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Dean's Message

Another wonderful year comes to a close for our chapter. We have just one event left for this year. Please join us on **June 9th** for our **annual meeting** to say thank you to our outgoing board members and welcome our new ones. There will be potluck held at **the home of Elisabeth Pintar (4505 Faraone Ct, San Jose)** so bring your your favorite side or entree dish to share.

I have been able to serve on the board for the past eight years with some amazing people. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as sub-dean and dean thanks to the hard work of our board members. We have always had productive and congenial meetings with lots of laughter sprinkled in. It has been a pleasure to host them in my home the past two years.

We have several long-time members of our board who are moving on to other things this year and I would like to thank them for their many years of service to our chapter. I am also very excited that we will have so many new faces on the board this fall. New faces and new ideas keep our chapter alive and well. I look forward to continuing my participation with this wonderful chapter and seeing what new things the coming year will bring.

Many, many thanks to the wonderful members of the San Jose chapter who allowed me to serve as Dean the past two years. It has been a wonderful experience. Our chapter is full of kind, generous and amazing organists. I am continually amazed at the warmth and friendship our chapter shares with all.

Thank you.

Diane Keller, Dean

**SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR
1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.**

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9 JUNE CHAPTER EVENT

Don't forget to come to this year's Annual Installation dinner on **Sunday, June 9th**, starting at **4:00pm**. We are in for a true treat with the "Bradshaw Duo" graciously entertaining us. Clear your Sunday afternoon for this fun time to enjoy the music, renew friendships with fellow Guild members, thank the Board members that have served for the past few years, hug our outgoing: Dean, Diane Keller; Treasurer, Rebecca Harrison; auditor and Budget, Darryl Parker (who had a few more hats) and meet the new in-coming Board members.

This is a potluck held at **the home of Elisabeth Pintar (4505 Faraone Ct, San Jose)** so bring your favorite side or entree dish to share. Drinks and desserts will be provided as well as a few other surprises. Parking is a little tight (cul-de-sac) so save some gas and carpool! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

The Executive Committee will meet at 3 PM at Elisabeth's home just before the Annual Meeting. 🎵

19 MAY CHAPTER EVENT

This past Sunday we had the privilege of hearing Angela Kraft-Cross at the organ at CUMC. To put it mildly, it was simply outstanding! The concert began with one of her own titled, "A Joyous Celebration" which set the mood for the afternoon, lasting well into the evening. Her program included many of her own works, pieces by JS

Bach, Vierne, Widor. Liszt's "Prelude and Fugue on BACH" was one of the best I have heard live, with her technique, registration, phrasing and mastery of this piece. Her playing was energetic, engaging, flawless, inspiring and moving...moving everyone's feet for a very deserved standing ovation. She spoke to the audience in between the numbers and quite at length at the reception. If you would like a copy of the various compositions that she wrote please contact her at: www.angelakraftcross.com

Elisabeth Pintar. 🎵



Angela Kraft Cross

It is time renew your membership and dues for next year. Fill out the enclosed form and send it with a check to the address printed on the bottom of the form. If you receive the newsletter by email, print the membership form, fill it out and mail it. 🎵

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept, Sunday

Under Construction, look for announcements throughout the summer.

Oct 25, Sunday

Myrna Emata, Last year's Frasier Scholarship winner, will give an organ recital at TDB, 4 PM

Nov 1-2, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

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JULY 21-27 PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

Volunteers are needed for many aspects of this event. In particular, the POE committee is asking the San Jose chapter to provide snacks and chaperones for a day in Santa Cruz on Thursday, July 25. Scheduled stops include "Boomeria" in Bonny Doon, Holy Cross Church, and the Beach/Boardwalk. It will be a fun day spent with 20 young people! There are vans leaving from Palo Alto that can pick volunteers up in Cupertino in the late morning and deliver them back in the evening.

There are other ways to get involved: Contact either Margaret Kvamme musicmomkvam@verizon.net (408)356-4267 or Rani Fischer ranifisc@gmail.com (650)793-4849. 🎵

****WE NEED AIRLINE MILES**** to fly guest artists (Nicole Marane, Weston Jennings and Adam Detzner)

to the POE from the East Coast. If you can donate miles, snacks, money, or give your time in any amount, do let us know! Please contact Margaret Kvamme or Rani Fischer. 🎵

PEDAL MASTERY

Warner Bros. Publications has re-released Joyce Jones' Pedal Master. It can be purchased at Amazon.com. 🎵

BEWARE OF THE WRATH OF THE CHURCH ORGANIST – MUSICAL REVENGE IS SWEET

By John Bingham, Religious Affairs Editor

7:30AM BST 03 May 2013

They are the stalwart pillars of the community whose week-in, week-out dedication has kept the country's choral traditions alive for generations.

But, if new research is to be believed, behind the quiet exterior the humble church organist is not someone to be crossed.

While charged with providing spiritually uplifting music to worshippers, it seems many also seize the opportunity to extract subtle revenge on clerics who have displeased them or simply play pranks on congregations.

A survey of churchgoers found that at least half have noticed their organist straying from the path of musical orthodoxy at some point – slipping snippets of heavy metal classics, advertising jingles and even nursery rhymes into hymns and anthems.

In some cases it can be a means of waging musical war with clerics while in others it is simply an effort by bored organists to make the choir laugh.

