



MIXTURES Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER DEAN

Welcome to another blazingly hot Texas summer! Our recent heat wave reminds me of my California years as organist in a church with inadequate climate control in the organ chambers. When temperatures reached triple digit, I used my "summer" registrations...no reeds and light on mixtures! Tuning was not viable until cooler fall temperatures returned!

As I complete my term as Dean of our fine chapter, I have reflected on the past two years. When I assumed the position of Dean, we met on Zoom and attended virtual programs. One of the main topics of conversation was how our churches were coping with new ways of conducting corporate worship. Two years later, we have resumed in-person meetings and worship, and our churches continue live-stream and recorded services. It has been a steep learning curve for musicians, clergy, and parishioners, taking us boldly into the future.

A few weeks ago, our chapter enjoyed meeting at Broadway Baptist Church for an evening of food, fellowship, and music. At this event, we honored outgoing officers:

Dean	Beverly Howard
Sub-Dean/Program Chair	Peggy Graff
Director	Dale Bench
Director	Devon Howard
Scholarship Administrator	Kyla Rosenberger,

I am grateful to have worked with this dedicated and passionate Executive Committee during my tenure as Dean. Each officer has brought unique gifts and skills to our work.

We also installed the newly elected and continuing officers:

Dean	Peggy Graff
Sub-Dean	Devon Howard
Treasurer	Elizabeth Kutz
Secretary	Ken Surley
Director	Fang-Lan Hsieh
Director	Aaron Walton
Director	Andy Rose

We have a superb group of new officers who will join the returning group to form an Executive Committee that will accomplish great things on behalf of our Chapter over the next two years.

As I leave office, I am gratified that the Fort Worth Chapter is thriving with increased membership, is financially solid, and has an Executive Committee that envisions a bright future for our chapter.

May we all live long and prosper in our music making, and may all our reeds be in tune!

Beverly Howard, D.M.A.

Dean



Right: Incoming Dean, Peggy Graff, CAGO (L) presents outgoing Dean, Dr. Beverly Howard, a plaque honoring her service to the Fort Worth Chapter.



From Peggy Graff, Sub-Dean and Program Director

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I hope this message finds you feeling a more relaxed sense of now that summer is upon us!

Just to let you know, we are in the process of building another exciting season of programs and events for our chapter. When the executive committee approves our proposals and dates, we will share those with you so that you can mark your calendar and plan to join us.

Have a wonderful summer – enjoy whatever it is that makes you feel energized, re-fueled, happy, fulfilled, and at peace! Hope to see you in Seattle at the National AGO Convention!

Warmest regards,

Peggy Graff

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Recently ballots were sent to all voting members of the chapter for open Executive Committee officers for 2022-2023. The Nominating Committee consisted of **Dr. Jerry Aultman**, FAGO, Chair, (representing Evangelical churches), **Janet Pummill**, CAGO (representing mainline Protestant churches), and **Arlene Small** (representing Liturgical churches). They selected the following slate of officers. No additional nominations were received from chapter members.

Dean: **Peggy Graff**, CAGO
Sub-Dean: **Dr. Devon Howard**
Treasurer: **Elizabeth Kutz**, CAGO
Secretary: **Ken Surley**, CAGO
Directors (Three vacancies to fill)
Andy Rose
Aaron Walton, SPC
Dr. Fang-Lan Hseih, SPC

Forty seven email votes were received and one USPS ballot was received. All emailed ballots were printed to make a paper ballot. These ballots were audited by **Dana Chavarria**, SPC, and **Carol Kocher**. The recently elected Officers and Directors will start their terms on July 1.

NOTE-WORTHY NEWS! PEGGY GRAFF, CERTIFICATION EXAM COORDINATOR

Happy Summer, Colleagues!

As the summer season approaches, I hope this finds you having a more relaxed schedule! As you look ahead and think of goals for the coming season, think “AGO CERTIFICATION!” Our chapter has a significant percentage of organists who have attained certification at the SPC level and levels beyond. If you are among those certified organists, consider the next level of certification! If you have not yet challenged yourself to go through the certification process and take an exam, now is the time to do so! AGO certification has been the backbone of the AGO since its inception. Studying for and taking the guild exams is a way to challenge yourself and to improve your organist skills; and by doing so, reminding yourself that you know more than you think you know!

