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Dean's Column

The newsletter is a little slimmer this month and the list of upcoming events is almost empty. By now the flurry of cancellations has settled and I have received multiple emails from almost every company on the planet explaining how they are responding to the current crisis. And everything has moved online. Work, school, lessons, church services, and even happy hour with friends. Our church has always live streamed services each week, but now they are doing them on Facebook Live as well. Many churches are now navigating services online for the first time. Many private teachers are now doing lessons using online platforms. If you have an online church service or other event you would like to share, send me an email and we can get the word out to our members. If you have questions another chapter member might be able to answer about all of this new territory, feel free to send an email to our San Jose AGO yahoo group. I'm sure there is someone out there with an answer.

Of course we hope to reschedule some of our events like the student recital soon, but for now I hope you and your loved ones are well and that you are finding new ways to learn and stay connected with the world.

Diane Keller, Dean

**Honorarium to the Organ Restoration Fund
of the Trinity Cathedral**

The San Jose Chapter of the American Guild of Organists donated an honorarium in memory of **Michael Cletus Joyce**, a faithful long-time member of the Chapter and Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee.

Michael tirelessly supported the Chapter in its promotion of organ instruments and the art of organ performance. He also contributed to the choral arts as an accomplished soloist, a member of the San Francisco Gay Men's Choral Society, and choir director of Trinity in addition to his duties as organist.

The Chapter, the Bay Area, and the community at large will all miss Michael and his many contributions.

Darryl E. Parker
Secretary, SAN JOSE CHAPTER, AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Slate of AGO Officers for the 2020-2021 Year

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Frasier Organ Scholarship Update

The auditions for our 2020 Frasier Organ Scholarship are on hold for now, due to the stay-at-home health mandates. After that mandate is lifted, Valerie will schedule the Frasier auditions. Both the auditions and the award will likely be delayed several weeks or months this year; keep an eye on future newsletters for updates about this year's Frasier Scholarship.

AGO National Convention

The AGO Nation Convention is going ahead as planned. We look forward to see you in Atlanta in four months.

See www.agoatlanta2020.com.

See <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/ATLRA/G-AGON> to book your hotel reservation. For Phone reservations: Please call 1-800-233-1234 with code G-AGON

Members: If you are going to attend the Atlanta 2020 National AGO Convention, PLEASE let me know your exact dates and how many are going in your party. I know of at least one person who is going and would like to share a room.

Ken Talbot, 408-732-6094, kitalbot@pacbell.net. 🎵

Dates to Remember

April - Easter

🌟 **May 3 Sunday Michael Burroughs, CANCELED**

🌟 **13 June, Annual Meeting, Ruth Kamus Recital,**
Los Gatos Presbyterian Church, 16575 Shannon Rd,
Los Gatos, 4 PM 🎵

🌟 **11 Sep Friday, Ugo Sforza, organ, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale, 7:30 PM**

Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 12th 10 May 2020 at 7:30 PM
Valerie Sterk's Home: 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara, CA

New Member

Tamara Feinberg

125 Serra Court, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-5231
(831) 234-4853 feinbergt@esuhsd.org

New Address

Jean Drahmann, 6700 Twining Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621-0131 (408) 356-2813 ?

OPEN POSITIONS

AGO Members: If you know of any Open Positions at any Church please let me know so that I can pass that information on to any members who call me. I know of one of our members who needs a position. Kenneth Talbot

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 proceeding 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 🎵

How to Clean Food from the Store

A friend of mine sent me one of the better YouTube videos of how to clean your food that you bought at the store and take it into your house so that it is “clean”, that is COVID19 minimized. The guy who made the YouTube is a surgeon.

Ken Talbot

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjDuwc9KBps> 🎵

The Organ Symphonies of Louis Vierne, Stanford Memorial Church

6 May 2020 Wednesday, Vierne Symphonie No.5,
Joseph Adam, Director of Music and Organist St. James Cathedral, Seattle, **Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM**, Free admission, no tickets required, \$10 suggested donation

12 May 2020 Wednesday, Vierne Symphonie No.6,
Robert Huw Morgan, Stanford University Organist,
Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM, Free admission, no tickets required, \$10 suggested donation. 🎵

A Computerized Key Action: NovelOrg

<https://www.voxhumanajournal.com/pelletier2020.html>

This is an article in the Vox Humana Journal that describes a new Electromechanical action system that can be used to either assist or completely replace the mechanical devices linking the key of the manual with the pallet of a slider chest pipe organ. The action system accurately conveys to the pallet the organist's subtle finger movements, the same way the classic mechanical system does. The Vox Humana article has a number of videos that show the mechanism at work and you can clearly hear the difference it makes in the speech of the pipe.

