



e-Newsletter

MAY 2003

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MAY CHAPTER PROGRAM

Saturday, May 17th, 2003
10-11:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
219 Bean Ave, Los Gatos

Lecture by Dr. Daniel Harrison "Hurting Hands"

The program will be a lecture-demonstration on how to prevent injuries while playing the organ. This will prove a useful topic for all of us who do a lot of repetitive motions in our work. Dr. Dan Harrison's lecture will include the structure of the hand, its range of motion, possible injuries and what can be done for it.

Dan, a member of our chapter and professor of piano at Santa Clara University, completed his B.A. & M.A. degrees at Brigham Young U. and also studied at the Royal School of Music in London. Because he has an avid interest in keyboard injuries, Dan studied at the acclaimed Dorothy Taubman Institute of Piano in Amherst, MA, where injury-free technique is taught. He now teaches injury-free technique.

St. Mary's Church is located in downtown Los Gatos. From Hwy. 9 (L.G.-Saratoga Road) turn south on Santa Cruz Ave. Go three blocks and just past the Chart House Restaurant on your right, turn right on Bean Ave. The church is on the left.

I hope many will attend this lecture and learn from the pro. After Dr. Harrison's talk, those who would like to extend our time together may enjoy lunch and fellowship at Willow Street Pizza which is a five-minute walk from the church. It offers pizza, salads, sandwiches and burgers. If you wish to go to lunch, please call Pat Milstead 408-253-8630 or email pmmilstead@cs.com by May 14.

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Installation Service, Dinner, & Annual General Meeting

Please use the form at the bottom of page 5 and send in your reservation to this concluding event of our season. Pastor Brooks, who catered our last two annual dinners, will again cook his totally delicious and sumptuous meal. This year he plans to serve up a Southern-style cuisine with a touch of Cajun. Provisions will be made for vegetarians. If you have not yet tasted Pastor Brooks' cooking, this event is a "must" for you!

The Installation Service is at 5:00 p.m., preceding the dinner which should begin at about 6:00. The entertainment will feature a half-hour program by a clarinet quartet known as *Klarinet Kapers*.

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Dean's Column

Dear Colleagues,

As I write this at the conclusion of the long but fulfilling Holy Week and Easter Sunday services, my heart is filled with joy. Joy at what has been and what will be. Let me explain. I've been to several concerts and special services during this time; each one is a beauty in itself, and it has given me time to reflect on life. My life. Your life. The life of the American Guild of Organists and of our chapter which brings me to our MISSION STATEMENT:

"The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education and certification of Guild members."

Isn't our Mission Statement exciting? Just think what it means. We promote, encourage, provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education and certification. How exciting to be a member of such an august and vital organization.

THIS YEAR, we, the San Jose Chapter, have had concerts by renowned artists Joyce Jones and Emma Lou Diemer, an inspiring recital performed by our members, our own PPP—Pipes, Pedals and Pizza—and several workshops. And there's more to come. Please check your newsletter for announcements about the workshop this month by our member Dr. Daniel Harrison on Saturday, May 17th on the prevention of injuries while playing the organ. Also notice the Sunday, June 8 event.

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE is making plans for exciting and enriching events for next year. With the momentum we have going now with members interested and attending events, the committee is encouraged and looking forward to planning an even more exciting and inspirational year of events for you!

LENDING LIBRARY. We have a "library"! Our education chairman Pat Milstead is keeper of our library. We have CDs, tapes and books and are continually gathering educational information for your use. Pat is happy to loan any of these items to you. She will have a list for you at the workshop.

MISSING: If you have any of the chapter's library items, please return them. Some books and educational materials have been missing for quite a while. Call Pat at 408-253-8630 or me at 408-723-7884.

WANTED: More items for our library! What do you have that you'd like to share or donate? Contact Pat.

NEWSLETTER: Thank you Bob Birnstihl for the "first fully (digitally) realized e-Newsletter." It is gorgeous! Thank you David Griffin for posting it on our webpage.

YAHOO egroups: Michael Wong has contacted the members online about joining our chapter's Yahoo e-group. The purpose of this group is to share information. I encourage you to be in touch with one another. If you have questions about this group, please contact michael@galaxy.nsc.com.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM is included after page 5 of this newsletter one month earlier than in the past. With the many exciting events being planned for next year, the board wants you to have every opportunity to renew and to renew early. The actual membership year remains the same, July 1 to June 30th. The dues remain the same. Don't miss out.

