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 SAN JOSE CHAPTER OF THE AGO
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Dean's Message

Well, the summer months will soon be with us and thoughts of vacation, BBQs, etc. are in our heads, well mine anyway! This is the first summer in many years that I have Sunday's off and I'm looking forward to it. What's really important though, is that on Sunday June 4th, our chapter is having our last event of the year, our annual chapter meeting, recital and pot luck dinner. This event will be held at First Congregational Church at the corner of Hamilton and Leigh Avenues in San Jose. The meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. with the recital at 4:00 and the pot luck immediately after. The recital should be a lot of fun. The theme is "Never on Sunday", music that an organist would probably never play at a church service. Several of our chapter organists will be taking part in this and it should be great fun. Please come and enjoy good music and good food. If you plan to stay for the pot luck dinner, please bring a dish to share. Hope to see all of you there!

Michael Cala, Dean

Final Slate of Officers for Next Year | July 2017 to 30 June 2018

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Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Sunday 4th June, 2017 at 3:30 PM at
First Congregational Church (FCCSJ), 1980 E. Hamilton, San Jose

Annual Meeting & Member Recital

Our **Annual Meeting & Member Recital** will be held on **Sunday June 4th**, at the **First Congregational Church (FCCSJ)**, 1980 E. Hamilton, San Jose at **3:30 PM**. **Pot Luck Dinner – bring your favorite dish**. Everyone is invited, come and be surprised and entertained!

A note from Susan Snook-Luther: Hello, AGO members:

June 4th is our final meeting of the year. It is at First Congregational Church of San Jose, 1980 Hamilton Ave. The **Board** meets at **3:30 PM**, the **Recital** is in the Sanctuary at **4 PM**, the **Potluck** on the covered patio about **5 PM**. If you are coming, please bring a dish for the potluck. In the past your contributions have been delicious, and suggest that many organists have culinary talents also.

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Annual Meeting Continued.

When you arrive, park in the lot off Leigh Ave, take your dish through the gate, across the patio, to the room marked "KITCHEN". The kitchen will be available at 2 PM.

The program, "**Never on Sunday**" will feature a wide variety of pieces we would not normally play for church services and includes two duets. Please plan to come and enjoy!

Thank you!

Susan Snook-Luther, Organist, FCCSJ 🎵



Frasier Organ Scholarship 2017 Winner, Eleanor Muhawi

Congratulations to **Eleanor Muhawi**, the winner of the 2017 Frasier Organ Scholarship! The Frasier auditions were held on Saturday afternoon, May 6, at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. Our San Jose AGO chapter will present Eleanor with the \$1,000 award and acknowledge her at an AGO event next fall. She has been invited to present an organ recital for our chapter sometime next year.

For her Frasier audition, Eleanor performed the well-known *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor* by J.S. Bach, *Prière* by Jean Langlais, "Allegro maestoso e Vivace" from *Sonata no. 2* by Felix Mendelssohn, and the hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(*Lobe den Herren*).

Eleanor is a freshman at Notre Dame High School in San Jose. She has studied piano for seven years, and has been taking organ lessons with **Dr. James Welch** for the past two years. Eleanor has experience playing organ for her school masses at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, and for masses at her church, St. Leo the Great Catholic Parish in San Jose. She plans to use the Frasier scholarship to continue her weekly organ lessons. When asked about her goals in studying music, Eleanor replied that she plans to serve her community through music, to continue serving as a church organist, and may possibly decide to study music further in college.



Eleanor Muhawi and Dr. James Welch

Eleanor is a member of Preservation Action Council San Jose (PACSJ) and her favorite things to do include traveling, writing letters, visiting museums, and hosting parties for her friends. She has a Persian cat named Mr. Farnsworth and a darling goddaughter named Elle.

