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*Dean's Message*

*H*appy June everyone:

*I* sit here this Memorial weekend thinking of the many people that have gone on before, leading exemplary lives so that I may be a beneficiary of their generosity and sacrifice. President John F. Kennedy said, "A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers." As a result, I have been pondering this weekend on what I can do now to honor their memory as I am forever grateful to them and for the many things in my life.

Since I grew up in the Army of course my thoughts turn to the soldiers past and present. However, as a result of the many moves my family made I have been blessed by fabulous musical teachers, some still present and some now passed. Those teachers believed in their students *and* their futures as well even when we didn't believe in ourselves. That alone is a generous gift. May we all continue to believe in ourselves, others, and those that we serve with! As this month is dedicated to graduations and full of inspiring speeches and quotes may I end this month's column with some of my favorite quotes:

"The bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding, go out to meet it". ~ Greek philosopher Thucydides

"If a man does his best, what else is there"? ~ Gen. George S. Patton

"The more you give, the more you get". ~ Mayor Billy Kenoi

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us". ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

"The best luck of all is the luck you make for yourself". ~Gen. Douglas MacArthur

"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent". ~ Victor Hugo

With only the best of memories,

*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

The next newsletter will be the September issue

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## 7 JUNE, INSTALLATION MEETING

You are **ALL** invited to the **AGO Annual Meeting, Hymn Sing and Potluck at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, 12770 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga. The Annual Meeting starts at **5 PM**, the Hymn Sing starts at **5:30 PM** and the potluck follows. The dessert will be provided along with drinks and tableware. All you need to bring is a main dish, a vegetable or a salad. Everyone loved it last year and we're doing it again. Some of the people playing you haven't heard in a long time. They are all wonderful. Hope to see you there.

Carolyn Lamke, Sub-Dean 🎵

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## FRASIER WINNERS' RECITAL

FRIDAY JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> FEATURING

### KIRIM EOM & KIRK WAIBLINGER

Come hear an exciting organ recital showcasing our two most recent Frasier Organ Scholarship winners, **Kirim Eom** (2013 winner) and **Kirk Waiblinger** (2014 winner). The recital will be at **7:30pm** at the **Los Altos United Methodist Church** (655 Magdalena Ave. in Los Altos), with an informal reception following in the church's Redwood Room.

**Kirim 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 Eleanor Whitsett's "*In Dulci Jubilo*," three chorales by J.S. Bach and Max Reger, Frederick Swann's "*Festival Toccata on St. Anne*," a Larghetto by Handel, and "*When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*" by Joyce Jones.

**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 will play *Bach's C-Major Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue*

(BWV 564), the finale from Vierne's Symphonie no. 3 (op. 28), and "From the World of My Father" by Herman Berlinski.

Mark your calendars and plan now to attend this wonderful recital featuring Kirim Eom and Kirk Waiblinger. We will honor both performers with an informal reception following the recital. If you are willing to bring cookies, fruit, or a finger-food appetizer to share at that reception, please email Valerie Sterk (valeriesterk@gmail.com). 🎵

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## 2015 FRASIER WINNER

Congratulations to **Nicholas Welch**, the winner of the 2015 Frasier Organ Scholarship! The Frasier auditions were held on Saturday afternoon, May 16, at Los Gatos Presbyterian Church. Our San Jose AGO chapter will present Nicholas with the \$1,000 award and acknowledge him at an AGO event next fall.



Nicholas has been studying organ for three years with his father, James Welch. He also studied piano for ten years, both

with his father and with others: Elizabeth Neil, Virginia Fruchterman, and Russell Hancock. Nicholas has held positions as LDS ward organist, LDS choir pianist, and as substitute organist for Christian Science and Seventh-Day Adventist churches. He plans to use the Frasier Scholarship to further his music study, which he hopes to continue at the college level. His goal in studying music is to "gain a performance-worthy level of proficiency that will serve me and others well throughout my lifetime." Nicholas is currently a junior at Gunn High School in Palo Alto. He is also an Eagle Scout, is good at math, loves to ski, and completed the "Sharkfest" swim from Alcatraz to San Francisco.

For his Frasier audition, Nicholas performed "*Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578*" by J.S. Bach, "*Toccata*" from Suite Gothique by Léon Boëllmann, "*La Nativité*" by Jean Langlais, and the hymn "*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*"

(*Duke Street*). Although memorization was not required, he performed his entire audition (except the hymn) from memory.

Our San Jose AGO chapter extends sincere appreciation to Carolyn Pryor, Diane Keller, and Dick Coulter, who served as the three judges for this year's Frasier scholarship auditions. We also thank Los Gatos Presbyterian Church and host organist Margaret Kvamme for graciously allowing the Frasier applicants to practice and perform their audition pieces there.

Valerie Sterk. 🎵

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### BENEFIT CONCERT FOR VICTIMS OF ISIS

A benefit concert will be held on **Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Campbell United Methodist Church**, 1675 Winchester Blvd, Campbell, **7:30pm**. It will be a collaborative recital with **Chinar Mejanian**, organ, **Oshagan Mejanian**, cello, and **Allshan Mejanian** piano and voice. Featured works will be *Victimae Paschali Laudes* by Tournemire, *Kol Nidrei* by Bruch, Brahms, and others.

