

Reverberations

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

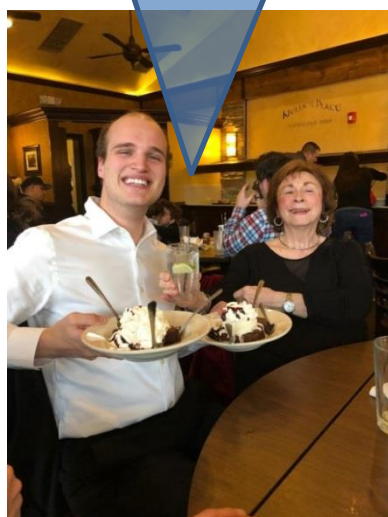
Spring is upon us! Flowers are blooming. The days are light for much longer. The birds have more to sing about. It's a time for new growth.

I hope that you're finding inspiration with this change in the seasons. Let it bring your dreams into reality. New enthusiasm for things you've been wanting to accomplish. Strength to take on something new, and energy to follow through. Do something you've been wanting to do, but haven't gotten to yet. Clear out that old stuff that hasn't been used in years and leave an empty space for something new to grow.

Welcome Spring! Join us for our May and June meetings, we'd love to see you. You might find something new to inspire you.

Cathie Ruppi, Dean

A post-recital celebration at Nellie's ...
What's Anita offering our artist?



A BIG thank you to NNJ chapter members who shared the responsibility of hosting Holden during his weekend here. More information about the weekend is listed in the "March Meetings" column, below, but these people need a pat on the back.

- Gloria and John Norton for providing housing
- Stewart Holmes for setting up the itinerary and coordinating the details for the weekend
- Anita Bontekoe for assisting with restaurant dinners
- Bob Wheeler, Cathie Ruppi, Debbie Holden-Holloway, and David Macfarlane, and the Norton's for providing transportation
- The Holmes', the Norton's, the Bontekoe's, Debbie Holden-Holloway, David Macfarlane, and June Marano-Murray for attending a dinner (or two!) during the weekend
- Who did we forget to thank? Hopefully, no one!

NNJ CHAPTER MEETINGS

We do not have an April meeting because, mmmmm, we've got a few other tasks at hand – like Holy Week and Easter. So take a little breath, and think about how you can make the season's music extra special!

MAY

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2019, 7:30
REGISTERING FRENCH BAROQUE MUSIC
ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Are you playing on a Cavaillé-Coll Pipe Organ? I think not! In fact, there are a number of us who play relatively small pipe organs, or even digital/electronic instruments. So how does one go about registering music (regardless of the level of difficulty) on our American instruments?

Our own Dr. David Macfarlane will lead us through the process. David's knowledge of registration practices is profound; he's insightful about the "French School" of organ registration; and he can hold his own at any organ console.

Don't miss this informative meeting next month!
St. Philip is located at 488 Saddle River Road in Saddle Brook. Directions next month.

JUNE

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019, 7:30
PENTA-CELEBRATION SUPPER
VITALES RESTAURANT, 293 QUEEN ANNE RD, TEANECK, 6:30 PM

Join us for our final event of the season! Dinner at Vitales is sure to be good – especially because **IT'S FREE!** Yes, the chapter will pick up the dinner tab. (Cash bar).

Since it is the day after Pentecost, feel free to wear something red (red socks, especially!) We have a separate party room reserved for our chapter, and we'd like to have an informal evening together to celebrate the close of another great year of musical events. More details to follow in the next newsletter

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, June 3, 7pm at Cathie Ruppie's home

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, June 18, 7pm at West Side Presbyterian Church

Our Two March Meetings

It was a treat of an evening with **James Kennerley** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ridgewood.

Our thanks to Bob Wheeler for coordinating with Stephen Gonzenbach from Bethlehem Lutheran for an informative evening made more relevant with the use of AV assist set up by Steve Cannella of Synapse AV Design in Paramus. Even though there were almost 100 in the audience, with the use of screens and good microphones, we all felt we had front row seats.

