

Northern New Jersey Chapter

American Guild of Organists

Reverberations

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope that Holy Week, Easter and Passover provided all of us in the Northern New Jersey AGO chapter good opportunities to present inspirational and uplifting music. After one service at my church, the choir loft was filled with 13 year old Michael and his three cousins visiting from Ohio. Their eyes were wide with amazement to be 'up close' to the organ console and pipes as I completed playing the postlude. What a great ambassador Michael is for playing the organ. How wonderful for our parish members to share their worship with visiting friends and families.

Thank you, our members, for keeping high standards, and carrying on even when the work can prove challenging and exhausting.

Reward yourself with an evening 'out' with fellow organists. Find something new to inspire you. Join our past dean Dr. David Macfarlane on Tuesday, May 18th for his presentation on registering French Baroque music. Please also mark your calendars to join us for dinner at Vitales Restaurant in Teaneck on Monday, June 10th. The chapter is picking up the tab for dinner. Reservations required.

Cathie Ruppí, Dean

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

In Memoriam



Edward William Fanslau, 100, of Westminster died early Friday morning, April 12, 2019 at Carroll Lutheran Village. Born April 9, 1919 in Paterson, NJ, he was the son of the late Gustav and Louise (Miller) Fanslau. His wife of 59 years, Velma (Vatthauer) Fanslau, predeceased him in 2003.

Ed was retired from Bergen Pines Hospital, Paramus, NJ, where he worked as an accountant. He was very active in his church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pompton Lakes, NJ, serving as their organist for 65 years and Choir Director for 31 years. He loved hiking and cross-country skiing and was a hike leader for 40 years with AMC, ADK, and WTW. He co-founded the Toastmasters in Midland Park, NJ and was a member of Toastmasters International for over 50 years, and also was a member of the American Guild of Organists.

Memorial donations in Ed's name may be made to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 220 Hamburg Turnpike, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442. On May 4, 2019 at 11 a.m. a memorial service will be held for family and friends at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 220 Hamburg Turnpike, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442. Memorial donations in Ed's name may be made to St. Paul's Church at the above address.

NNJ CHAPTER MEETINGS

MAY

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 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 classic school" of organ registration; and he can hold his own at any organ console.

St. Philip's is located at 488 Saddle River Road in Saddle Brook. Take Garden State Parkway (South) to New Pehle Ave. in Saddle Brook. Take Pehle Ave to Saddle River Rd. Turn right onto Saddle River Rd.

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

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

JUNE

MONDAY, JUNE 10 , 2019, 6:30

PENTA-CELEBRATION SUPPER

VITALES RESTAURANT, 296 TEANECK 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** for all members based on the National AGO roster of paid members. Dinner otherwise is \$35. Appetizers, entree, beverages and dessert. Cash bar. The kitchen is flexible about special diets, but would appreciate advance notice.

Reservations are required. Deadline: Sunday, June 2nd.
Contact Cathie Rupp at ruppic@yahoo.com or 201-871-1643.

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. We'd like to have an informal evening together to celebrate the close of another great year of musical events. Bring news of one event that you'd like to share with everyone, either from NNJ AGO or your church or some event you've attended. of another great year of musical events. More details to follow in the next newsletter

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, May 5, 2019 2:00pm: Spring Concert - Ridgewood Singers. Susan LaFever, Conductor, Eric Clark Pianist. Tickets, \$18, Senior/Students \$15 **First Presbyterian Church, 722 E. Ridgewood Ave., Ridgewood, NJ**

Sunday, May 5, 2019, 4:00pm - F. Anthony Thurman in Recital: Anthony is a member of the AGO National staff, and a talented organist, too. This recital is part of the the "Culture Close to Home" series at **All Saints Episcopal Church, 40 Central Ave., Glen Rock, NJ.**

Saturday, May 11, 7:00pm Die Schöne Müllerin , by Franz Schubert: Ed Hedlund, Tenor and Susan Gadd, Piano. A local film director will be projecting images onto a screen during the song cycle. Reception following the concert. Freewill offering. **Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 90 E Allendale Rd., Saddle River, NJ**

Wednesday, May 8, Noon: Kristen Dabaghian in Recital: Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Kristen is a dual member of our chapter, and was recently appointed Associate Organist at the Basilica. **Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark**

Sunday, May 12, 2019, 4pm: Mother's Day Concert and Banquet: Featuring NNJ member Brian Tricoli on bells, and Violinist Andrew Pak. No fee for the concert, dinner is \$30. RSVP: **Ridgewood United Methodist Church, 100 Dayton Street, Ridgewood, NJ**

Sunday, May 5, 2019, 3pm: Vincent Carr in Recital: Vince was a member of the METRO chapter a couple of years ago. He also was a featured program for our chapter at that time. This recital is a part of the Karen Kasiser Memorial Concert Series of **First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford, located at 1 East Passaic Ave., Rutherford.** Contact the church for additional information.

Friday, May 17, 2019, 8:00 PM Jersey Jubilation 15th Annual Handbell Concert: Jersey Jubilation Handbell Choir will be presenting their 15th Annual "Ring in the Spring" Concert. The choir, under the direction of Christine Braden, will perform a varied selection of music for all to enjoy. Elizabeth Hartman will perform on flute and Brian Tricoli will perform on solo handbells. Suggested Donation \$10. www.JerseyJubilation.org For further information contact Brian at bellsymphony@aol.com.
Ridgewood United Methodist Church, 100 Dayton St., Ridgewood, NJ

Thursday, May 23, 2019 7:30pm: 19th Annual Bells & Whistles Concert sponsored by the First Congregational Church and the Cultural Center of River Edge, New Jersey. Featuring the Pilgrim Ringers; Melissa Murray and June Marano-Murray, piano duo; vocal soloists; and Gloria Norton, organ. A free-will offering will benefit a local food bank. The church sanctuary is air-conditioned and accessible. A reception will follow the concert. For information contact the Church or Gloria Norton; glorinor@aol.com

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**



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 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.

Asian Indian Christian Church, 172 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922, AICC is a multi-ethnic congregation with the congregational members drawn primarily from India. The service is in English and offers a blended worship style of traditional hymns and contemporary songs to the worshipping community. Sunday worship service is at 9AM and 10.30AM. Resumes welcome; please email to: pastoraiccnj@gmail.com (610) 389-3863