THANK YOU to many members who took the opportunity to make an additional contribution to our chapter programs, to is very much appreciated and needed. This same opportunity

exists this year. Spaces have been provided on the membership renewal form. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

JOY leads us to continue our desire to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education and certification of guild members.

Happy Spring.

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Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2003. at 7:30 pm at the Boardroom, Paseo de Palomas, Campbell. Members unable to attend please call the secretary to be excused. All meetings are open.

AGO Regional Convention June 16-19, 2003 in Salt Lake City

Plan now to attend the Regions VIII & IX AGO Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, from June 16-19, 2003. To date, members going are Jane Anderson, Libby Codd, Jean Drahmann, Mary Ann Gee, Kay Lee, Cecelia Lung, Pat Milstead, Carolyn Pryor, Joyce Rhodes, Ken Seylar, Ken Talbot and Lily Torigoe.

Directory Changes

Welcome, new member:

TALBOT, Kenneth
582 Dublin Way
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
408-732-6094
email: kitalbot@pacbell.net
Ken is a member of the LDS church.

Add to Substitute List:

SETTLE, Lyle
408-224-1821

Jean Drahmann, Newsletter Editor
408.356.2813
Copy deadline: 20th of month

Final Slate

Executive Committee 2003-2004

Officers:

Dean	Mary Ann Gee
Co-Sub-deans	Richard Coulter Carolyn Pryor
Secretary	Cecelia Lung
Treas./Regis.	Anita Graves
Nsltr. Editor	Jean Drahmman
Historian	Robert Birnstihl
Auditor	Darryl Parker
Auditor	Berdie Bowlsby

Members-at-large:

Michael Wong	Term to June 30, 2004
Michael Wright	Term to June 30, 2005
Kathy Dougherty	Term to June 30, 2006

All nominees unopposed

N.B. Chapter bylaws provide members with the opportunity to make additional nominations, as published here for the past two months.

Since none was received, and since the only member who stood opposed for election, Gordon Shepherd, has withdrawn his name from the slate, the Board has accepted the commitment of the entire slate as now listed and declares the uncontested election has been accomplished, pending ratification by the voting membership at the annual general meeting on June 8, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Leigh at Moorpark in San Jose.

Positions Available

Choral Director, Notre Dame de Namur University, c/o Human Resources, Job #MUS40403, 1500 Ralston Ave., Belmont, 94002. Part-time pos. (9 mos.) with 6 hrs. teaching weekly. Work with two growing SATB vocal ensembles: Campus Community Singers (20-30 members) and Chamber Singers (5-10 members). Other teaching possible. Begins Aug. 28th. Submit letter and résumé to address above.

Organist/Mus. Dir. Joint Venture Churches: Almaden Valley U.C.C. and Episcopal, 6581 Camden Avenue, San Jose 95120. Half-time pos. with one Sun./mo. off. Phoenix organ. Sun. serv. 9 & 11 a.m.; adult choirs reh. Wed. & Thurs. Salary range \$20-25,000. Send résumé to church Music Search Committee by May 31st. See

avucc.org/music_search or
eca-sj.org/music_search or call 408-268-0243

PT Organist or Pianist, Cambrian Park Methodist Church, 1919 Gunston Way, San Jose, 95124. Allen organ; grand piano. Pos. approx. 10 hrs./wk. Sun. serv. 9:45 a.m.; choir Thurs. Previous experience required. Salary negotiable. Send résumé to church office or FAX 408-377-8523. Info.: 408-377-8155 or email: cambrianparkumc@aol.com

Organist, Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church in Lafayette. 20hrs./wk. Sun. serv. 9 & 10:30 a.m.; choir Thurs. piano acc. 1968 Swain & Kates organ 46 ranks; Steinway piano. Sal. negotiable; vacation. Send résumé with education & work exp. by April 30th to Jim Pearson, 536 El Pintado Rd., Danville, 94526. Phone 925-831-3850. FAX 801-838-2777, email: jimpearson@attglobal.net

Organist/Accompanist, P.T. (6 hrs.) First Unit. Methodist Church, Sunnyvale. Two Sun. serv.; Wed. choir. 30 yr. old Allen, 3 man., grand piano. Salary \$10K, negotiable., vacation and health benefits. Contact Tim Riley 408-404-8593 days, 408-253-2020 evenings, or tim.riley@earthlink.net

Choir Director, P.T. small church, Raynor Park Christian Church, 1515 Partridge Ave., Sunnyvale 94087. Sun. serv. 11 a.m.; choir Thurs. Salary negotiable. Write to Personnel Dept. at the church or call 408-736-8821 for info.

