

Reverberations

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

With this June issue of Reverberations, we take a break until late August.

Many of you will join us at Vitale's Restaurant on June 10th and share highpoints of the past season, looking back together over a productive musical year since September.

We thank David Macfarlane for his informative class at St Philip the Apostle Church in Saddle Brook in May. It was presented in such a relaxed, enjoyable format.

I hope you'll be attending our Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention, June 30 - July 3 in Cherry Hill. Perhaps you'll also be at other festivals, conventions or camps. I wish all of you a good summer to recharge, do planning for another wonderful year ahead and get some rest and relaxation.

Cathie Ruppi, Dean



OUR MAY MEETING!

It was a small gathering, but David Macfarlane didn't disappoint us. His ideas about registering the French Baroque music were so easy to digest. His reflections on how the masters improvised were enlightening.

Desert didn't disappoint us either. Thank you Gloria Norton for providing the refreshments.

NNJ CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

JUNE 10

MONDAY, JUNE 10 , 2019, 6:30

PENTA-CELEBRATION SUPPER

VITALES RESTAURANT, 293 QUEEN ANN RD, TEANECK, 6:30 PM

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. Contact Cathie Ruppi at [ruppic@yahoo.com](mailto:rupplic@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. **Directions:** From **Route 4 East**, take exit at Queen Anne Road. Go Straight off exit and follow Signs to Ridgefield Park. Go through three traffic lights. Vitales is ½ block on left past 3rd light

NOTES ABOUT RENEWING MEMBERSHIP! *Many of our chapter's membership's renewals come up this month. Here are some helpful hints!*

- A member can renew anytime by calling the national office (212-870-2310) with a credit card
- Your chapter officers can print individual dues invoices for any chapter member on request
- Members can opt for hard copy (mailed USPS) invoices or invoices by email
- If this is your first time, or you need a refresher, here's a link to an [ONCARD instructional video](#) and [ONCARD FAQs](#)

CONCERTS and PROGRAMS COMING UP

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

Nauraushaun 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.

Church of the Annunciation, Oradell New Jersey. One service per week. The Priest will select all of the hymns in advance. Input for music from the congregation and organist is always welcome. The service will consist of four hymns, a prelude, postlude, Sanctus and offertory piece. The pay will be \$125 - \$150 per week depending upon experience. The position will include playing for all weddings and funerals at an additional fee The organ is an electric two manual Hammond plus pedals. Contact: lynarch@verizon.net



The AGO Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention

"I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS A SOUTH JERSEY!"

We are accustomed to hearing this exclamation of surprise and delight from those who venture off the NJ turnpike between exits 1 and 4 and discover our historic small towns, rich in culture and community pride. With South Jersey's natural beauty, you'll see why we are called the Garden State!

We are excited to show our AGO colleagues the other half of New Jersey that they never knew existed. Our visitors will find many fantastic organs - from the Midmer-Losh, the world's largest, to a small 2-manual Marcussen & Sons tracker instrument, one of only four organs by this builder in the United States. A day trip to Atlantic City will include free time on the boardwalk.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel, located on the Cooper River in Cherry Hill, offers free parking and WiFi, and easy access to the jogging trails around the riverbank. Come and join us!

We are pleased to report that Bob Wheeler is recovering well from his successful surgery. We offer prayers for his full recovery!