

Reverberations

The Newsletter of the Northern NJ Chapter American Guild of Organists
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Our **JUNE 2022 Meeting**

MONDAY, June 13, 6pm
END-OF-SEASON BARBEQUE
Old Paramus Reformed Church
660 E. Glen Ave., Ridgewood, NJ

Join us for our final event this year in the pine grove at Old Paramus Church, where we have held previous events. The charcoal grill will be fired up, and we will be grilling chicken, hot dogs, and hamburgers. We will have coleslaw, potato salad, and a green salad, chips, crudité's.



BYO drink and picnic chair. (We will have as usual some folding chairs available for those who find it difficult to carry their own chairs.)

The trip to Longwood Gardens has been rescheduled for the fall.

Reservations due June 8 so we can purchase fresh meat! Text (914-714-8919) or email Stewart stewholmes2018@gmail.com



TWO WONDERFUL P.R. MATERIALS FOR OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS

Have a program planned for the summer or fall? Borrow the sign and insert the details of your event.

Something different for your summer services! Our OrgelKit is available, and our committee will help you plan and set it up!



Hello, Members,

It is amazing that after two years my Dean position is coming to a close. We have presented wonderful concerts, master classes, trips, and other events that have moved our intelligence to a higher level. Covid was challenging, but even through that, we forged ahead and kept our members engaged with online events and lectures.

I am truly thankful to all our Executive Board and Program Committee members who have helped, and continue to help me with ideas, decisions, volunteering, driving, and numerous other things. Thanks particularly to Stewart Holmes who manages to create a Newsletter every month that keeps our readers engaged in the organ world. Thanks also to Claudia Smith whose knowledge of "online" kept our events moving along during Covid time, and when we lost Board members to relocating, Tom Charsky and Carol Weber were happy to step in midterm as replacements.

Going forward, we are thrilled to add Janet Montroy and Chung Hong to our Program Committee which last year grew smaller due to members relocating to other areas of the country. Do you have ideas for new programs? We would love to hear from you. The Program Committee meets twice a year in June and January. Feel free to join us sharing your ideas. Your thoughts are always welcome, and there is always something we have never thought of presenting.

I thank you all for the opportunity to have become your Dean. It has been an honor and a pleasure. I look forward to volunteering in the future, and I know our chapter will continue programming only the finest. May you all have a wonderful, productive, and healthy summer. My thanks to you all.

June Marano-Murray, Dean



In Memoriam John Minor Conner (85) passed away at CareOne Oradell Rehab Facility on May 19, 2022 following a lengthy hospitalization. Throughout John's life he lived in Kansas City, Los Angeles, Washington DC, New York City, and New Jersey. John devoted his life to music, specifically playing the organ, and was considered a world-class performer by many who knew his work. He played from the age of 13 until he was 84 years old, and played on many amazing organs, retiring only a year before his death. Funeral Services will be held at St. Mary the Virgin Church on June 6, 2022 145 W 46th St, New York, NY 10036 at 10 am. His final resting place will be at Brookside Cemetery in Englewood, NJ.

REJOICE! An Afternoon of Music of Hope and Joy Sunday on June 5, 2022 at 3:00 PM: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD RECITAL SERIES PRESENTS with Melissa Macy, Violin; Emma Schmiedecke, Cello; Christopher Vehmas, Piano. Admission is free.

SAVE THESE DATES for NNJ CHAPTER MEETINGS

Monday, June 6 at 7:00 PM: Program Committee Meeting - Zoom

Monday, June 13 at 6PM: A Barbeque. See above for information.

Monday, June 20 at 7:00 PM: Executive Board Meeting, Location TBA

Monday, September 19: A day trip to Longwood Gardens. Stay tuned for an update this summer.

The Nominating Committee is still working to find a Dean for the coming year. However, as our Dean stated in her letter above, a slate in its current form will be sent shortly to everyone, seeking your approval.