



**SAN JOSE PIPINGS**  
 SAN JOSE CHAPTER OF THE AGO  
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*Annual Chapter Meeting and Pot Luck*

**Our Annual Meeting** was held at **Patricia Milstead's home** on June 5<sup>th</sup> where we installed this year's officers followed with a pot luck dinner. A total of 17 attended and we have had a very enjoyable time.

The first order of business was to hold the Annual Meeting where the new officers for the following year (1 July 2016 to 30 Jun 2017) were voted on and installed. At the conclusion of the meeting a potted plant was given to Elisabeth Pintar, outgoing dean, for the work she has done over the past two years. A potted plant was also given to Libby Codd for the work she has done over the past five or six years as she has served in various positions on the board. She is taking well deserved break.



We then had a very nice Pot Luck Dinner. There was more than enough food and it was excellent. Everybody had an enjoyable time getting to talk and visit with each other.

The following are the officers for the coming year.

**Officers for Year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.**

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| <p><b>Dean:</b> Michael Cala<br/> <b>Sub-Dean:</b> Carolyn Lamcke<br/> <b>Auditor:</b> Christine Merjanian<br/> <b>Auditor:</b> Darryl Parker<br/> <b>Historian:</b> Valerie Sterk<br/> <b>Newsletter Editor:</b> Kenneth Talbot<br/> <b>Membership:</b> David Snook-Luther</p> | <p><b>Members at Larges:</b><br/> <b>David Snook-Luther – 2017</b><br/> <b>Susan Snook-Luther – 2018</b><br/> <b>Melody Bast – 2019</b><br/> <b>Secretary:</b> Kay Lee<br/> <b>Treasurer/Registrar:</b> Janet Parent</p> |
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**RETIREMENT**

**Sophie Chang** organist at the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Saratoga's organist for almost two decades submitted her resignation a few weeks ago. Her last Sunday was May 29. 🎵

**Executive Committee Meeting**

The next meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2016 at 7 PM at Valerie Sterk's home, 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara

For sale: small **1962 Moller Artiste pipe organ**. We would be interested in taking offers from people as we do not have a fixed price for it. I believe it has 4 ranks. It is a relatively small organ that could potentially fit inside of a house or church. Contact Kristofer Cook, 510-631-6800 or [kristofer.j.cook@gmail.com](mailto:kristofer.j.cook@gmail.com). Also, if you know of any church that would be interested in it, contact Kristofer.

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## CHOIR FEST

The San Jose Chapter of AGO is inviting all church choirs to participate in a great choir festival at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, 1100 Shasta Ave., San Jose, on **November 20th** with the program beginning at **4 p.m.**

We would like each choir, big or small, to sing two songs. They can be the choir's favorites or something they are preparing for Thanksgiving or Advent/Christmas. In addition, all choirs will do two anthems together, conducted by Mary Ann James, choir director for Westminster Presbyterian Church. One title is *God of Heaven* by Heather Sorenson. The other will be decided with a group session of all choir directors.

Please notify Christine Merjanian, [christinemer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:christinemer@sbcglobal.net), if you have questions, are interested or are going to participate.

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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)

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

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

Paul Rosas, [tpaulrosas@comcast.net](mailto:tpaulrosas@comcast.net)

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

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### NEW PHONE NUMBER

To contact **Roger Inkpen** or the Newton Pipe Organ Company (non-emergency) call (408) 720-0730. Roger's cell phone number (408) 398-3221.

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### NEW SCHOENSTEIN ORGAN

Jack Bethards

Please join us on **Sunday, August 21**, from **2-5 p.m.** for an Open House at our Benicia plant. Assembled on our erecting room floor is a **three manual, 28 rank organ** to be installed at **First Presbyterian Church of Monterey**. This organ is very special – a **re-creation of a 1912 Murray M. Harris** organ employing many original pipes. Refreshments and a plant tour are included.

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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## OPEN POSITIONS

**The Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA)**, 6581 Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA is seeking a **Music Director and Organist/Pianist**. <http://www.eca-sj.org/>

The person selected will help ECA fulfill its vision of creating a joyful, dynamic worship experience, supported and enriched by music both congregational and choral through celebration and education. We want the Music Director to help educate and train, individuals and the congregation as a whole, preparing them to participate fully in the worship of the church. We want the Holy Spirit to be felt in our singing and in the music sung by the choir, and to engage a broad range of repertoire in both. We want to be creative and collaborative in our worship planning, and to have fun together doing so. Joyfulness and a personally engaging manner will be considered as much as technical competence in the choice of our Music Director. ECA considers its music programs to be a vital ministry.

