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Dean's Message

“**P**ea**c**e on **E**arth and **G**oodwill towards men”. A profound statement and one that is so very much needed in our world at this time. We live in a divided country and in a world that has no more respect for us as a nation. We are on the brink of war with a rogue nation that cares not what it does! It is my hope that the love of the Savior will bring peace to our world and hope to our nation. My wish for you fellow SJ Chapter members is for a peaceful Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Please support your 2018 Chapter programs and if you have any ideas for future programs, please share them with a Board Member. **P**eace and **L**ove,

Michael Cala, Dean

Student Recital

It's time to start thinking about our annual Student Recital! The recital will be held at **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church** on [Feb. 23 at 7:30pm](#) and be followed by a reception for the performers. There will be practice times available the two preceding Saturdays as well as the day of the recital.

If you are a student, or have students that would like this opportunity to perform on a beautiful pipe organ for a very welcoming audience, this is your chance! Please contact our student recital chair, Diane Keller at diane.keller@gmail.com. All levels welcome! 🎵

Frasier Organ Scholarship 2018

San Jose Chapter members: please encourage an eligible organ student to apply for the Frasier Organ Scholarship this year. As a reminder, the scholarship is open to current chapter members and to organ students studying with or sponsored by current members (previous winners are not eligible). The Frasier Organ Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated talent and potential, and must be used for specified continuing education in organ studies. The scholarship amount is \$1000.

You can find the 2018 scholarship qualifications/requirements, application and hymn list on our website. [www.agosanjose.org – Under “What’s New,” click on “Frasier Organ Scholarship”]. If you have questions about the scholarship, please contact Valerie Sterk (valeriesterk@gmail.com). The deadline for sending the application (application form and two recommendations) is March 20, 2018; the auditions will be in mid/late April or early May; and the winner will be notified by May 15. Please encourage any potential scholarship applicants now! 🎵

Eleanor Muhawi Concert

Dian Ruder



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church resounded with grand music Friday evening November 10th. **Eleanor Muhawi**, 2017 Frasier Scholarship winner, presented a 50 minute solo concert, assisted minimally with page turns and stop pulling by her teacher of two years, **Jim Welch**. Seating for the sizeable and enthusiastic audience was provided facing the rear organ gallery.

Only now a sophomore in high school, Eleanor has mastered many classics of the organ literature, which she interspersed with delightful contrast pieces. The program was organized for variety, not chronologically. Christopher Pardini's "*Amazing Grace*" provided a grand opening, with the solo trumpet filling the large aural space, and necessitating earplugs for those near the organ. Three pieces in contrasting styles by J. S. Bach concluded with the famous D minor Toccata and Fugue, at a good tempo.

Dr. Welch is a master of registration, and Eleanor's choices reflected this. The French Baroque sound of Charpentier's *Grand Dieu* contrasted widely with the ethereal *Divinum Mysterium* by Wilber Held. The strings of Langlais' *Priere* followed the classical registration of Mendelssohn's *Sonata #2*. Also contrasting by several eras were the next two pieces, the short, fun Toccata in E minor of Pachelbel and Dale Wood's lovely *Prelude on "Jewels."*

Thinking she had already proven herself, we were treated to the grand finale of the program, the *Toccata* from Widor's *Symphony #5*. The St. Andrew's mighty Shantz filled the church, featuring the awesome full pedals with 32' reeds!

Eleanor seems to play with ease. She said that many of these pieces such as the Widor were learned after the scholarship auditions this spring, testimony to a great talent! 🎵

Advent Lutheran Events

On 22 Oct 2017 the **Advent Lutheran Church**, 16870 Murphy Ave, Morgan Hill presented a **Hymn Sing & Choral Presentation** Titled "**Come, Christians, Join to Sing!**" featuring **King's Brass**, Organist **Elisabeth Pintar**, and festival chorus led by **Kyle T. Jones**, the Church's Music Director. The pastors and choir members of other churches were asked to participate. The choir consisted of approximately 75 members from 12 different churches. Approximately 300 people attended. **This event was very successful!**

On **Sunday 10 December** the church will present the West Coast premiere of **Dan Forrest's** new work "**Lux: The Dawn From on High**" during the 10:45 AM. Worship service. Orchestral prelude music will begin at 10:30 AM. There will be reception after the worship service. Wine will be available for a \$5 donation.

"Lux" recently had its world premiere on October 28 in Greenville, SC and was heralded by critics to be "sustained praise, an extended prayer time, a range of emotions as we contemplated light and God's gifts to us." December can be such an overly-busy time for many of us. This time of worship is a perfect opportunity to simply sit and meditate and pray and bask in beauty – to have beauty sweep over and around us – to be unhurried, to be still, to be among friends and strangers, to experience beauty together, to be lifted from the mundane, to be among the great company of the heavenly hosts suddenly singing to God.