James was very engaging, humorous and got everyone involved. He performed flawlessly and at one point used three hymns that some of us had help pick out. There were many in the audience from his NJ chorus, Ars Musica, who had just had their concert the night before. Elena Crudge, the past organist/ music director from Bethlehem Lutheran, was in attendance. She was in town to play for services that past weekend and to attend our meeting. Also in attendance was Michael Cipolletti, President of the Garden State Theatre Organ Society.

This kind of collaboration goes a long way to making friends for the Organists' Guild and the Pipe Organ.



As mentioned on page one, a whole team of NNJ members worked throughout the weekend with Stewart Holmes to make the **Sunday Afternoon Recital with Holden Miller** a wonderful experience.

Mr. Miller is this year's winner of the Rodland Scholarship. As is our NNJ AGO tradition, Holden, who will receive his Bachelor's Degree in organ from St. Olaf's College this year, came to Ridgewood to perform a recital for us. Thank you to Old Paramus Reformed Church for again hosting this recital. And, of course, thank you, Holden, for your inspired performance.

CONCERTS and PROGRAMS COMING UP

Listings are repeated on our chapter website along with a link for Google Maps to provide detailed directions to each venue.

Sunday, April 7, 2019 3pm Glen Ridge Choral Society Chamber Orchestra: **Music of Light and Peace** including Requiem for the Living by Dan Forest. 195 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028, 973-743-5596

Friday, April 19, 2019 7:30pm: Seven Last Words of Christ by T. Dubois: Featuring the 23 member Chancel Choir of Old Paramus Church and the Adelphi Orchestra. **Old Paramus Reformed Church, 660 E. Glen., Ridgewood, NJ 201-444-5933**

Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 7:30pm: The Marriage of Spiritual Freedom and Improvisation: a seminar presented by Rev. Jean Holmes and Organist Stewart Holmes. This seminar, part of the Spiritual Foundation seminars sponsored by the Church, will address the question, "How do spiritual freedom and improvisation relate to each other", as well as "what does improvisation mean for spiritual leaders and musicians".

Friday, April 26, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. New Jersey Symphony Orchestra - Music for Organ and Orchestra: Featuring, among others, Camille Saint-Saëns' - Symphony No. 3, 'Organ Symphony' - with Cathedral Basilica organist, John J. Miller. Admission charges apply. **Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ**

Sunday, June 9, 2019, 3pm: Kinnara Choral Ensemble: The American Record Guide states that "you'd be hard pressed to find a choir that creates a lovelier sound." Don't miss a world class chorale experience in the outstanding acoustics of the West Side Presbyterian Church. 6 Monroe Street, Ridgewood, NJ

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Naurashaun Presbyterian Church, 51 Sickletown Rd, Pearl River, NY is seeking a part-time organist/pianist. Requirements include experience planning and playing for worship services, sacred music repertoire, professional contacts and creative ideas about liturgical music; support for the choir and collaboration with the choir director; planning special music with guests, instrumental or vocal, for Christmas, Easter and other holy days in the church year; overseeing care of the instruments. Back-to-back choir rehearsal and worship service on Sunday mornings. Eleven-rank Wicks pipe organ. Four weeks' vacation and competitive salary. Send cover letter and resume to Carol Dornbush in care of the church, npcpearl@verizon.net or 51 Sickletown Road, Pearl River NY 10965.

Chatham United Methodist Church, 460 Main Street, Chatham, NJ 07928, www.chathamumc.com, is seeking an organist/pianist/accompanist. This is a part-time position requiring a commitment of approx. 10 hours per week accompanying our adult choir and two Sunday morning services. For more information or to send in your resumé, and please contact Peter Hill, CUMC Music Director, at petepiano@mac.com. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Don't Forget! It's right in our back yard !

The AGO Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention

June 30 – July 3, 2019

More information available on the web: www.agosouthjersey2019.org

NEWS FROM YOUR EDITOR: Our newsletters are now published on the web. Check out www.northernnjago.com And then click on the "Newsletters" link. You'll find past issues of Reverberations.

NATIONAL NEWS: We received a thank you note from F. Anthony Thurman, Director of Development and Communications at AGO headquarters for the chapter's contribution to the AGO National Fund in memory of Harriet Dearden