Ideal candidate qualities and background:

- Familiarity with Episcopal/liturgical worship
- Flexibility and willingness to learn and lead new styles
- Ability to work collaboratively with Rector and other music leaders and musicians
- Range of experience with musical styles and genres
- Introducing congregations to new musical styles
- Experience with choral conducting

Key points:

- Experienced adult choir (currently 8-12 members)
- State-of-the-art 3-manual digital Phoenix organ from England
- One Sunday morning service at 10:45 a.m.
- Thursday night rehearsal 7:30-9:00 p.m. (except summer)
- Help oversee Bell Choir, folk choir, and possible youth music programs
- Intimate, in-the-round worship space
- Church facility shared with UCC congregation (worships at 9:00 a.m. with its own Music Director)

Part-time position (10-15 hours/wk.) with competitive salary (\$18-21,000) and negotiable benefits. See more detailed job listing at: [eca-sj.org/files/music\\_search.pdf](http://eca-sj.org/files/music_search.pdf).

Apply by: June 30, 2016. Email resume to: [music\\_search@eca-sj.org](mailto:music_search@eca-sj.org). Todd Axtell, Music Search Committee, 650/856-2020 408/693-4089, [toddger@aol.com](mailto:toddger@aol.com)

Organ specs: [eca-sj.org/files/graphics/Phoenix\\_specs.pdf](http://eca-sj.org/files/graphics/Phoenix_specs.pdf) 🎵

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The **Foothill Presbyterian Church**, 5301 McKee Road Jose, CA, is looking for an **Organist/Pianist**.

- The organist is responsible for providing organ/piano music at all regular worship services at the church and other special services.
- The organist is responsible to the Director of Music Ministries and will work under the supervision of the pastor/head of staff and will meet with them as necessary.
- Rehearse once weekly with chancel choir.
- Four weeks paid vacation annually.

For information and/or if interested contact Andrew Carter, Director of Music Ministries, [fcpcmusic@gmail.com](mailto:fcpcmusic@gmail.com), 831-291-2289. 🎵

The **Choir Director position** for the Chancel Choir (30+ voices) at **Los Altos United Methodist Church**, 655 Magdalena Avenue, Los Alto , is now open. Interviews will be held beginning September 2016 with expected hiring date at the beginning of January 2017. There is one Thursday evening rehearsal, a Sunday morning rehearsal, and one Sunday morning service, alternating between 9:30 and 11:15 every other month. For more information contact: T. Paul Rosas at [tpaulrosas@comcast.net](mailto:tpaulrosas@comcast.net) or Dirk Damonte at [dirkdamonte@laumc.org](mailto:dirkdamonte@laumc.org). 🎵

The **First Congregational Church of San Jose** (FCCSJ), 1980 Hamilton Ave., San Jose, CA, is seeking a part-time **Organist/Pianist**. We seek a skilled musician who will support and enrich our services, the majority of which follow a traditional pattern of worship. Music ranges from traditional, classical repertoire through contemporary jazz. Accompaniment of all Sunday services, our SATB and cherub choir, and special services. Worship services at 10:00 AM Sunday and choir rehearsals on Thursday, 7:30-9:00 from September-May. Schantz Organ, 2 manuals, 34 ranks and a Steinway Concert Grand. **Position Responsibilities:** For each Sunday prelude, offertory, postlude, congregational hymn singing and the choirs, providing background music during quiet prayer times and monthly communion. Will accompany the bell choir and soloists on occasions. **Skills Required:** Equally competent on organ and piano, strong sight-reading skills, able to play a wide variety of musical styles and genres. **Education:** Bachelor's degree in organ and/or piano performance preferred and/or significant experience in a similar position. **Position:** Part-time (10-14 hours/wk.) with competitive salary commensurate with education and experience.

Interested parties should submit inquiries or resumes to Kristin Link, Director of Music at [music@firstccsj.org](mailto:music@firstccsj.org). (408) 377-7121 X115. For additional information: [www.firstccsj.org](http://www.firstccsj.org). 🎵

**Christ Episcopal Church**, Portola Valley and Woodside ([ccpvw.org](http://ccpvw.org)) at 815 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028 is looking for an experienced, part-time **Director of Music** with a relevant Master's degree or AAGO or

equivalent. The church has a strong music tradition and the Director of Music is expected to play the [Visser-Rowland organ](#), conduct the choir and help the Rector plan an Episcopal liturgy for two Sunday services. There are additional opportunities for supporting children's services, managing community recitals and organizing special events. See the detailed Job Description at <http://tinyurl.com/ccpvwmus>. Apply to Angela Hey, head of the search committee, at [musicjobs@ccpvw.org](mailto:musicjobs@ccpvw.org) or by mail at the church address, for questions phone (650) 851-2542. 🎵

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## Dates to Remember

The Palo Alto/Peninsula Chapter of the American Guild of Organists announces its sponsorship of a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) Summer camp for teens August 7-13, 2016.

