. Must be comfortable with popular and classical styles on both piano and organ as well as a strong sight reader. Two choir rehearsals (Tuesday and Thursday evening). Three Sunday morning services. Possibility of sharing the position. Health insurance and Vacation benefits. Competitive salary. Position opens July 1, 2017. Please contact Dirk Damonte ([dirkdamonte@laumc.org](mailto:dirkdamonte@laumc.org)) Minister of Music, or call the office 650-948-1083. 🎵 (1-5 pm)

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1040 Alameda de Las Pulgas, Belmont, California** is looking for a **part-time accompanist**, proficient on both piano and organ. Applicant would work with our Music Coordinator and requires a Thursday evening rehearsal and 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Position would be regularly 2-3 hours a week with additional hours on an as needed basis. Salary based on experience. Contact: [gtesl@ihmbelmont.org](mailto:gtesl@ihmbelmont.org) or call 650-593-6157 and ask for Gail Tesi. 🎵

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## Our AGO Yahoo Group

**If you are a member of our AGO Yahoo Group** you can send messages to our chapter members by sending an email to the address: [agosanjose@yahoogroups.com](mailto:agosanjose@yahoogroups.com). Only 53% of our chapter members use the Yahoo Group. **A lot of AGO information is sent out using the Yahoo Group.**

**If you are not a member of our AGO Yahoo Group, you can subscribe** by sending a blank email to the address "[agosanjose-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:agosanjose-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)" with the subject: "Subscribe."

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## Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday **12<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2017 at 7 PM**  
**Valerie Sterk's home, 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara**

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## New Organist Page

The AGO Headquarters webpage has an excellent section titled "New Organists Pages" in the Education section of their webpage. The address is <https://www.agohq.org/lessons-for-the-new-organist/>. There is a section that has 30 short basic lessons. These lessons are from 4 to 20 minutes long. These lessons are well done and worth watching. 🎵

## AGO San Jose Music Calendar

### Venue Locations

**CSMA:** Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco  
**GC:** Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco  
**SJCAGO>** San Jose Chapter Event  
**MEM>** San Jose 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.

**David Hegarty:** Sep 2/3

**Johnathan Dimmock:** Sep 9/10

**John Walko:** Sep 16/17

**After the September 17<sup>th</sup> concert there will be NO Organ Concerts for the next 5 Months!**

### September 2017

#### **3 Sunday**

**Yoonie Han & Enrico Elisi**, piano, Goyescas by Granados, **CSMA, 4 PM**

**Christopher Lynch**, organ, Music of Bach, Dupré, **GC, 4 PM**

#### **9 Saturday**

**James Welch**, organ, **New Schoenstein Organ, First Presbyterian Church**, 501 EL Dorado St, Monterey, **6 PM**

#### **10 Sunday**

**SJCAGO>Pipe Dreams Donation**

**Concert Series**, **MEM> Susan**

**Snook-Luther**, organ, and

**MEM> David Snook-Luther**, vocal,

**MEM> Christine Merjanian**, piano,

**MEM> Elisabeth Pintar**, organ, **First**

**Salinas UMC**, 404 Lincoln Ave, Salinas, CA, **4 PM**, Donations accepted.

**Angela Kraft Cross**, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **15 Friday**

**SJCAGO>Ugo Sforza**, (Italy), organ, **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**, 728 West Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale, **7:30 PM**

#### **17 Sunday**

**Ugo Sforza**, (Italy), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **23 Saturday**

**MEM> Diane Keller**, organ, **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**, 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel, CA, **3 PM, \$20.**

#### **24 Sunday**

**Hans Uwe Hielsche**, (Germany), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

**MEM> Rani Fischer**, organ, works of Britten, Bach, & Langlais, **St. Bede's Episcopal Church**, 2650 San Hill Rd, Menlo Park, **4 PM**

### October 2017

#### **1 Sunday**

**David Hatt**, organ, Music of Dupré, Program of transcribed improvisations of Marcel Dupré. including Le combat de Jacob et l'Ange, La nuit ecoute and the Symphony in C minor, **GC, 4 PM**

#### **27 Friday**

**David Hatt**, organ, **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**, 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel, CA, **5 PM, \$20.**

### November 2017

#### **5 Sunday**

**Tom Mueller**, organ, Music of Ibert, Conte, Poulence, Bach, Whitlock, & Howells, **GC, 4 PM**

#### **10 Friday**

**MEM> Eleanor Muhawi**, (Frasier Scholarship Winner), **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**, 13601 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, **7:30 PM.**

### December 2017

#### **9 Saturday**

**Angela Kraft Cross**, organ, **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**, 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel, CA, **3 PM, \$20.**

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