



Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

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*The
Clarion*
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Mission Statement

The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

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Marian Berry

From our Dean

The new season is fast upon us—it arrives earlier each year. We welcome new faces and bid fond and sad farewell to old.

I already must thank Adam Savacool for agreeing to be editor of the Clarion. Also thanks to Conner McMains for agreeing to finish the unexpired Executive Board seat of Nathan Beethe. Bob Bidewell has graciously, as always, agreed to oversee the yearbook ads.

As always we are seeking new and newly active members. Our chapter has programs that rival chapters in major metropolitan areas. It is truly a shame that more musicians, choristers, clergy, and music lovers in general are not actively encouraged to join us regularly. I would hope and pray that at a time when wars rage and politi-

cians skillfully drive wedges among classes and creeds that we in our small community might give up some of our petty grievances and ego driven malice to welcome sparkling new talent and “known quantities” so that Little Rock might be known for its hospitality and large appreciative audiences.

Maybe you got a good ticket in the Arkansas Lottery. I’m not too proud to take that either. And remember: this is the only year you can die without the IRS taxing your estate. The endowment fund would be a nice place to consider for estate planning.

I look forward to seeing you all at our September meeting. Hopefully, there will be a large group gathered and we can praise the Lord with heart and voice.

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From our Regional Councillor

Dear CACAGO Members,

I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for all you do for the AGO. The Central Arkansas Chapter is one of the shining stars in Region VII. As Regional Councillor, I have enjoyed visiting your chapter and look forward to other opportunities to do so. The Region VII Conventions that Little Rock has hosted in the past have been prime examples of organization and teamwork. Your chapter is truly

one of the models I look to when citing good examples of what the AGO is all about. I know that under the leadership of your new Dean, Richard Hixson, that will continue to be the case. I wish you continued success in the coming year. Anytime I can be of help to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Michael Bedford, AAGO, ChM, DMA
AGO Region VII Councillor

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Friday, September 10, 2010

A Service of Evening Prayer

Installation of Officers for 2010-2011

featuring the

Compline Choir of Christ Church

Directed by Steve Bullock

Punchbowl — 6:15

Dinner — 6:45

Program — 8:00

St. Paul United Methodist Church

[2223 Durwood Road](#)

Little Rock, Arkansas

For dinner reservations, contact Marian Berry via email (dinner@cacago.org) or phone (501-663-1693). Marian is accepting reservations until noon on Wednesday, September 8. Your reservation will be confirmed via phone or email. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Marian to assure your reservation has been received.

Membership Renewals and Yearbook Ads

As of August 30, 2010, 49 members have not renewed their memberships. David Scribner sent personalized renewal forms in May (either by email or US Mail). As you probably know, all memberships lapse on June 30 of each year. If you have not renewed this year, it is important to send your form and dues to Jess Anthony as soon as possible to ensure that your name appears in the

yearbook. If you need a new renewal form, please email David Scribner (webmaster@cacago.org) or call him at 501-661-0330. To the right is a list of members who have renewed.

Bob Bidewell is in charge of yearbook ads this year. If you would like to place an ad in the yearbook, please contact him at (501) 666-9429 or email bbidewell@sbcglobal.net

Members who have renewed as of Aug 30

Betty Anderson
Don & Lynda Anderson
Jess Anthony
Nathan Beethe
Bob Bidewell
Frank Block
Steve Bullock
James Cathey
Craig Chotard
Betty Cohen
Judy Cumming
Betty Deislinger
Janet Elwood
Ansley Fleming
Jo Fleming
Bill Fox
Fred Graham
Pat Henry
Richard Hixson
Robert Lindley
Barbara Lusk
Betty Marshall
Kay McAfee
Mike Metzler
Bert Miller
Becky Newberry
Joe Nichols
Morris Parker
Elizabeth Plowman
Kay Bell Provus
Caroline Riggs
Lyle Rupert
Joe Santo
Adam Savacool
David Scribner
Walter & Sally Sedelow
John Senner
Margaret Shook
Wayne Simpson
Anne Smith
Virginia Strohmeyer-Miles
Paula Swaim
Martha Lynn Thompson
Bill Trantham
Trevis Young

Treasurer's Report

As we go into a new fiscal year, I wanted to give you a brief financial picture for FY10. Records indicate that in addition to donations by individual members and organizations within the fiscal year 2009-2010, other operating money included \$4,767 in carryover money from FY09 and a 6-4-10 deposit of \$2,499 taken from a closed Wells-Fargo account. Ad sales for the 2009-2010 yearbook brought in \$1,665.00. The operating money was used during the year to pay National AGO dues, reimburse expenses for programming and operations, and pay catering for dinners and receptions.

Basic expenses last fiscal year were \$12,612 for artist fees and accommo-

dations, \$3,354 for catering charges, and \$697 for basic operational costs such as postage and supplies.

The total AGO dues paid during FY10 were \$5,809, of which \$3,190.50 went to National; \$2,618.00 was kept in the CACAGO chapter. Along with dues, members contributed \$424 to the General Fund and \$83 to the Endowment Fund.

As of 6/30/10 we also had \$17,478.67 in our Arkansas Community Foundation Concert Endowment Fund. Based on market value, this represented a slight drop in value from the April 2010 total of \$18,468.93.

Jess Anthony, Treasurer

Our Condolences

We express our deepest sympathies to former CACAGO member Daniel J. Susan on the loss of his mother Edith Linnea (Levine) Susan. Daniel studied with Craig Chotard while in high school, and graduated from Henderson State University where he was a student of Robert Ellis.

We also mourn the passing of Mary Herrington Diden, a long-time member of our chapter. Mary passed away on June 24 at the age of 85. She grew up in Pine Bluff and attended the University of North Texas as a music major. Mary was a member of First Baptist Church in Pine Bluff where she served as the interim organist (on numerous

occasions) and volunteered in the Training Union. In addition to her activities at First Baptist, she also served as a sub at various churches in Pine Bluff and played in the Pine Bluff Community Band. Mary loved to travel, and toured most of the USA with her husband Sam. For many years, she made annual trips to Europe with her dear friend Carol Majors. Mary was also passionate about animals and volunteered for many years with the Jefferson County Humane Society. Although she had no immediate family, she left behind many dear friends and her two beloved dogs, Precious and Y.D. (Yellow Dog).

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Upcoming Events

September 10

Service of Evening Prayer
Installation of Officers
St. Paul United Methodist Church

October 8

[Jonathan Ryan](#), Organist
Location TBA

November 19

Fourth Annual Benefit for ACH
Pediatric Injury Prevention Program

[Marilyn Keiser](#), Organist
Christ Episcopal Church
Saturday Morning Workshop