For Technical details, see <http://www.novelorg.com/>
Kenneth Talbot 🎵

Membership Renewal

You can renew by going to www.agohq.org and select “Membership” and then Membership/Update” you can renew anytime by calling the national office (212-870-2310) with a credit card. Be sure to renew now so that you will not miss any ATO issues. 🎵

Music Calendar Continue

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June 2020

7 Sunday

David Brock, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

12 Friday

Robert Huw Morgan, Stanford University Organist,
Vierne Symphonie No. 6, Stanford Memorial Church,
7:30 PM, Free admission, no tickets required, \$10
suggested donation

13 Saturday

☪ **13 June, Annual Meeting, Ruth Kamus Recital**, Los Gatos Presbyterian Church, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, **4 PM**

14 Sunday

John Hirten, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

14 Sunday

Jonathan Dimmock (Legion of Honor SF), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **4 PM**

20 Saturday

The Lamb of God, CSMA, 2 PM, Temple Hill Choir & Orchestra, Alan Chipman, director

21 Sunday

James Welch, organ, “May the Sffz Be With You!”, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306, **3 PM**

21 Sunday

Michael Kopycinski, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

27 Saturday

The Lamb of God, Oakland Temple Hill Auditorium,
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
2 PM and 7 PM, Free Tickets Required
<http://www.templehillevents.com/tickets.html>

28 Sunday

David Hatt, organ, Pieces de Fantaisie by Vierne, **CSMA,**
4 PM \$10

July 2020

24 Sunday

➤ **Jin Kyung Lim**, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

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

📍 Chapter Event ➤ Chapter Member

Every Saturday at 4 PM

Organ, Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco.
Jonathan Dimmock, organist

April 2020

1 Wednesday - CANCELED
Choir of St. John's College,,
Stanford Memorial Church

2 Thursday - CANCELED
Choir of St. John's College,
Stanford Bing Concert Hall

5 Sunday - CANCELED
Cavatina Music Society, CSMA,
4 PM \$10

5 Sunday - CANCELED
Handel's Messiah, ➤ Colin
Whitby-Strevens, Presbyterian
Church of Los Gatos

10, 11, 12 Friday, Saturday,
Sunday RESCHEDULED to 27 & 28
June

The Lamb of God, Oakland
Temple Hill Auditorium, The
Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints, 4780 Lincoln
Ave, Oakland, Free Tickets
Required
<http://www.templehillevents.com/tickets.html>

12 Sunday- CANCELED
Jeanette Wilkin Tietze, CSMA,
4 PM

19 Sunday 2PM - RESCHEDULED
to 20 June

The Lamb of God, CSMA, 4 PM,
Temple Hill Choir & Orchestra,
Alan Chipman, director

May 2020

3 Sunday
Don Pearson, organ, CSMA,
4 PM

3 Sunday - CANCELED
📍 Michael Burroughs, organ, St.
Francis Episcopal Church, 1205

6 May 2020 Wednesday -
CANCELED
Joseph Adam, Director of Music
and Organist St. James Cathedral,
Seattle, **Vierne Symphonie No.**
5, Stanford Memorial Church

8 Friday- CANCELED

South Bay Philharmonic, Foothill
Presbyterian Church, 5301 McKee
Road, San Jose

10 Sunday
Brian Swager, Harp, CSMA, 4 PM
\$10

10 Sunday
George H. Fergus (Washing National
Cathedral organist), organ, **St. Mark's**
Episcopal, 2300 Bancroft Way,
Berkeley, 4 PM

17 Sunday - CANCELED
Sal Spria, Organ, CSMA, 4 PM \$10

17 Sunday
Ensemble Draca, St. Bede, 2650
Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park, PA/Pen
Chapter event, 4 PM

24 Sunday
➤ **Jin Kyung Lim, organ, CSMA, 4 PM**
\$10

31 Sunday
Verdi – Messa da Requiem, San
José Symphonic Choir, Cal Arte
Ensemble, California Theatre, 3 PM,
Tickets
<https://sanjosetheaters.org/theaters/california-theatre/>

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