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A new year is upon us. Now is the time to make our new year's resolutions to practice more, learn new pieces, and become more involved in the our AGO chapter. More importantly, to be more involved with our families and friends.

In the next three months we have three activities that need our support. The first is the annual **Pedals, Pipes & Pizza**. This event will take place on **Saturday 27 January 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Saratoga**, 14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga. This event is one of our favorites as we help our youth become inspired with the pipe organ. If you can help, let Elisabeth Pintar (elisabethpintar@yahoo.com) know.

The following month we have the Student Recital which will take place on **23 February at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**, 728 West Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale. **Organist:** be sure to invite your students and contact Valerie (valeriesterk@gmail.com).

In March we have the privilege of have **John Walker** present both a concert and a workshop. John was the dean of our chapter during the 1976-1975 period, way before my time. He was also president of the National AGO from 2014 to 2016. We need to advertise and invite our friends to these events.

See you all later, Kenneth Talbot 🎵

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'll 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'll 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'd 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! 🎵

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! 🎵

CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Events Mary Ann Gee

One of the essential ways to celebrate the Christmas season is to have music galore. That is exactly what we did at Campbell United Methodist Church.

We started with three advent organ recitals on the first three Fridays in December. Followed by an all-church Christmas concert on the third Sunday. All musicians in the church participated — two adult vocal choirs, a children's choir, two adult handbell choirs and two children's handbell choirs. And a guest Brass sextet. What a feast for our ears and we loved it.

Of course we still do our candle lighting services on Christmas Eve. In recent years, we observe an African Epiphany, led by our African Choir. It is a most musical and literally colorful service. The choir dresses in native African attire and bring music with the most intricate rhythms. A treat to our listening ears. 🎵

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. 🎵

SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE May 8, 2018 - Celebrate 130 years of the largest, unaltered 1800s pipe organ in California. There will be a musical and community celebration for the **1888 Hook & Hastings** pipe organ at **Hackt (former Guadalupe Church)** at 906 Broadway, San Francisco on **8 May 2018, 6-9pm.** If you are interested to participate in the program or learn more contact Josh Bradshaw, Josh@WorkTechWork.com. 🎵
https://www.pipeorgandatabase.org/OrganDetails.php?OrganID=5214%20target=_blank

WANTED:

APPLICANTS FOR THE FRASIER ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP 2018

Here's an excellent New Year's resolution for you: encourage an eligible organ student to apply for the 2018 Frasier Organ Scholarship. As a reminder, the scholarship is open to current members of our San Jose chapter, 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! 🎵

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/>

If you are going to the Kansas City Convention, please let me know and I will keep a list of who is attending. That way if you call me I can tell you who is going so that you can arrange roommates and other details. KEN TALBOT, 408-732-6094, kitalbot@pacbell.net.

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/>. 🎵

NEW MEMBER

Ross Allen, 1164 Meredith Avenue City/St/Zip: San Jose, CA 95125, rossretiredcpa@gmail.com 🎵

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 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

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=PLSJ9JGihpPJuklW5F3yEQSXhpJzPgAJcL>

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

Check out our New Organist Page on our web site, www.agosanjose.org. 🎵

Vox Humana Publication

Kenneth Talbot

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 on agohq.org. 🎵

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO CHORAL CONDUCTING

Dr. Harold Rosenbaum, Professor Emeritus at UB, gives three 5-day choral conducting workshops annually, at Columbia University, NYU, and Buffalo State. Teachers, conductors, organists, composers, and students from 5 continents have taken these workshops. For details please go to www.haroldrosenbaum.com/institute.

Dr. Rosenbaum conducts The New York Virtuoso Singers (www.nyvirtuoso.org), and is the author of *A Practical Guide to Choral Conducting*. He has conducted 540 world premieres, has commissioned 99 composers, and conducts on 45 commercial CDs. He can be reached at haroldrosenbaum@gmail.com and at 914 582 3915.