Free Admission. Free will donations will benefit work being done to support those being persecuted in the Middle East. 🎵

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### Dates to Remember

**Alzheimer's Benefit Concert, 16 August, First United Methodist Church**, 404 Lincoln Ave, Salinas, CA at **2 PM**.

**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](http://ugosforza.jimdo.com)

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

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### THE INVENTOR OF THE PIANO BARTOLOMEO CRISTOFORI

You may have never heard of **Bartolomeo Cristofori**, but you definitely know his invention. Cristofori was an Italian musical instrument maker credited with inventing the pianoforte, or: the piano. One of his biggest innovations was creating a hammer mechanism that struck the strings on a keyboard to create sound. The use of a hammer made it possible to produce softer or louder sounds depending upon how light or hard a player pressed on the keys. In fact, that's how Cristofori's new instrument got its name – in Italian, piano means soft, while forte means loud. Being able to change the volume was a major breakthrough. And that's exactly what Doodler Leon Hong wanted to highlight in this interactive Doodle. We talked to Hong to get the inside scoop on how this musical Doodle came to be.

See <https://www.google.com/doodles/bartolomeo-cristoforis-360th-birthday>

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### SCHOENSTEIN OPEN HOUSE

Benicia, CA – Please join us on **Sunday, June 28, from 2-5 p.m.** for an **Open House at our Benicia plant**. Assembled on our erecting room floor is a three manual, 46 rank organ to be installed in Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri. The church is completing an extensive renovation of their worship space prior to the installation of the organ this August. Refreshments and a plant tour will be available.

Schoenstein & Co. is located at 4001 Industrial Way, Benicia, CA 94510. Telephone (707) 747-5858. . Ample 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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**SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT YEAR  
1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.**

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**OPEN POSITIONS**

**Los Gatos United Methodist Church**, 111 Church St, Los Gatos, is seeking a **Chancel and Bell Choir Director**. ~15 hours/week. Salary commensurate with experience. For further information email [toni@losgatosfarms.com](mailto:toni@losgatosfarms.com). Send résumé to [toni@losgatosfarms.com](mailto:toni@losgatosfarms.com). **Responsibilities:** Direct Choir for traditional worship services and rehearsals and work with choir librarian and worship director. Additionally conduct and plan special choral performances such as Christmas & Easter services. Possibility starting a Youth Choir. Requires strong Choral & Bell Choir directing experience/expertise. Need a commitment to spiritual growth and acceptance of reconciling platform adopted by Los Gatos UMC. ♪

**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](mailto:hdraeger@gmail.com). ♪

**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, Email the church at [gsumcao@prodiety.net](mailto:gsumcao@prodiety.net) and let them know about your interest and request information from them. ♪

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**AGO REGIONAL CONVENTION**

The SJ-AGO board is hoping you will register for this AGO West Regional Convention in San Diego. **Chinar Merjanian** is playing a recital at the convention and we might want to support one of our members. Plus it's the 100 Anniversary of the Spreckels organ in Balboa Park. We'll hear it played. There we be great workshops, concerts, presentations and other AGO members. The dates are 28 June 2015 through 2 July 2015. Think about putting this on your calendar. <http://www.agosandiego2015.org/>. ♪

**New Member Douglas Peterson**

167 Turner Court, San Jose, CA 95139  
408-386-9193 [hollywoodwigs2@aol.com](mailto:hollywoodwigs2@aol.com)

**Executive Committee Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday **12<sup>th</sup> May, 2015** at **7:30 PM** at **Valerie Sterk's home, 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara**

## 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, 34<sup>th</sup> Ave & Clement St., San Francisco.

**D. Hegarty:** Jun 6/7 – Jul 4/5

**John Dimmock:** Jun 13/14

**Angela Kraft Cross:** Jul 11/12

**Susan Jane Matthews:** Jun 20/21

**Brian Swager:** Jun 27/28

**D. Hegarty:** Aug ½ - Sep 5/6

**John Dimmock:** Aug 8/9 – Sep 12/13

**John Walko:** Aug 22/23 – Sep 26/27

**Angela Kraft Cross:** Aug 29/30

### May 2015

#### **31 Sunday**

**John Karl Hirten,** organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### June 2015

#### **3 Wednesday**

**Benefit Concert:**

**Chinar Merjanian,** organ,

**Oshagan Merjanian,** cello, & **Allshan Merjanian,** voice & piano, **CUMC, 7:30 PM**

#### **7 Sunday**

**Ben Bachmann & Paul Meier,** organ, **GC, 4 PM**

**Robert Gurney,** organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

**Annual Installation Meeting and Hymn Sing, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,** 12770 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga, CA, **5:30 PM. Installation, Hymn Sing, & Potluck.**

#### **12 Sunday**

**Robert Huw Morgan, Annual Commencement Recital,** organ, **Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM**

#### **14 Sunday**

**Paul Meier,** organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

**John Karl Hirten,** organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church,** 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **6:05 PM**

#### **21 Sunday**

**Tom Lohmuller,** organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **28 Sunday**

**Olesya Kravchenko** (Russia), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### July 2015

#### **5 Sunday**

**Alan Montgomery** (Oberlin College), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **12 Sunday**

**Etienne Walhain** (Belgium), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **19 Sunday**

**Xian Wang,** piano, **Woctpr Zie,** Viola, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### **26 Sunday**

**Leo Abbott** (Boston), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### August 2015

#### **2 Sunday**

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

#### **9 Sunday**

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

#### **16 Sunday**

**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**

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