Please join us at the following free recitals open to the public at Memorial Church, Stanford University Sunday through Thursday recitals 8:00pm; Friday evening at 7:00pm. .

Sunday 07 August: **Robert Huw Morgan**

Monday 08 August: **Angela Kraft Cross**

Tuesday 09 August: **Barbara Baird & Meaghan King**

Wednesday 10 August: **Alcee Chriss III**

Thursday 11 August: **Adam Detzner & Weston Jennings**

Friday 12 August: **23 POE Students** -- begins at 7:00pm

Also on Tuesday 09 August **Paulette Grundeen** will play at **St. Bede's Episcopal Church**, 2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park, 3PM, **Hymn Playing Instruction** will follow her short concert.

**Ugo Sforza**, **Friday 14 October**, **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**, 728 West Fremont Ave, SV, **7:30 PM**. 🎵

### The Bay Area Max Reger Festival 2016

*honoring the centennial of the death  
of Max Reger (1873-1916)*

**at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption,  
San Francisco, concerts at 4 pm**

August 14 - Paul Fejko

August 21 - Thomas Joyce

September 4 - David Hatt

September 11 - Stephen Hamilton

September 18 - Angela Kraft Cross

**at Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno, Nevada  
concerts at 7 pm/noon**

July 28/29 - Angela Kraft Cross

September 2 - Thomas Joyce

*For information call 415/640-6815*

## Music Calendar

### 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.

**D. Hegarty:** Aug 6/7 – Sep 3/4 – Oct 1/2

**Tony Baldwin:** Aug 13/14

**James Hicks:** Oct 8/9

**John Dimmock:** Sep 10/11 – Oct 15/16

**Angela Kraft Cross :** Aug 20/21

**Paul Meier:** Sep 17/18

**John Walko:** Aug 27/28 – Sep 24/25 – Oct 22-23

**Steve Main:** July 30/31

**Alexander Finch:** Oct 29/30

### August

#### 6 Saturday

**Thomas Joyce,** New Dobson organ, **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church,** 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel Valley, Ca, **3-4 PM,** \$20, [www.saintdunstanschurch.org](http://www.saintdunstanschurch.org)

#### 7 Sunday

**Robert Gurney,** organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### 14 Sunday

**Bay Area Reger Festival, Paul Feiko,** organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

**Susan Jane Matthews,** organist, **GC, 4 PM**

#### 21 Sunday

**Bay Area Reger Festival, Thomas Joyce,** organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### 28 Sunday

**No Recital,** organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### September

#### 2 Friday

**CANCELLED, James Welch, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Murray Harris organ, Mayflower Presbyterian Church, Pacific Grove, CA**

#### 4 Sunday

**Bay Area Reger Festival, David Hatt,** organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**  
**James Welch,** organist, **GC, 4 PM,** \$10 donation

#### 11 Sunday

**Bay Area Reger Festival, Stephen Hamilton,** organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

**Tiffany Truett Bender,** organ,  
**Laura Anderson,** soprano, New Dobson organ, **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church,** 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel

Valley, Ca, **4-5 PM,** \$20, [www.saintdunstanschurch.org](http://www.saintdunstanschurch.org)

**Paul Meier** (Grace Cathedral), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church,** 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **6:05 PM**

#### 18 Sunday

**Bay Area Reger Festival, Angela Kraft Cross,** organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### 24 Saturday

**James Welch,** organ, Schoenstein organ, **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church,** 2094 Grant Rd, Mountain View, CA, **7 PM,** Free

#### 25 Sunday

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

### October

#### 2 Sunday

MEM> **Jin Kyung Lim,** organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### 9 Sunday

**Elna Johnson** (Pittsburgh, PA), organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

#### 14 Friday

SJCAGO> **Ugo Sforza Recital, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church,** 728 W. Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale, **7:30 PM**

#### 16 Sunday

**Ugo Sforza** (Italy), organist, Louie Vierne Symphony VI, **CSMA, 4 PM**

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