Christian Research, a polling and research group asked its 2,000 strong "Resonate" panel of churchgoers for their views on church music and organists.

Of those who responded, half said they had noticed an organist slipping unexpected tunes into services.

Among examples cited was that of the organist in Scotland who had fallen out with some of the elders in the Kirk but got his own back by inserting a thinly disguised rendition of "Send in the Clowns" as they processed in for a Sunday service.

Elsewhere, a vicar sacked an organist after he played "Roll out the Barrel" at the funeral of a man known to have been fond of a drink.

In one decidedly high church congregation, an organist punctured the mood of reverence as an elaborately dressed clergyman processed back after the gospel reading – by playing the theme tune to The Simpsons.

Another congregation found themselves passing around the collection plate to the strains of “Money, Money, Money” by Abba.

The survey uncovered examples of Eucharist celebrations livened up with renditions of Bon Jovi’s “Livin’ on a Prayer”; the theme tunes from the Magic Roundabout, Blackadder and Harry Potter and even “I’ve Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts”.

Sung Evensong – widely regarded as the jewel in the crown of English choral music – has been spiced up with such unexpected offerings as “I’m a Barbie Girl” and “I’m Forever Blowing Bubbles”

One organist who responded confessed to playing hits by Oasis, Billy Bragg and even Kylie Minogue in services but added: “Nobody notices – I do it all the time.”

But when an organist played a slowed-down version of Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious from Mary Poppins, even the most tone deaf members of the congregation eventually recognized, sending them into gales of laughter.

An older bridegroom took it in good humor when the organist played “No one loves a fairy when she’s 40” at his wedding” while candidates at a confirmation service were left perplexed to hear the strains of “I’m a Little Teapot” from the organ loft.

Stephen Goddard, of Christian Research, said: “It’s an oft-repeated adage in church circles – ‘What’s the difference between an organist and a terrorist? -you can negotiate with a terrorist’.

“Hidden from view, your local church organist may appear unassuming and self-deprecating, but like any true artist, he or she can be eccentric, mischievous and very opinionated.

“Mess with him at your peril – he will pull out all the stops to get his own back.”

The poll was conducted ahead of the Christian Resources Exhibition, a trade fair for all things ecclesiastical in London later this month, which will be show piecing new organs among other things.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/10034068/Beware-the-wrath-of-the-church-organist-musical-revenge-is-sweet.html> Sent to us by James Martin. 🎵

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Attached please find a flyer announcing the Region IX AGO Convention 2013 in Bakersfield, CA. Visit their Web Page, backersfieldAGO2013.org for additional information.

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150 LUTHERAN PASTORS MANE AN AMAZING SOUND

Just had to share . . . I played last night (16 April 2013) for a Lutheran Pastors' conference service. It was a truly uplifting experience. We had the combined choirs of several churches under the leadership of an excellent choir director. But the sound of 150 Lutheran pastors full-voiced singing of the liturgy and hymns that they know and love so well in the praise of God was amazing. I had the "mighty Austin" up to full organ several times, and still could not hear it above the singing! The wonderful and beautiful singing of these Lutheran Pastors was reminiscent of the sound of hymn singing by Welsh male voice choirs, which I've not heard for a long, long time. Definitely "Garrison Keeler" worthy! It was a privilege to serve them from the organ bench. 🎵

Colin Whitby-Strevens

A UNIQUE ORGAN



Taken from Crisiano Rizzotto's Web Page (See the following for additional cartoons)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=242226202582925&set=a.239543089517903.1073741831.144348809037332&type=3&theater>

Music Calendar

Locations

CUMC: Campbell United Methodist Church,
1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell

GC: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St.
San Francisco

* Chapter Member

Every Saturday & Sunday

Organ, 4 PM, Calif. Palace of the
Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave
& Clement St., San Francisco

D. Hegarty: first Sat &Sun

R. Gurney: second Sat &Sun

J. K. Hirten: third Sat &Sun

K. Thompson: fourth Sat &Sun

June 2013

2 Sunday

Lyle Sheffler, classical guitar,
CSMA, 3:30 PM

Simon Thomas Jacobs, Organ,
GC, 4 PM.

Bryan Kirk, Organ, **GC, 4 PM.**

Congregational Oratorio

Society, music of Copland, Hogan,
Scheer, Lauridsen, **First**
Congregational Church, 1985
Louis Rd, Palo Alto

9 Sunday

FLC Alumni, organists **First**
Lutheran Church, 600 Homer
Ave, Palo Alto see

<http://www.flcpa.org/music/4at1st.shtml>, **4 PM**

16 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA,**
3:30 PM

23 Sunday

TBA, CSMA, 3:30 PM

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July 2013

7 Sunday

Jozef Kotowicz (Poland), organ,
CSMA, 3:30 PM

Zachary Hemenway, Organ, **GC,**
4 PM.

14 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA,**
3:30 PM

21 Sunday

Paul Fejko, organ, **CSMA,**
3:30 PM

August 2013

4 Sunday

Stephen Hamilton, Organ, **GC, 4 PM.**

September 2013

1 Sunday

Bryan Kirk, Organ, **GC, 4 PM.**

October 2013

6 Sunday

James Welch, Organ, **GC, 4 PM.**

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