Organist. St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 52 Soledad Dr., Monterey 93940 Familiarity with liturgical worship as well as flexibility with musical styles is desired. Competitive compensation. Pastor Clark Brown: 831-375-2042 or c_bropez@pacbell.net

Organist. Gilroy Presbyterian Church, 6000 Miller Ave., Gilroy 95020 Part-time pos., 17 rank Reuter organ. Sun. serv. 10:30 a.m. (blended). Wed. choir. Salary negotiable. Send résumé and references to the church at P.O. Box 1567, Gilroy, 95021. Information: Vail Keck at 408-842-3000.

Organist/Pianist. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park CA 94025. Salary negotiable. 1972 Wicks organ; Baldwin piano. Sun. serv. 9:30 a.m.; Choir prac. Wed. & Sun. 9 a.m. Require proficiency in piano & organ, contemp. & classical; choir & instr. accomp., small ensembles & childrens' concerts. Send letter & résumé to church or email: dsresound@bethany-mp.org or FAX 650-854-5910.

Professional Concerns

FEES. The results of the survey on substitute fees are not really alarming. Fees paid range from \$85 to \$200 (for 2 services). I received 20 responses, and the average is \$122 per Sunday.

Five churches pay an additional fee (\$50 to \$85) for a mid-week rehearsal with choir. Only one church pays an additional fee for two services on Sunday. Most fees are "per Sunday."

Two churches have mid-week services and pay less than the average for those services. One church paid \$300 for an extremely complicated liturgical service with extra music. That is normal, I would assume.

Please note that this is not a definitive report—just a little survey. It does not include fees for weddings or funerals.

Next month I would like a report from all who are substitute organists. This report should note what these people charge to play a service.

Richard Coulter, Chair
Professional Concerns

Nominating Committee

Joyce Rhodes will not run again for the office of Dean. We are very sorry to lose her, as she has been an enthusiastic and hard-working dean who has accomplished much during her term in office.

Gordon Shepherd has also withdrawn his name from the slate. Please note the revised slate on page 3 of this newsletter.

Many thanks to these members who are willing to serve the chapter in offices of responsibility. We thank also those who are not continuing: Joyce Rhodes, Florene Wells and Carol Griffin.

We have enjoyed our terms of office, and we wish the new group well.

My special appreciation to members Barbara Simmons and Mary Jane Judge for their able and cheerful assistance on this committee.

Carol Griffin, Chair
Nominating Committee

For Sale

Older Allen organ, 2 man., AGO pedalboard. Seven preset pistons and transposer. Excellent condition. \$5,000. Pat Gardner: 408-248-4970.

May Music Calendar

Fri. / 2nd / 8 pm

SJSU Choraliers. "An Evening of Song," benefit for

European concert tour and participation in 40th Spittal International Competition for Choirs, wine reception follows. Le Petit Trianon, 72 N. 5th St., San Jose. \$20 before April 28; \$25 at the door (7pm) 408-924-4333.

Fri. 9th & Sat. 10th / 8 pm

U.C. Symphony & Chorus, with U.C. Choral Ensembles. New work by John Thow and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* (The "Choral"). Hertz Hall, U.C. Berkeley campus, College Ave. at Bancroft Way. 510-642-9988.

Sat. / 17th / 10-11:30 a.m.

Daniel Harrison, lecture—"Hurting Hands" (Chapter Program) St. Mary's Church, 219 Bean Ave., Los Gatos.

Sat. / 17th / 7:30 pm

Earlene Davis and trio. "Joy!" Traditional and contemporary gospel music, anthems and original songs composed by Earlene Davis. Joint Venture Churches, 6581 Camden Ave. San Jose. \$15/\$8

Sat. / 17th / 8 pm & Sun. / 18th / 2 pm

Schola Cantorum, "A Night at the Operas." Familiar choruses and arias from Wagner, Bizet, and Purcell. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts., Castro St. at Mercy. 650-254-1700.

