



# e-Newsletter

JUNE 2003



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## JUNE CHAPTER PROGRAM

### Installation Service and Dinner

5 PM Sunday, June 8, 2003

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1710 Moorpark Ave (at Leigh), San Jose

Musicians for the Installation Service include members Michael Wong and Darryl Parker, with a special mini-concert by *Klarinet Kapers*, a very talented clarinet quartet.

Please use the form at the bottom of page 4 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 serves 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!

Mary Ann Gee, Sub-dean  
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Jurors were Carolyn Pryor, Michael Wong and Kristin Sundquist. We appreciate the use of Stone Church of Willow Glen for the competition and the help of Joyce Rhodes.

Permanent guidelines for future Frasier competitions have been formulated and approved by the Board.

**ELISABETH CORBALIS**, chapter member and student of Carol Griffin, has been given a grant to attend a POE.

**Daniel Harrison** has an addendum to the information he gave us on avoiding hand injuries at May's chapter program. The learning order he suggests for practicing Hanon is: 1 (only briefly), 6, 5, 15, 7, 13, 10, 11, 14 (with "doubled trill"), and sometimes 2 and 3. Then take a break and do etudes of Czerny, Duvemoy, Liszt and Chopin. Continuing Hanon, practice 20, 24 and 31. Thanks for all the tips given to us by Dan.

Our CD/tape/manual library has been catalogued and items are available for borrowing by members. If you wish to donate resources to the library, please contact me.

Pat Milstead, Chair  
Education Committee

### Board Meeting

June meeting and pot-luck supper for former and new board members will be held on Tuesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm. Meeting will follow. Location: Rhodes home: 1536 Peregrino Way, San Jose.

### Frasier Scholarship Winner

The 2003 Frasier Scholarship has been awarded to **ALISHAN MERJANIAN**, a student of AGO member Dick Coulter and son of AGO member Christine Merjanian. His competition repertoire included:

- Bach: *Toccatà and Fugue in d minor*
- Boëllman: "Toccatà" from *Suite Gothique*
- Dupré: *Entrée*, Op. 62, No. 1

Alishan will perform at the October members' recital.

### AGO Regional Convention

June 16-19, 2003 in Salt Lake City

Convention attendees are: Jane Anderson, Libby Codd, Jean Drahmann, Mary Ann Gee, Kay Lee, Cecelia Lung, Pat Milstead, Carolyn Pryor, Joyce Rhodes, Ken Seylar, Lily Torigoe and Ken Talbot. Perhaps you would like to get together for a lunch or dinner while in Salt Lake City? Once you check

into your hotel, please let either Kay Lee or Pat Milstead know where you are staying so you can be contacted. They can be reached at the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel: 801-521-0130.

## 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 Drahmann
Historian	Robert Birnstihl
Auditor	Darryl Parker
Auditor	Berdie Bowsby

#### 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.***

## For Sale

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

## Directory Changes

REZOS, Claudette  
New phone number: 408.972.5087

Jean Drahmann, Newsletter Editor  
16239 Jacaranda Way  
Los Gatos, CA 95032  
408.356.2813  
Next copy deadline: August 20, 2003

## June Music Calendar

### Fri. / 6th / 8 pm

Chanticleer. Sound in Spirit—the healing power of music. Exploring the rich body of vocal music from across time and cultures that cures ills and soothes souls. St. Joseph's Cathedral, Market at San Fernando, San Jose. \$37, \$34, \$25, \$22. Call 415-575-6175 for workshop information.

### Sun. / 8th / 5 pm

CHAPTER INSTALLATION SERVICE. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1710 Moorpark Ave at Leigh, San Jose. Darryl Parker and Michael Wong, organ.

### Fri. / 13th / 8 pm

Robert Huw Morgan, organ. Memorial Church, Stanford University, Palo Alto. Free.

*Looking ahead—*

### Sat. & Sun. September 27 & 28

Dr. Charles Callahan, organ. Workshop and recital at First Unit. Methodist Church, Campbell. Co-sponsored by our chapter and the church.

## 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](http://avucc.org/music_search) or [eca-sj.org/music\\_search](http://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](mailto:cambrianparkumc@aol.com)

**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 and inst. accomp, small ensembles and children's concerts. Send letter and résumé to church or email: dsresound@bethany-mp.org or FAX 650-854-5910.

## Dean's Column

Dear Colleagues,

**YEAR IN REVIEW.** Where has it gone? It seems we've just started and the year is over...the AGO year, that is. Just think what we've done and the events we've offered: in September, with First United Methodist Church of Campbell, we presented a workshop and concert by Dr. Joyce Jones. In October we held our Members' Recital at St. Jude's Church in Cupertino. In November at the Changs, we listened to an informative tape presentation by John Ferguson. Also in November, we held a "Pedals, Pizza and Pipes" event for more than 100 students at Angelino's Restaruant. In January, at Immanuel Lutheran, San Jose, Zita Weyland and her pastor presented a workshop on clergy and organists working together successfully. Again in January, we supported the Silicon Valley Arts Coalition fundraiser. In February, Bill and Carol Griffin presented a workshop on

using MIDI voices in your registrations. Emma Lou Diemer's concert was held in March at Sunnyvale Presbyterian, and in May, Dr. Daniel Harrison at St. Mary's in Los Gatos, presented a workshop on prevention of injuries while playing the organ. Coming on June 8th is our Guild Installation Service and dinner. It has been a full and enriching year.

