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American Guild of Organists

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Mission Statement

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From the Dean

Dear Members (Dues paying and otherwise),

It is once again time to gather for our first meeting of the 2011 – 2012 season. As previously announced, the first gathering will be held at Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church. I cannot ever remember a meeting being held at this venue and am very excited at the prospect of being there. Many thanks to Fred Graham for being our host and making preparations for our meeting. This might be the time to bring over-ripe leftover garden vegetables to use in riotous celebratory glee at the officer installation portion of the program.

I received a notice of retirement from our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Kay McAfee, last Thursday. She stated that she believes that “the time has come to retire from teaching and/or coaching, from any performing except that which is for worship or for special programs at First United Methodist in Arkadelphia, and for holding any office in the AGO.” We owe Kay a huge THANK YOU for the many hours of love, support, and labor she has selflessly given this chapter over many years. I think she has held every office, been on every committee, played on every type program with grace and aplomb. She has always been a good friend to me and a teacher and mentor to many. Hope to see you soon, often, and carefree!

I’m very excited about our programming this season. I truly think no chapter in the nation will exceed the quality of CACAGO this year! Thank you Wayne Simpson. Check out the artists

here and online. Mark your calendars and bring friends.

We extend our deepest sympathies to James Cathey, whose wife, Sue, passed away on August 17. Her funeral was held August 20 at Wood Avenue ARP Church in Monticello.

At the risk of being preachy and wordy—a little follow up to the last sermon I printed. Take care of your choristers! We really never know what will befall us and what harvest we will reap. The debacle at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral has been pretty well documented in the press this summer. I am intimately involved there. At this time the only program still standing is music. The reason for this is loyalty to the choir master – only. How long this will survive is anyone’s guess, but with all else in shambles the music lives. High quality music, good treatment of voices and souls, good preparation, good education, and genuine care and ministry for the whole person involved has engendered this loyalty.

We shall reap what we sow. If you sow the wind, you will reap the whirlwind. My grandmother was very fond of telling me that as she sat on her front porch. (She would be 121 years old.) I think that originated in Hosea.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Friday, September 9, 2011

Opening Service

Installation of Officers for 2011-2012

Punchbowl — 6:15 P.M.

Dinner and Meeting — 6:45 P.M.

Program — 8:00 P.M.

Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church
1003 N. Tyler St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

The cost for dinner is \$10.00. For dinner reservations, contact Craig Chotard via email (dinner@cacago.org) or phone (501) 225-4203. Craig is accepting reservations until noon on Wednesday, September 7. Your reservation will be confirmed via phone or email. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Craig to assure your reservation has been received.

Program Calendar

2011 – 2012

Friday, September 9
Installation of Officers
Holy Souls Catholic Church
1003 N. Tyler St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, December 30
Richard Hixson Birthday Recital
Fred Teardo, organ
Christ Episcopal Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, March 16
Marilyn Keiser, organ
First Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, October 7
Craig Cramer, organ
Christ Episcopal Church
509 Scott St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, January 13
Members' Recital
First United Methodist Church
723 Center St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Saturday, March 17
Workshop by Marilyn Keiser
Music for the Small Parish
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
4106 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, November 25
A Benefit Concert for the
Pediatric Injury Prevention Center
Arkansas Children's Hospital
Lisa Shihoten, violin
Ken Cowan, organ
First Presbyterian Church
800 Scott St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Thursday, January 26
Doane College Choir
Tom Trenney, director
St. James UMC
321 Pleasant Valley Dr.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, April 13
Carol Rodland, viola
Catherine Rodland, organ
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, February 17
James O'Donnell, organ
Pulaski Heights UMC
4823 Woodlawn
Little Rock, Arkansas

*The program for May
will be announced at a later date.*

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 15 – 7:30 p.m.

Little Rock Chamber Music Society
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sunday, September 11 – 6:00 p.m.

A Service of Evening Prayer
In Remembrance of 9/11
St. Paul United Methodist Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Music by St. Paul Ringers and the Chancel Choir
Great Hymns of Faith and Strength, Prayers of Peace

Sunday, September 18 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, September 19 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 22 – 7:00 p.m.

River City Men's Chorus
Trinity United Methodist Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sunday, September 25 – 7:00 p.m.

Nigel Potts, organ
Trinity Episcopal Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Position Available

Director of Music/Organist
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Hot Springs, Arkansas

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please e-mail a resume along with any additional qualifications you would like to share to Linda McMillan, wpchsar@sbcglobal.net

Members' Recital

We will have a members' recital on January 13 at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock. If you are interested in performing on this program, please email Adam Savacool (asavacool@gmail.com).

Yearbook Info

David is at work on our 2011-2012 yearbook, which will be distributed after our first meeting. If your contact/employment information has changed since you joined or renewed this year, please email those changes to David (yearbook@cacago.org).

Thank You!

The following members have joined or renewed their memberships as of August 26

Betty Anderson
Don & Lynda Anderson
Jess Anthony
David Beckius
Nathan Beethe
Bob Bidewell
Frank Block
William Pete Buckholtz
Steven Bullock
James Cathey
Craig Chotard
John Churchwell
Betty Cohen
Betty Deislinger
Ansley Fleming
Jo Fleming
Bill Fox
Stephen Garner
David Glaze
Fred Graham
Robert Green

Keith Hearnberger
Pat Henry
Richard Hixson
Trent Hubbard
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Thomas C. Lee
Robert Lindley
Barbara Lusk
Jim Maase
Carol Majors
Lewis G. Martin
Kay McAfee
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Ralph Wilcox
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