Sun. / 18th / 2:30 pm

David Peckham, organ. Wurlitzer Pops Series. Berkeley Community Theatre, 1930 Allston Way, Berkeley. \$12 at the door.

Sun. / 18th / 3:30 pm

Christopher Pardini (of Crystal Cathedral), organ (San Francisco Chapter program). Begins with Evensong at 3 pm at Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. at Taylor, S.F. Annual meeting follows concert.

Wed. / 21st / 8 pm

Gail Archer, organ. Memorial Church, Stanford campus, Palo Alto. \$10/\$5.

Fri. / 23rd / 8 pm

Early Music Singers. Memorial Church, Stanford campus, Palo Alto. free.

Special Note: May 11-14, 2003, Redlands Organ

Festival with Pierre Pincemaille, Craig Williams, Christopher Pardini, James Welch, organ & Russell Hancock, piano. Classes covering hymn playing, registration, conducting from the console, worship styles, new music reading. Early reg. \$249 incl. banquet; at the door, \$299. For more info call 909-793-2121.

PHILIP HAHN,

the Guild's immediate past president and a former San Francisco Chapter dean, died on April 13, 2003 from complications of myelofibrosis. A memorial service will take place at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ross on Sunday, May 4, at 1:00 pm. Dr. Hahn was organist at St. John's for the past 12 years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Philip Hahn Scholarship at AGO National. You may read the Guild's full press release by accessing the link at www.agohq.org. May his soul rest in peace.

DALE WOOD

died of esophageal and lung cancer at his home in Sea Ranch, CA on April 13, 2003. A member of ASCAP, Dale was an editor, a prolific composer of organ and choral works, and an organist and choral director. He was a friend to many in the San Jose Chapter and delivered the keynote address at the opening service of the 1989 AGO Region IX Convention in San Jose. Memorials may be sent to California Lutheran University, 60 W. Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. *Requiescat in pace.*



*Organist
and
composer
Emma Lou Diemer
at
recent
San
Jose
Chapter
event.*



RESERVATION FORM—ANNUAL DINNER

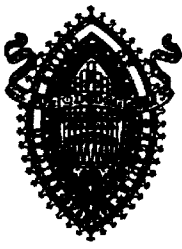
JUNE 8, 2003, 6:00 pm, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Moorpark at Leigh, San Jose

Please reserve ___ dinner(s) at \$15 each. Total enclosed \$ _____

Vegetarian meal requested: _____

Make check payable to AGO, San Jose and send to Anita Graves, 70 Palomar Real, Campbell, CA 95008

Please do NOT combine this check with dues renewal check. Reservation must be received by May 31, 2003.



American Guild of Organists

SAN JOSE CHAPTER



PLEASE PRINT

New Member

Renewal

Reinstatement

(Name)

(AGO certification, only)

(Address)

(City) (State) (ZIP)

(Church Position)

(Home Telephone)

(Church or Synagogue)

(E-mail Address) (Above Information For Directory)

(City)

(Check One)

Voting Membership:

- Regular (national \$48 + local chapter \$32) \$80.00 _____
- Special/Disabled (65 or older, or disabled) (national \$32 + local chapter \$25) \$57.00 _____
- Partner (Second voting member at the same address. No TAO)
Second partner (national \$24 + local chapter \$32) \$56.00 _____

(Partner's Name)
(Each partner must complete a membership form.)

- Dual (Pays dues to primary chapter) \$30.00 _____
- Student (Fulltime with current valid school ID) (national \$20 + \$10 local) \$30.00 _____
- Student dual (Pays \$30.00 to primary chapter) \$10.00 _____

(Primary Chapter)

Non-Voting Membership (No TAO)

- Chapter Friend (Non organists or retired non-performing organists) \$25.00 _____

Optional Additional contribution to Chapter Programs _____

Optional Additional contribution to AGO Annual Fund (national) _____

Optional Additional contribution to Endowment Fund (national) _____

Late Fee (Payable for renewal after June 30) \$6.00 _____
(Not required for new members)

Total Amount Enclosed

(Member's Signature) (Date)

Make checks payable to **San Jose Chapter, AGO**
Return form and payment before June 30 to
Anita Graves, Treasurer/Registrar, 70 Palomar Real, Campbell CA 95008