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## From the Dean

Greetings members,

Our final program, held at Holy Family Catholic Church, was a success thanks to Director/Organist Robert Todd, Michelle Klima, and Michelle Rego. Our attendance was good considering the mon-

soon that occurred just before the program! Also, many thanks to Jack Rain for the installation of our new officers. After the Evening Vesper Service, we enjoyed a wonderful meal created especially for us by Linda Johnston.



I wish to thank each member of the retiring board for their work these past two years. We progressed in membership with several additional members. I am confident that, with our new board, we will continue to grow in numbers. Many thanks to each board member who accepted a position for the board this next season!

I regret not being able to spend the time necessary to serve as dean, however caring for two aged parents in my home has become a full-time job. It is a huge blessing to have one's parents both living into their 90's, but the task can sometimes prove tiring with little energy left at the end of the day. Again, thanks for your understanding during these past two years.

I look forward to the new season and I trust you will encourage and support the board with your attendance and help when needed.

Best regards,

Your former Dean, Rick Nay

# **Congratulations to Our New Board Members!**

The Executive Board voted at the May 17th meeting to nullify the election results of the at-large seats. The officers who ran unopposed were installed at our last meeting. The final election results are in!

DeanDwight ThomasSub-DeanMichelle RegoTreasurerLes BurrowsSecretaryMichelle KlimaScholarshipsDr. Betsy Walch

Current Members-at-Large (2014-2018): Jim Inmon, Jack Rain, Dr. Vernon Taranto

Newly Elected Members-at-Large (2016-2020):

Kay Mann, Barry Stevens, Robert Todd

## Chapter Events 2016-2017



As we begin to plan our activities and gatherings for the 2016-2017 AGO year, we want to know from YOU how we might best meet your professional and educational needs through our programming.

Put bluntly, what kind of AGO events do you want to attend? Our membership and meeting attendance is low, and we would LOVE to see it increase, but we need YOUR input so that our offerings are truly worth your time and your participation!

Think outside the box. Instead of "meetings," consider "events." Instead of "presentations," think of "experiences." Right now, nothing is off-limits in terms of idea sharing! Let us know what would truly reach you this year!

Please e-mail ANY and ALL suggestions to Sub-Dean Michelle Rego (MRegoReatini@msn.com). We need your ideas NOW!



#### Dear Colleagues:

As we begin the unofficial start of Summer and begin making plans for the next three months, be sure to include the Pipe Organ Encounter in beautiful Atlanta, Georgia, in your schedule.

The final deadline for registration is fast approaching (June 30th). So, be sure to put down the dates of July 24-July 29, 2016. The POE is open to students (ages 13 -18) for study. Some of Atlanta's finest organists and teachers are accepting the challenge to provide a week of intense study on a variety of grand instruments that are available in the Atlanta area.

Detailed information can be obtained and applications can be submitted online by going to the National AGO Website at: <a href="https://www.agohq.org/education/poe/">https://www.agohq.org/education/poe/</a> or by going directly to the Atlanta Chapter website at: <a href="http://www.agoatlanta.org/html/POE.htm">http://www.agoatlanta.org/html/POE.htm</a>

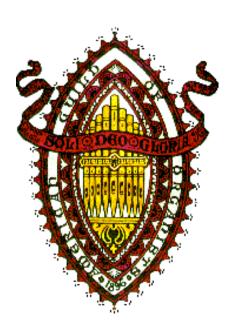
The registration fee for the Atlanta POE is \$525, and payment, in full, is due at time of registration. Checks are to be made payable to: Atlanta Chapter AGO POE. Payment forms, from the brochure, and check can be mailed to:

Attn: Gwyn Bacon, Registrar Atlanta AGO POE Northside United Methodist Church 2799 Northside Drive, NW Atlanta, GA 30305

See you soon!

Sincerely,

Your Friends, American Guild of Organists, Atlanta Chapter



### **Member Summer Events**



The Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church will celebrate the 237th birthday of America with a patriotic musical celebration at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 3rd. The "Let Freedom Ring" celebration will be held in lieu of the traditional worship service. Under the direction of Dale Williams, keyboardist with the Florida Orchestra, and seven vocalists, the program will include renditions of "America," "America the Beautiful," and "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," among other stirring patriotic songs.

The presentation is sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. There is no charge for this celebration and all are invited to join the congregation for coffee and cake after the program. Pass-A-Grille Community Church is located at 107 16th Avenue, St. Pete Beach. For more information on this and other church activities, please call the church office, 727-360-5508, or visit the website, www.pagchurch.org.

#### **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Please consult the St. Petersburg Chapter AGO website (<a href="www.stpetersburgago.com">www.stpetersburgago.com</a>) for an up-to-date listing of any open positions in the local area.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Tampa is seeking a permanent, part-time organist for their church. The organ is a Midmer-Losh, circa 1928, the year in which our church edifice was constructed. There are two services: Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.. Each service lasts one hour, with a nine-minute prelude and a seven-minute postlude for each. There is no chorus to direct. In addition to the three hymns sung by the congregation at each service, we have one solo on Sunday and a brief offertory. Usually the organist and soloist practice on Sunday morning about 9:30, and the organist normally practices on Wednesday afternoon for a few hours before the service, depending upon the experience of the organist. If this is not practical for the organist, we can certainly alter the practice time.

Also, we do not hold funeral or marriage services in the church building itself so the church does not require or need these extra services. However, if a member does need the services of the organist for these special occasions, we are happy to provide the member with the contact information of the organist if this is agreeable with the organist. The organist's salary is based on experience, but at present we are a fairly small congregation.

I might mention that the organist and soloist are required to climb two sets of stairs to reach the organ loft.

Jill Stilton, Music committee chairman First Church of Christ, Scientist E-mail: <a href="mailto:stilton@tampabay.rr.com">stilton@tampabay.rr.com</a>

### A Brief Note from the Editor

Going anywhere for professional development this summer? Any cool organ or choral news to share? Ideas for newsletter topics? Let me know, as I'm always looking for new and exciting things to share with our membership! E-mail me with anything, and at any time, at michellemklima@gmail.com. If it's good, we'll print it! Thanks for your help!

#### **SUBSTITUTES**

Inclusion in this list of substitutes does not constitute an endorsement of skills by the AGO. The St. Petersburg Chapter encourages interviews with prospective substitutes.

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