Special orchestral music has been commissioned for the prelude and postlude and will be premiered. Bass-Baritone, **Trevor Neal** and Soprano, **Amanda Kingston** of San Jose Opera will also be featured. Please join us for a special morning of music and worship. 🎵

27 JANUARY CHAPTER EVENT PEDALS, PIPES, AND PIZZA

Our San Jose AGO Chapter is inviting all interested piano students, age 8 and up, (yes, high school, also) to attend our fourteenth annual **Pedals, Pipes & Pizza** event at **Immanuel Lutheran Saratoga**, 14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga on **Saturday, January 27, 9 am-12 noon**. Registration will be at 8:45am. We will begin with an introduction to the pipe organ and a demonstration of some of its sounds and capabilities. Each student is invited to bring along a piano piece or two they know well and would like to try out on the organ (Bach, Handel and other Baroque pieces work especially well, but most any piano piece can be played on the organ). Experienced organists will be at the organ console with them, to help choose an appropriate registration for their piece. Around 11:30am, we will enjoy an informal pizza lunch together.

If you know of piano students who would like to participate in this fun introduction to the organ, please contact Elisabeth Pintar (elisabethpintar@yahoo.com or 408-445-1181). Registration is limited, so please sign up early. Cost

is only \$5 per person. Parents are welcome to attend with their child.

Note to our members: the success of this event in encouraging future organists depends on you, so please bring your piano students and pass the word to other piano teachers whom you know and remind them of the age restrictions. If you would like to help with the Jan. 27 PPP (demonstrating the organ, helping students set registrations, serving pizza lunch, etc.), please let Elisabeth know by email. Thanks! 🎵

Dates to Remember

Annual PPP, Saturday 27 January 2018 Immanuel Lutheran Saratoga, 14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, **9am-12 noon.** 🎵

Student Recital, Friday 23 February, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale, **7:30 PM.** 🎵

John Walker, Former Chapter Dean (1974-1975) and AGO National President. **Mark your calendars.**



Concert – Friday 23 March 2018, Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Blvd, Campbell, CA at **7:30 PM.** 🎵

Workshop – Saturday 24 March 2018 – First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, **4:30-6:30 PM.** 🎵

Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Monday 25 June 2018 at MV Shoreline Amphitheater. More details later. 🎵

2018 AGO National Convention

Registration is now open for the 2018 AGO National Convention to be held in Kansas City, July 2-6, 2018. After years of planning, we have assembled an incredible program of world-class organists, choirs, workshops, and continuing education opportunities. Creative worship services and world premieres of new organ and choral works by renowned lyricists and composers will be showcased in beautiful and historic organ venues.

2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, which is of particular significance to Kansas City, home of the National WWI Museum and Memorial. Both of our convention hotels sit in the shadow of the Museum and Memorial. Much of our programming will reflect on the ways in which the Great War impacted and influenced the arts world.

Kansas City is sometimes called “The Paris of the Plains” with its many boulevards and fountains. Situated in the heart of the country, we are a convenient drive from many locations. Kansas City International Airport (MCI) is served by most major airlines, and Amtrak will bring you to Union Station, which is connected via air-conditioned skywalks to the convention hotels.

Convention housing will be at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center and its sister property, the Westin Kansas City at Crown Center. Registration, Exhibits and Workshops will be at the Sheraton, which will serve as the Convention Headquarters.

Details: Kansas City 2018, July 2-6, 2018. Convention website <http://www.agokc2018.com/>

OPEN POSITIONS

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 149 Manzanita Ave, San Carlos, CA is seeking a **Part-time, Organist/Pianist.** The Organist is responsible for playing the organ, piano and choir rehearsals. This person shall work an average of 3 – 5 hours per week and be an active member of the church staff working closely with the Pastor, the Worship and Music Team and the Choir Director.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Play for all regularly scheduled worship services and choir rehearsals.
- Arrive a minimum of 1 hour prior to the beginning of any worship service to allow time for consultation with the Pastor and rehearsal with the choir/musicians.
- Always notify the Pastor a minimum of 48 hours in advance when unable to fulfill regular duties.
- Play for special services:
- Select and prepare two (2) to three (3) worship appropriate instrumental music pieces for each service.
- Notify the office administrator of the instrumental music selections for inclusion in the Sunday worship bulletin.
- Notify the Worship and Music Team when repair or tuning is necessary for the organ or piano.
- Assist the Pastor and Worship and Music Team as required.
- The individual must play fluently and proficiently and accompany others instrumentalists, soloists and choirs and understand the music needed to enhance the worship experience of the congregation.
- Establish a positive atmosphere and be able to relate well with people.
- Maintain all boundaries and the confidentiality necessary in functioning as a Church staff member.