The July issue of *The American Organist* will give information on the 2022-2023 exam cycle for all levels of certification, including how to obtain an application, application and payment deadline, organ repertoire choices, and other exam requirements. **Local certification workshops** will be held later this summer at FUMC-FW for Service Playing Certification (SPC) and Colleague (CAGO) exam, **based on the interest of chapter members. You must contact FWAGO Certification Coordinator, Peggy Graff, (pgraff@myfumc.org) by July 20 this summer** if you are wanting to attend a workshop to prepare for SPC or CAGO certification.

Proposed workshop dates are:

SPC: Saturday, August 20 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | 1:00 – 4:00 pm (attend both morning and afternoon sessions)

CAGO: Saturday, August 27 | **SECTION 1:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | **SECTION 2:** 1:00 – 4:00 pm (attend the workshop for whichever section of the exam you plan to take, or you can attend both sessions)

NOTE: If you plan to prepare for the AAGO, ChM, or FAGO exams in the 2022-2023 exam cycle, please contact me **as soon as possible**. I plan to get experts on various parts of those exams to conduct study sessions, and I need some lead time to do this so that exam candidates can be offered adequate preparation.

***Have you been out of college for a while,
or have you been a church organist for a long time
and need to brush up on your skills?
The certification process can do this for you!
Yes, it takes extra effort, but the dividends are great!***



William E. Hayes Memorial Scholarship

The FWAGO Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce a new recipient of the **William E. Hayes Memorial Scholarship**. **Thatcher Nelson** attended our recent chapter Pipes, Pedals and Pizza event and subsequently applied for our scholarship. He prepared and played an audition for the committee. He has long been interested in the organ and is excited for the opportunity to formally study the instrument. Thatcher is 16 years old and is a home school student in Aledo. Besides taking piano lessons for the last 5 years, he is an altar server at Holy Redeemer Catholic, raises chickens, and is planning his upcoming Eagle Scout project. **Joshua Lang**, our chapter member and upcoming Scholarship Administrator, will be his instructor.

Scholarship recipients receive \$900 for 12 months of study and are also enrolled as local and national AGO members. We encourage Thatcher to take advantage of attending chapter events and concerts as well as National Headquarters' study materials, magazine, and educational videos. Thank you to all chapter members who have made the William E. Hayes Scholarship a reality with your past and future donations. Thank you, **Barbara Marquart** and **Alissa Brewer**, for serving on the committee the last four years. We know everyone will give Thatcher Nelson a warm welcome to our Fort Worth area community of organists!

Kyla Rosenberger, CAGO, BM, MM
FWAGO Scholarship Administrator

Scholarship Committee

Barbara Marquart, AAGO, MMus, MusD

Alissa Brewer, SPC, BM, MSM

Joshua Lang, BM,MM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please check our chapter website <http://www.fortworthago.org>
for the most current information on events performed or supported by our chapter members.

WE NEED MORE SUBSTITUTES!

We need more organists on the official chapter substitute roster that is posted on our chapter website. The demand has exceeded our supply of substitutes who can serve for Sunday morning services. I frequently get requests, often on short notice, from churches needing substitutes, sometimes for one Sunday, but sometimes for an extended period.

If any of you want to be listed as a substitute and are not already on the list, please contact me so that you can be added to the list posted on our website. You may be available every day or only during the week for funerals and weddings, but not on Sundays. To qualify, you must be a chapter member in good standing and have a degree in organ performance or hold an AGO certification (SPC, CAGO, CHM, AAGO, FAGO) or pass an audition.

For details, contact the Substitute & Placement Administrator, **Dale Bench**, CAGO, at: DalePipeOrgan@sbcglobal.net.

SOME THANK YOUs FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Thanks to the following members who have donated organ scores to sufficiently start an organ music library for our FW AGO Chapter's newest organ scholar, **THATCHER NELSON**. Thatcher will have his first organ lesson in mid-July 2022. The organ scores will be presented to him then. (If others want to donate scores suitable for a beginning organist, please send a note to ackermannstudio@sbcglobal.net.)