Our San Jose AGO chapter extends sincere appreciation to **Joyce Rhodes**, **Diane Keller**, and **Dick Coulter**, who served as the three judges for this year's Frasier scholarship auditions. We also thank **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church** for graciously allowing the Frasier applicants to practice and perform their audition pieces there. 🎵

Palo Alto / Peninsula Member's Recital

The Board members suggest that we support the Palo Alto / Peninsula Chapter Member's Recital on Saturday **May 27, 2017 at 2 PM** at **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**, 415 El

Camino Real, Burlingame. They have a 1929 Skinner organ. <http://www.stpaulsburlingame.org/organ.html>. 🎵

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

Carolyn Lamcke, clamcke@gmail.com

Paul Rosas, tpaulrosas@comcast.net

Valerie Sterk, valeriesterk@gmail.com

Harold Stuart, www.theorganispraise.org

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

National Conventions

West Regional Convention 2017, June 11-15, Salt Lake City Chapter, Salt Lake City, Utah <https://agowest2017.org>

Alex Oldroyd (Cell) 801-361-2592

Early Registration deadline: March 31, 2017

If you are going to SALT LAKE, let me know so I can keep track of who is going – Ken Talbot.

National Convention 2018 Kansas City, July 2-6

www.agokc2018.com. 🎵

OPEN POSITIONS

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 (except during summer hiatus), two worship services (8 a.m. and 10 a.m.) on Sundays, special services occasionally on Sunday evenings, organizing occasional concerts supported by our Special Music Fund, and annual events such as a concert with a sister parish, a Parish Retreat, and high holy days including Christmas and Holy Week/Easter. It also includes one weekly staff meeting. Applicants must consider themselves partners-in-ministry with the entire team, including the Rector, other staff members, and the congregation. While the position may not include conducting a children's choir, 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. 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 the Dirk Damonte (dirkdamonte@laumc.org) Minister of Music, or call the office 650-948-1083. 🎵

The **Kenwood Community Church**, 9637 Channing Row, Kenwood, California is looking for **Music Director/Organist** position available June 1, 2017 or soon thereafter. Sunday service at 10:30 am. Gathering music at 10:15 am. Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Baldwin 32 rank organ, Yamaha baby grand. Occasional choir scheduled by director. Salary range between \$125 - \$165 per service. Skill with both organ and piano is higher salary. \$200 Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday. 12 choir rehearsals per year at \$125 arranged by director. Memorial services and weddings, \$225 - first right of refusal. Five paid vacation/sick Sundays per year. Familiarity with Protestant liturgy required. Music Director plans hymns, meets with Pastor and another person seasonally to plan services. Email resume to Mr. Tim Dorman, Chairman of the KCC Board, at timothydorman@aol.com. 🎵

Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, CA, is looking for a **Part-Time Organist/Pianist** to play one to two Sundays a month, a choir rehearsal the Thursday evening preceding the Sunday playing, and for various church holy days. The salary is very competitive and available upon request.

Abilities: The applicant must have experience playing the organ and piano in church services and accompanying choirs and instrumentalists. Sight reading skills and a background in musical liturgy are required.

PCLG has an average attendance of 300 per Sunday. The organ is a three manual Möller from 1958, expanded twice by Schoenstein & Co. and totaling 39 ranks. It has been fastidiously maintained by Schoenstein & Co. The sanctuary has a Baldwin grand piano, which has had recent voicing and action work, and a Kohler & Campbell grand in the choir room.

The adult Chancel Choir has approximately 30 voices and sings at most Sunday services from early September to the second week in June, as well as for several services in the summer. The congregation is enthusiastic about all kinds of music, with a special appreciation for the pipe organ.

The church currently needs a third organist, who would join a rotating roster with two other organists. Each organist plays one or two times a month throughout the year, depending on the number of Sundays in a month. When the choir is in session, the organist playing a Sunday service usually rehearses with the choir the previous Thursday. The organist uses a piano during the choir rehearsal, which is held in the choir room and led by the music director. The rotating organists decide their

schedule, based on their availability and in collaboration with the music director.