Submit resumes to: office@sancarloshtlc.org. For more information visit our website <http://sancarloshtlc.org/>. 🎵

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. Please contact Dirk Damonte (dirkdamonte@laumc.org) Minister of Music, or call the office 650-948-1083. 🎵

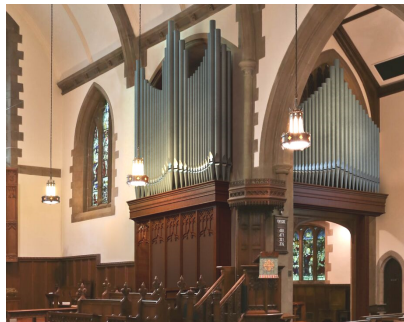
New Addresses

Jan Feller, PO Box 760, San Jose, CA 95105-0760. 🎵
Kyle Jones, 16993 Sorrel Way, Morgan Hill, CA 95037,
Phone 321-361-6073. 🎵

New Schoenstein Organ

Jack Bethards, jack@schoenstein.com

Under construction at Schoenstein & Co. is a three-manual, 25-voice, 31 rank organ for **Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill**, a suburb of Boston and former home of



E.M. Skinner. The organ is designed strictly for the Anglican service with a wealth of Diapason tone and English-style reeds topped by an unenclosed Tuba. An unusual feature

is the 32' Open Wood to low *F* located at the West End of the nave. The organ façade was designed to blend rather than compete with the elegant architecture of renowned architect, Henry Vaughan. Installation will be mid-year 2018. The Rector of Church of the Redeemer is the Rev. Michael B. Dangelo. The Director of Music is Michael S. Murray.

Annual Temple Hill Christmas Activities

The annual Temple Hill Christmas activities of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland will be held Nov 23rd – Dec 31st, almost every night. All events are FREE and some require tickets, which are FREE. See www.TempleHillEvents.com and click on “Christmas Events List. All of the events are listed on the web site.

For ticket details see <http://www.templehillevents.com/tickets.html>.

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.”

Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 9th Jan, 2017 at 7 PM
Valerie Sterk’s home, 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara

Do you need help with a seasonal organ tuning or just a touch up? Pipe Organ tuning services now available with experienced technician, **Kyle Jones**. A recent transplant from the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, Kyle has worked for a decade for Garland Pipe Organs as a builder and technician.

Please feel free to contact Kyle for more information:
Joneskt79@gmail.com 321-361-6073

TO READ TAO MAGAZINE ONLINE

To read TAO online go to the AGO Headquarters web page (www.agohq.org). Click on “Login” and then click on “TAO, VH & ADVERTISING” and select “Read TAO Online”. Then select

“[Read the November issue without Adobe Flash](#)”. The next step is to login with your name and password.

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/lessons-for-the-new-organist/>.

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.

The YouTube address for Lesson 16 does work. Use the follow address for Lesson 16:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YK71ESz979s&index=15&t=20s&list=PLSJ9JGllhsPJuklW5F3yEQSXhpJzPgAJcL>

There is an excellent article in the November TAO on page 60 about these lessons. 🎵

Vox Humana Publication

Vox Humana (<https://www.voxhumanajournal.com/pasi2017>) is a free online editorial journal that presents current ideas, trends, and research relating to the organ by leading musicians and scholars from around the world, and is an affiliate publication of the [American Guild of Organists](#). Our articles are published every two weeks, and integrate innovative media with engaging content centered around practical issues relating to the organ profession. The journal is managed by an editorial board that consists of young professional organists based around the world.

Read an interesting article by Martin Pasi of the Pasi Organ Builders about his journey of becoming an organ builder: <https://www.voxhumanajournal.com/pasi2017>.

Be sure to look at the ARTICLES link. 🎵

Practice Time

I was going through some very old emails and I found a reference to an article about “How Long Should I Practice?” sent to me by **Melody Bast**. It is an excellent article. <https://bulletproofmusician.com/how-many-hours-a-day-should-you>. 🎵

The Demise of the Piano

There was an interesting article in the AARP Bulletin, Oct 2017, about the demise of the Piano (pp 38-39).

For much of the 20th century, most every self-respecting home in America had a piano. The peak year for piano sales was 1909 when 364,500 new pianos were sold. Only 30,000 were sold in 2016. 🎵

MUSIC CALENDAR CONTINUED

December 2017

13 Wed, 14 Thur, & 15 Friday

Bach Soloist Messiah in Grace Cathedral, GC, 7:30 PM,
Tickets required through americanbach.org

15 Friday

Advent Organ Series, MEM>Carolyn Pryor, CUMC,
12:30 PM

17 Sunday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, Holliday Organ Recital,
Stanford Memorial Church, 1:30 PM

Christmas Concert, Choir, Handbells & Brass, CUMC,
3:30 PM, Free

David Hatt, organ, CSMA, 4 PM

18 Monday

Brass and Organ, GC, 1:30 PM, Tickets required

22 Friday

Grace Cathedral Men & Boys Choir, GC, 7:30 PM,
Tickets required

31 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, CSMA, , 4 PM

13th Annual New Year's Eve Organists' Kaleidophone!

