

Reverberations

The Newsletter of the Northern NJ Chapter
American Guild of Organists

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I Hope your holidays have gone well. All the music you provided for the many traditions you serve; celebrations, concerts, parties, pageants, candles and quiet is behind us as we march past Epiphany Sunday. Most of our personal celebrations are behind us now, as well, with family, friends and perhaps some surprise visits, travel or rest and dreamy warm beaches, or at least some time to clear the slate before our calendars start filling up.

You'll want to check our NNJ AGO Calendar for 2019 to make sure you don't miss one meeting or event.

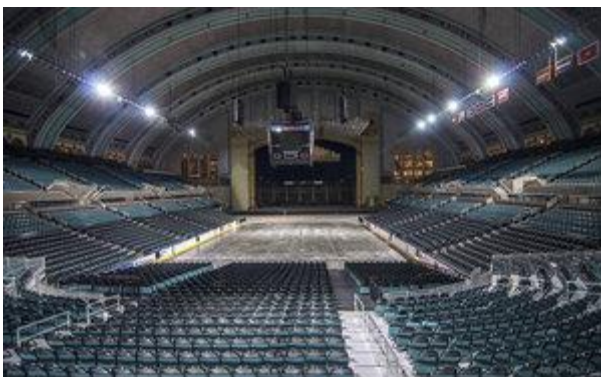
Thanks for your enthusiastic attendance at our 3 meetings this fall:

- September's Potluck and Installation of Officers along with singing by the Sweet Adeline quartet - Just 4 (Kicks).
- October's weekend Organist Studio and Recital with Maestro Hector Olivera.
- November's Evening at Home with PDQ Bach, our member's witty concert.

Wishing you an active, healthy, musically fulfilling 2019.

Cathie Ruppi, Dean

The AGO Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention



June 30 – July 3, 2019

Artists include

Peter Richard Conte, Eileen Guenther, Ann Labounsky,
Rudy Lucente, Monte Maxwell, Alan Morrison,
Eric Plutz, Glen Rogers, Daniel Roth,
The Philadelphia Organ Quartet,
Westminster Brass

Further information is available on their convention website - <https://www.agosouthjersey2019.org>

NNJ CHAPTER MEETINGS

We have just been informed that the Mini-Convention sponsored by the METRO Chapter has been cancelled due to complications. Because that was our January meeting, **WE WILL NOT HAVE A JANUARY MEETING**, focusing instead on the wonderful meeting planned for February.

Program Committee Meeting: Monday Jan. 14, 2019 7:00 pm at Cathie Ruppi's home

Executive Board Meeting: Monday 28, 2019, 7:00 pm at West Side Church, Ridgewood

OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019 9:00 – 5:00

PRESIDENT'S DAY CONFERENCE ON THE AVENUE IN NEW YORK

St. Thomas Church - 5th Ave at 53rd Street
St. Patrick's Cathedral – 5th Ave at 51st Street

✦ Transportation to and from NYC will be provided by the chapter at no fee providing you make a reservation (see below). There will be 2 pick up points:

*7:30 am at Old Paramus Church, Ridgewood

* 8:00 am at First Presbyterian, Englewood .

✦ Alternatively you may elect to take public transportation.

✦ **Registration cost for the entire day's events is free to NYC members.** For those who are not members, catch this: it's better to become a dual member of the NYC chapter (\$33 or seniors, \$18 young Organist, \$41 for regular members) than pay the day's admittance fee. With that dual membership you will also be able to attend any future NYC AGO event. One can register as a dual member now, on the national website (agohq.org) or join/pay at the door.

At Saint Thomas Church:

9:00 AM - Catered breakfast

10:00 AM - Organ demonstration with John Panning of Dobson Pipe Organ Builders, Ltd.

10:15 AM - Recital by the Organists of Saint Thomas

11:15 AM - Tour of Saint Thomas Church

12:00 PM Noon - Caring for organs: presentation and discussion with John Panning

12:45 PM - Lunch on your own – there are many delis and informal lunch places nearby (Burger Haven is one recommendation at 9 E 53rd St. Website: <https://www.burgerheaven.com/>,

2:00 PM - Lecture on the musical history of Saint Patrick's Cathedral by Salvatore Basile, author of *Fifth Avenue Famous: The Extraordinary Story of Music at Saint Patrick's Cathedral*

At Saint Patrick's Cathedral:

3:15 PM - Tour of Saint Patrick's Cathedral

4:00 PM - Recital by the Organists of Saint Patrick's

5:00 PM - Conference concludes

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! Deadline for reservations is Monday, Feb 11

Richard Tegtmeyer at rtatmeyer51@gmail.com (201-445-2207)

SAVE THE DATE! Our future meetings:

Monday, MAR 11, 2019 An Evening with James Kennerley 7:30 pm Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ridgewood