Send resume, references and letter of intention to: michael.taylor@pclg.org 🎵

Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1948 The Alameda, San Jose, CA, is looking for a **Part-Time Musician**. We are looking for about 300 hours per year (~ 6 hours per week). These hours include: Sunday morning for worship, five special services during the year, staff meeting each month, about 16 choir practices during the year (the choir only sings on Festival Sundays and a few other Sundays during the year). Solos on the weeks that they do not sing. The balance of the time would be made up in personal practice and other small tasks.

We have a Shafer & Sons Grand Piano in the sanctuary and the former director supplemented it with a drum machine, a keyboard and an organ which he owned. We are looking for a direction musically at this time and are open to discussions with the new musician.

We have budgeted \$6500/year for this position. Additionally there are 2 weeks of vacation (paid substitute) and the normal benefits (FICA, etc.). We do not offer health care.

Send resume, references and letter of intention to: Pastor John Freeseemann at prjohnhrlc@aol.com. Office Phone # 408 296-4040. 🎵

Saint Luke's Chapel in the Hills, 26140 Duval Way, Los Altos Hills, California 94022 is looking for a **Part-Time Organist**. Church Office (650) 941-6524. The Organist will play the organ at our 10:00 a.m. service every Sunday. This entails playing hymns and chants from the 1940 Hymnal and service music for Holy Communion. The Organist will also play for weekday evening services in Holy Week and Festivals that can occur on weekdays, such as Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The remuneration rate is about \$180 per service, which usually lasts between 1 and 1 1/2 hours. Prospective candidates should e-mail an application to the Rev. Chris Parrish at christopherparrish7@gmail.com. 🎵

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: gtesi@ihmbelmont.org or call 650-593-6157 and ask for Gail Tesi. 🎵

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. 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" with the subject: "Subscribe."

To un-subscribe send a blank email to the address "agosanjose-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com" with the subject: "UnSubscribe." 🎵

Music Calendar continued

July 2017

2 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, CSMA, 4 PM

9 Sunday

Angela Kraft Cross, organ, CSMA, 4 PM

16 Sunday

Etienne Walhaim, (Belgium) organ, CSMA, 4 PM

23 Sunday

Norman Paskowsky, (Minot, ND) organ, CSMA, 4 PM

30 Sunday

Paul Stubbings, (UK) organ, CSMA, 4 PM

August 2017

2 Wednesday

Paul Stubbings, organ, Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM

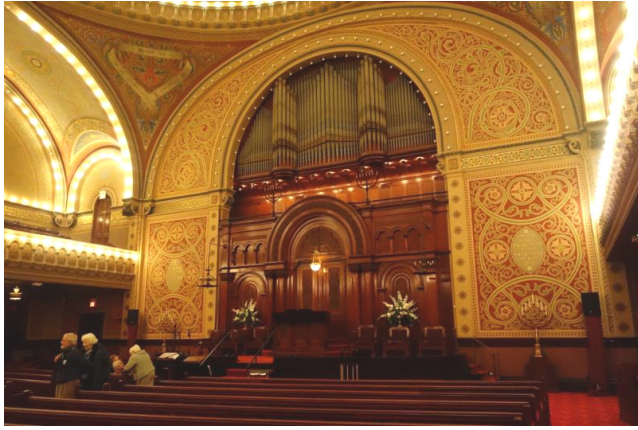
21 Monday

The Choir of St. Paul's Burlingame, Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM

REFURBISHED MURRAY HARRIS ORGAN RE-INSTALLED

The "Great Lady" sings again! – The historic 1905 Murray Harris organ at **Congregation Sherith Israel**, 2266 California St, San Francisco, has been re-installed and refurbished by **Hupalo & Repasky Pipe Organs, LLC**, following completion the massive sanctuary seismic retrofit project!

This magnificent Murray Harris Organ stands as an important milestone in the history of American pipe organ building. We at Hupalo & Repasky Pipe Organs meticulously applied our highest standards of historic sensitivity and care to the preservation of this historic instrument, studied the world over by organ builders and musicians alike. Watch for our upcoming newsletter on this exciting project! 🎵



Welcome New Member

A new member that has joined our chapter.