Besides our programs being terrific and educational this year, we have held a competition for the Frasier Scholarship (and will award it at the June program), started a library for all of us to use, got 2/3 page coverage in TAO in May for our "Pedals, Pizza and Pipes" event, actively searched for and invited organists and those interested in the organ to join the chapter, worked on a compensation piece, put our fully-digital newsletter online, printed and distributed brochures of our year of programs, actively participated in the Silicon Valley Arts Coalition, formed an online AGO group for better communications, attended the national convention in Philadelphia, socialized, communicated, grew in numbers and in spirit, and ...my, we had fun!

I thank the officers and standing committee chairs for jobs well done: Mary Ann Gee, Cecelia Lung, Anita Graves, Jean Drahmann, Florene Wells, Darryl Parker, Douglas DeForeest, Carol Griffin, Michael Wong, Michael Wright, Pat Milstead, Dick Coulter, and Bob Birnstihl. Great job! You're fantastic!! Thank You!

I thank the presenters and performers for their hard and excellent work! Awesome!! And, I thank all of you for attending and supporting our programs this year!! Way to go! How encouraging!

**ENCOURAGING:** The author is unknown, but the message, to me, is strong, powerful and encouraging:

*Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took the small boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE." When the house lights were dimmed and the concert about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that her son was missing.*

*Suddenly the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle,*

*Little Star."*

*At that moment the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obbligato. Together the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was mesmerized.*

That's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly graceful, flowing music. With the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful.

So the next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully and you can hear the voice of the master whispering in your ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

Support and encouragement. From one another, from our chapter members. Wow! That's what we're all about!!

**MAY WORKSHOP.** Dr. Dan Harrison's workshop was not only interesting and informative but encouraging to anyone who has ever had their hands, arms, shoulders, etc. hurt! He explained the structure of the arm and hand, positioning and use of both, injuries and how to prevent them and much more. He noted that it takes work to play the piano and emphasized letting gravity and the weight of the keys do as much of the work as possible. One of the most important aspects of not sustaining an injury is not to play tensed up. The opposite of "tensed" is not "relaxed." One does not play in a relaxed fashion. But one should play without locking in the shoulders, hands and arms.

Think of sitting tall rather than sitting straight. He demonstrated rotating our hands and arms. How do you turn a doorknob? Practice that. That is the ideal motion to relieve tension! Thank you, Dr. Harrison! It feels good to relieve tension... and you bet, whenever I turn a doorknob, I think... ahhh...I was just given more time I'll be able to play!



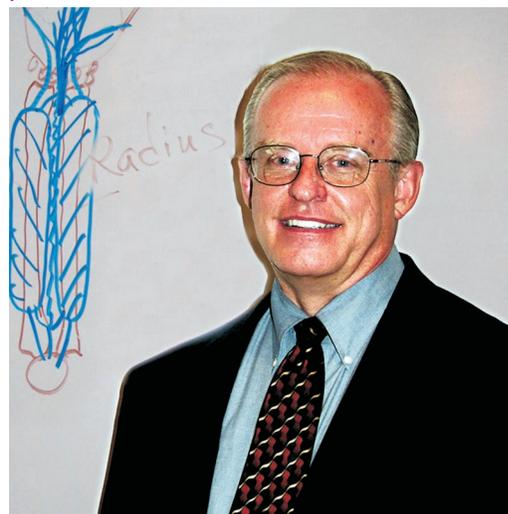
**MORE TIME:** Since I have been given more time to play, I'll say goodbye to you as your dean. I've served in this capacity for two and a half years. It's been quite a journey and I've enjoyed every step of the way. From the time when Ed Baer moved and I became dean, I have felt your support and encouragement. Thank you San Jose Chapter officers and members, Bill and David Griffin, AGO national and regional officers, Silicon Valley Arts Coalition members, my family, and especially my husband Bob. I believe our San Jose Chapter is much stronger now than it was two and a half years ago because of all of you!! Thank you so very much.

**LOOKING AHEAD.** Plans for next year will be announced at the installation service and dinner. Be sure to come to find out what is being offered! Then go home and put ALL the dates on your calendar and plan to attend. At least if the dates are on YOUR calendar, you might be able to protect those dates and attend.

Mary Ann Gee will be a wonderful dean and all of the incoming officers are so capable. It will be a great year. Congratulations. See you at the Installation Service and...next year!

With gratitude and heartfelt thanks for these enriching years,

Joyce E. Rhodes, Dean  
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*Dr. Dan  
Harrison  
at  
May  
Meeting.*

### **RESERVATION FORM—ANNUAL DINNER**

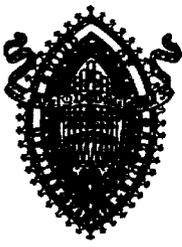
JUNE 8, 2003, 5:00 pm, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1710 Moorpark at Leigh, San Jose

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

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

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