<https://www.routledge.com/A-Practical-Guide-to-Choral-Conducting/Rosenbaum/p/book/9781138058446>. 🎵

RICHARD K. BAILEY

August 11, 1927 - November 14, 2017

Resident of San Jose



“Dick” Bailey was born in Great Falls, Montana to Kenneth and Ethel Bailey. Dick grew up in Great Falls, went to college for animal husbandry, but his gift was playing the musical instrument the organ. Thus started his career, with a stint in the Army. After that, he married a local girl from Raynesford, MT

named Helen Marie Skites. They had 64 beautiful years until her passing in September 2016. They were also blessed with and survived by two children: Scott Bailey (Everett, WA) and Deborah Bailey (San Jose, CA). Dick is also survived by his two brothers and their wives: Stan and Shryl Bailey and Dr. Jim and Mary Bailey; plus nephews, nieces and a few cousins.

In 1966, Dick moved his family to California and became a Bay Area renowned concert organist. In addition, Dick was a teacher at the Saratoga Music and Fine Arts, and then at the Music Tree in Morgan Hill. Dick will be remembered

for his pure joy of performing and passion for teaching. His many students over the years commented on his generous nature and eternal patience.

Dick was also a great father and husband. A real man, who protected, provided for, cherished and loved his family and friends. Although Dick’s family and friends miss him tremendously; he was so loved, cared for and greatly appreciated. Dick lived a long, happy, and fulfilled life; and for that we are thankful. **Please join us for a “Celebration of Life” on January 14, 2018 from Noon till 5 P.M. Call for the location: 408-257-3844.**

From Pat Milstead: Seems to me that he played at a pizza place for years (Angelino’s?).

From Darryl Parker: Richard was one the organists who served at First Church of Christ Sunnyvale.

From Roger Inkpen: I am saddened to hear of “Dick” Bailey’s passing. I knew him a bit from afar tho occasionally we would chat by phone to ‘catch up’. I first remember Dick as one of the staff organists playing the “Mighty Wurlitzer” pipe organ at the then, “Thundermug” (later a different name til closing) pizza parlor at Winchester and Williams roads in that shopping center behind the then Sizzler restaurant. Now it’s “The Breakfast Place” and I forgot what happened to the organ when it came out.

I know that Dick taught organ too, I believe in association with a local music store and later on his own. He was a very talented musician indeed, a true gentleman and all around terrific guy. I will miss him. I’ll be interested to hear other, more extensive memories of Richard, “Dick” Bailey from different folks.

From Michael Wright: Dick Bailey entertained restaurant patrons for a number of years at Angelino’s Restaurant formerly the “Thundermug” in Campbell / San Jose off of Winchester and Payne. They had a Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ. The restaurant closed some time back, and now operates as a breakfast only joint. Not sure what happened to the instrument. I also took theatre organ lessons from him for a short time. 🎵

MUSIC CALENDAR CONTINUED

March 2017

11 Sunday

Holes in the Floor Cello Quartet, CSMA, 4 PM

Weston Jennings, organ, **GC, 4 PM**

Christopher Keady (GC), organ, **St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 6:05 PM**

17 Saturday

Bach’s Birthday, PA/Peninsula Chapter’s Members, All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St, Palo Alto, 3 PM

18 Sunday

Angela Kraft Cross, Organist. Celebrating Bach’s 333rd Birthday, **CSMA, 4 PM**

25 Sunday

Philip Manwell, (Reno, NV), Organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

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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 Klimit & Rodin Exhibition (start again 17 Feb 2018).**

January 2017

7 Sunday

Epiphany Lessons & Carols, Cathedral Choir School & Golden Gate Boyschoir and Bellingers, 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

David Hatt, Organist, Presenting a transcription by Joerg Abbing of Max Reger's Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Mozart, Op. 132, believed to be the local premiere, Op. 132, **CSMA, 4 PM**

24 Wednesday

Robert Huw Morgan, Organist, Organ Mass by Nicholas de Grigny, **Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM, Free**

27 Saturday

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

28 Sunday

Jonathan Ryan, organ, **GC, 4 PM**

February 2017

3 Saturday

Cameron Carpenter, Bing Concert Hall, **Sanford University, 7:30 PM**
Featuring the International Touring Organ, Marshall & Ogletree Opus 8, See <http://live.stanford.edu/calendar/february-2018/cameron-carpenter>

4 Sunday

David Hatt, Organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

11 Sunday

Gail Archer (New York), Organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

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**

25 Sunday

Philip Maxwell (Reno, NV), Organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

March 2017

4 Sunday

Jillian Gardner (Baylor University), Organist, **CSMA, 4 PM**

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