A feast of music for organ solo, duet, other instruments and voice performed by local organists with their musical friends, **Peace United Church of Christ, High Street, Santa Cruz, 4 PM** – from Colin Whitby-Stevens

New Year's Eve Concert, James Welch, organ, 25th
Anniversary Concert, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600**
Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, **8 PM, \$10**

January 2017

7 Sunday

Epiphany Lessons & Carols, Cathedral Choir School &
Golden Gate Boyschoir and Bellringers, CSMA, 4 PM

14 Sunday

David Troiano, organ, Jeffrey Lewandowski, trumpet,
CSMA, 4 PM

Frederick Jodry (Brown University), organ, St. Mark's
Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley,
6:05 PM

21 Sunday

Xiyang Wang, pianist, CSMA, 4 PM

27 Saturday

SJCAGO>**Annual PPP, Immanuel Lutheran Saratoga,**
14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, **9 AM-12 noon.**

February 2017

3 Saturday

Cameron Carpenter, Bing Concert Hall, Stanford University, 7:30 PM

Featuring the International Touring Organ, Marshall & Ogletree Opus 8, See
<http://live.stanford.edu/calendar/february-2018/cameron-carpenter>

11 Sunday

MEM>**Rani Fischer** (St. Bede's, Menlo Park), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 6:05 PM**

23 Friday

"Cool Britannia", (works of British Composers, **Han Uwe Hielscher** (organist, composer), **Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph, 80 S Market St, San Jose 1 PM, \$5** door donation, www.NoonArtsAndLectures.org

SJCAGO>**Student Recital, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 West Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale, 7:30 PM**

What every organist wants to have installed...IMMEDIATELY!!!



Thank you, Dick Cencibaugh for sending this for us to enjoy. It was SWELL.

Dick is a member of the Sacramento AGO Chapter.

AGO San Jose Music Calendar

Venue 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
SJCAGO> San Jose Chapter Event
MEM> San Jose Chapter Member

Every Saturday & Sunday

Organ, 4 PM, Calif. Palace of the Legion of Honor. **There will be NO Organ Concerts due to Kliment & Rodin Exhibition (start again 17 Feb 2018).**

December 2017

1 Friday

Advent Organ Series, Brian Holmes & Jolynda Tresner, CUMC, 12:30 PM

2-6 Saturday – Wednesday

Annual Crèche Exhibit, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, Free, <http://christmascreche.org/>

2 Dec: Zion Choir, 4:30 PM: Mayfield Singers, 7:30 PM

3 Dec: Valparaiso Singers, 4:30 PM: Messiah Sing Along, 7:30 PM

4 Dec: Gunn High School Chamber Singers, 7:30 PM

5 Dec: Palo Alto Handbell Ringers, 7:30 PM

6 Dec: Los Altos High School Main Street Singers, 7:30 PM

3 Sunday

Ann-Christin Bloch, (Germany), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

Resounding Joy, concert for choir and organ, MEM>**Michael**

Burroughs, organ, **First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto, 3 PM**, tickets <http://resoundingachord.org/2017/08/2/resounding-joy/>

James Welch, organ, **The Valparaiso Singers, Annual Crèche Exhibit, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 4:30 PM**, Free

James Welch, organ, **Messiah Sing-along, Annual Crèche Exhibit, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 7:30 PM**, Free

8 Friday & 9 Saturday

A Festival of Lessons and Carols, Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM, All are welcome to this Service of Advent and Christmas readings and music, based on the famous Lessons and

Carols Service held annually at King's College, Cambridge. Festive music will be sung by the Memorial Church Choir and the Stanford Chamber Chorale.

8 Friday

Advent Organ Series, Shine Kwon, CUMC, 12:30 PM

9 Saturday

Angela Kraft Cross, organ, **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel, CA, 3 PM – 4 PM, \$20.**

10 Sunday

"Lux: The Dawn From on High", (new work by Dan Forrest) **Advent Lutheran Church, 16870 Murphy Ave, Morgan Hill 10:45 AM**

Advent Lessons and Carols, St. Mary's Choir and St. Mark's Lutheran Choir, CSMA, 4 PM

Ron McKean (St. Joseph Parish), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 6:05 PM**

James Welch, organ, **Messiah Sing-along, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 220 Elk Street, Santa Cruz, 7 PM**, Free

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