Sunday, MAR 24, 2019 St. Olaf/Rodland Scholarship Recital 3:00 pm Holden Miller, from St. Olaf College; Old Paramus Church, 660 E Glen, Ridgewood

Monday, JUNE 10, 2019 Chapter Dinner at Local Restaurant – “PentaBash Celebration!” 6:30 pm Location TBA

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We are saddened to hear that Barbara Fenn Wyssession died peacefully in her home in Teaneck, NJ, on Saturday, Dec 29, 2018, at the age of 85. A very loyal member of our chapter, she was an unyielding force of cheerfulness and optimism who loved music and nature. Barbara was a talented musician who taught music to thousands of students both as a public-school music teacher and through private lessons, and helped countless others as a music therapist in New Jersey hospitals. Barbara played and taught the piano, cello, flute, and recorder, and later

in life learned the viola da gamba, and was a professional church organist for most of her life. Services and donation instructions have yet to be established.



CONCERTS

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

Sunday January 13, 2019, 5:00 pm All Seasons Chamber Players: Bach to Blues – Works for flute, violin, cello, and harpsichord: St. Andrews Episcopal Church and the Arts Council of Harrington Park are sponsoring this concert. There is a suggested contribution of \$10 at the door. Advanced reservations are not needed. The church is handicapped accessible and parking is available across the street from the church. This hour and a half concert will have an intermission as well as a mix and mingle after the concert to meet the artists and to enjoy light refreshments. **St Andrews Episcopal Church, 31 Lynn St., Harrington Park, NJ 07430**

Sunday, January 20, 2019 3pm: West Side Concert Series, Paul VanNess, Pianist
Paul VanNess, a native of New Jersey and a widely experienced performer, will provide a delightful afternoon of superb piano artistry. **West Side Presbyterian Church, 6 Monroe Ave., Ridgewood, NJ**

Sunday, Feb 17, 2019 , 4pm: IF Music Be the Food: A series of benefit concerts which raise awareness and support for the hungry in the local community through the sharing of great music. These benefit concerts, organized by Carol Rodland, IMBTF Artistic Director and faculty member at Juilliard. **Tenri Cultural Institute: 43A West 13th Street New York, NY 10011**

Sunday, Feb 24, 2019, 3pm: Juilliard Chamber Orchestra: The Juilliard Chamber Orchestra returns to the West Side Concert Series. As one of the highlights of the previous season, they will once again provide an afternoon of extraordinary chamber music. **West Side Presbyterian Church, 6 Monroe Ave., Ridgewood, NJ**

Sunday March 10, 2019, 3pm: Glen Ridge Community Concerts **Brett Deuber**, Violist, has performed as a concerto soloist with over 70 orchestras in eleven countries on five continents. He is featured on more than a dozen recordings, and has had over 85 works written for him. This concert will feature works for viola and piano. As a teacher, Brett is dedicated to helping his students learn to believe in themselves and to attain their dreams. **195 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028, 973-743-5596**

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

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



Welcome new member Scott Johnson 780 Riverside Dr., Apt 11E NYC
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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Rutherford Congregational Church, 251 Union Ave., Rutherford, NJ 201-438-6324 is seeking a Director of Music to lead our open and affirming congregation with a musical ministry that enriches and deepens our worship services! This is a part-time position requiring a commitment of 15-20 hours per week. The anticipated start date is May 1, 2019. Please send your résumé, a cover letter explaining why you are seeking this position and how it fits in with your other employment/career plans to rcucc@verizon.net, Attention Director of Music Search Committee. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For further information contact Carol R. Anderson, at careertutor@gmail.com or infor@rcucc.com

Temporary Organist/Choir Director (January 16 - June 16) Christ Lutheran Church; 32 Pascack Road Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677; www.clc4u.com. Duties would include playing the organ/piano for one service on Sunday and direct the choir who will sing an anthem during worship; directing a 6-11 person choir including a weekly rehearsal; play additional services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday. Help organize/led special music for Easter Sunday. The pastor traditionally picks the hymns played during worship but that could change depending on what works best for you. Pay would be on a per-worship/per-rehearsal/planning basis. Email Pastor Marc at pastormarc@clc4u.com or call the church at 201-391-4224

WEBSITE NEWS - NEED TO EMAIL INFORMATION?

We have a tab on our website (northernnjag.org) which will send information directly to the chapter website. You can also elect to send it via email at northernnjago@yahoo.com. Please note that the best way to communicate to me about timely issues is to use my personal email, **recently changed** to stewholmes2018@gmail.com My old email (stewholmes@yahoo.com) is still active.

A note from a new member: Richard Kolb would like to be added to the Substitute Organist list. His phone is 201-375-1428

The deadline for the February Issue of Reverberations will be Monday, Feb 4th.