Jakob Adams, 350 Elan Village Lane #303, San Jose, CA
95134, jedimasterjsa@icloud.com

Remember to Renew Your AGO Membership

Most of our members should be getting a notice from Headquarters to renew your AGO membership. Login to www.agohq.org, go to Membership, and login to OnCard to update and make your membership payment. 🎵

From AGO Headquarters New AGO Dues Structure

A new membership dues schedule was approved at the January 2017 meeting of the AGO National Council. Several notable changes were also made to membership categories to better meet the needs of our changing constituency. All changes take effect on April 1 for new members, and on the renewal date for renewing members with expiration dates beginning on or after July 1, 2017.

The complete article was published in the April Newsletter. If you need a copy of this article I can send it to you, email me or call me at 408-732-6094.
Kenneth Talbot 🎵

Membership Category	Description	TAO Format	National/ Chapter Split	Total Dues
Regular	Ages 30–64, full voting	Print	\$64/41	\$105*
		Online	\$56/41	\$97*
Special	65 and older, full voting	Print	\$47/33	\$80*
		Online	\$39/33	\$72*
Young Organist	Under age 30, full voting	Print	\$32/18	\$50*
		Online	\$24/18	\$42*
Regular Dual	2nd chapter or more	n/a	\$0/41	\$41
Special Dual	2nd chapter or more	n/a	\$0/33	\$33
Young Organist Dual	2nd chapter or more	n/a	\$0/18	\$18

“Friend” Membership Category

Anyone can become a “friend” of our AGO chapter by calling David Snook-Luther (408) 205-7973. You will get our Newsletter and other information about our chapter events and other organ events. There is a nominal fee of \$25 per year. You can also sign up as a friend on the National AGO page under Membership.

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/education/>. 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, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco.

May 2017

27 Saturday

Palo Alto / Peninsula Chapter Member's Recital, May 27, 2017 at 2 PM at **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**, 415 El Camino Real, Burlingame, 2 PM

28 Sunday

Philip Smith (Los Angeles), **CSMA, 4 PM**

June 2017

4 Sunday

Ryan Enright, organist, **St. John's Lutheran Church**, 1701 L St, Sacramento, 2 PM, \$16 to \$20, for tickets: stjohslc.org/events

Congregational Oratorio

Society, Gregory Wait, director, **Joe Guthrie**, piano, **First Congregational Church**, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto, 3 PM

Wayne Marshall, organ, **Davis Symphony Hall**, 201 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, 3 PM, Buy Tickets

SJCAGO>**OUR ANNUAL**

MEETING & MEMBER RECITAL

First Congregational Church, 1980 E. Hamilton, San Jose, 3:30 PM, "Never on Sunday Theme", **Pot Luck Dinner** – bring your favorite dish.

Young Peoples Symphony, concert of Chamber Ensamplers, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**, \$10

Jackson Borges, organ, **GC, 4 PM**, \$10 donation

Temple Hill Choir, **Temple Hill**, 4677 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, Visitors' Center, 7 PM

5 Monday

Ethan Williams, organ, **Stanford Memorial Church**, 7:30 PM

10 Saturday

Rodney Gehrke, organ, "Be Romantic", New Choir Spring Concert, **All Saints Episcopal**, 555 Waverley, St., Palo Alto, 7 PM

11 Sunday

Sergio Militello, (Italy), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

Rodney Gehrke, organ, "Be Romantic", New Choir Spring Concert, **All Saints Episcopal**, 555 Waverley, St., Palo Alto, 5 PM

Jonathan Dimmock (*Legion of Honor*), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 6:05 PM

16 Friday

Robert Huw Morgan, (Stanford organist), organ works of Durufle, part 11 **Stanford Memorial Church**, 7:30 PM

18 Sunday

Eric Zhang, organ, *Works of Mendelssohn*, **CSMA, 4 PM**

Popular Singer & Entertainer James F. Wright, **Temple Hill**, 4677 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, Visitors' Center, 7 PM

25 Sunday

Marco Pranic, (Fainport NY), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

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FIRST CLASS

June 4 Meeting

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No - Gee