Richelle Gengler
Dr. Beverly Howard
Carol King (from Ross King's music library)
Joshua Lang
Dirk Maney
Spencer Orrick
Linda Weiss

Thanks to **Joshua (Josh) Lang**, who has agreed to serve as our Chapter's **Scholarship Administrator** starting July 1, 2022. Thatcher's parents selected Josh to be Thatcher's organ teacher. Josh received his BM and MM from UT at Arlington/**Dr. Linton Powell** and TCU/**Dr. Joseph Butler**. Josh currently is music director/organist at All Saints Anglican Church in west Fort Worth (Garland organ: 5 manual/85 ranks).

Thanks to **Kyla Rosenberger, CAGO**, who, as our first Scholarship Administrator, faithfully maintained the William E. Hayes Memorial Scholarship since it was implemented October 13, 2017. Kyla's term ends June 30, 2022. She has shepherded three teenager piano students into the organist world. **Jacob Royle** was the first scholar, and he was awarded a two year scholarship before entering University of North Texas where he studies organ with **Dr. Jesse Eschbach**. **Peter Gresser**, our second scholar, earlier this year was awarded a second full year scholarship and studies with **Dr. Devon Howard**, organ professor at Southwestern Adventist University. And Kyla recently headed a jury to select our third scholar, **Thatcher Nelson**.

Thanks to all members who have been sustaining the William E. Hayes Memorial Scholarship fund through their donations. Donations are always accepted! Donate by logging on to the ONCARD membership system <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>. On the menu that pops up, go to "Contributions" and then scroll down to the Fort Worth Chapter and the scholarship contribution entry. Or, mail a check to the chapter treasurer:

Elizabeth Kutz, CAGO
1201 Calico Ln #2012
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(Submitted by Ed Ackermann, CAGO, Communications Committee Chair)

CONGRATS TO JANET PUMMILL & AMY PUMMILL STEWART!

Congratulations to **Janet Pummill, CAGO**, and her daughter, **Dr. Amy Pummill Stewart**, for their first-time performance on the stage of Bass Hall in Fort Worth on the evening of March 29, 2022! Both are Fort Worth AGO Chapter members. The program was: "Alive at the Bass - A Musical Epiphany" hosted by University Christian Church in Fort Worth where Janet serves as senior organist and Amy as assistant organist.

Amy performed piano for the pastoral score, "Eclogue, Op. 10," by Gerald Finzi.



Janet played the very demanding piano part for George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."





Meet FW AGO Chapter's Young Organist, STEPHEN KUCERA, CAGO

Stephen Kucera (pronounced *KOOCH-ur-uh*) is one of Fort Worth AGO Chapter's newest Young Organist members, age 28. He lives in Euless. He has a CAGO organist certification, BS degree, BA degree (organ major), master's in accountancy, is a CPA, and a figure skater. He is skilled as a theater and church organist.

Stephen's weekday career involves data metrics analytics for TPG, a private equity company TPG's office in Fort Worth. As much as possible, he reserves weekends to serve as a church organist and to judge figure skating events. He travels about 50% of the time, so while he can't take on a regular Sunday church organist position; when not traveling, he is available to substitute as an organist. He is our newest addition to the chapter's official substitute roster.

Stephen has played eight years for three Presbyterian churches, and a year for an Episcopalian church and a Baptist church. He has substituted in almost all denominations, both Protestant and Catholic. He has experience playing in ensembles/groups, accompanying choirs, and a working experience of liturgy. His strength is sight reading and supporting the choir and congregation singing.

Stephen started piano around age 5 and organ at age 13. At age 18 (in 2012), he was a theater organ competition finalist at the ATOS (American Theater Organ Society) national convention in Los Angeles. One of his competition pieces was the "Flight of the Bumblebee."

FINANCIAL REPORT (As of May 31, 2022)

Assets: 80,693.50
Liabilities: 1,600.00

Net Worth: 79,093.50

Treasurer Elizabeth Kutz, CAGO, has scheduled a financial review of the chapter's financial procedures, accounts and documents. The chapter's Operating Procedures require a financial review at the end of every election year (June is the last month of the chapter's fiscal year) to occur before June 30, 2022. She has appointed Executive Committee Directors Dale Bench and Andy Rose to do the review. The Directors will report their findings to the Executive Committee as a whole.

(Submitted by Ed Ackermann, CAGO, Deputy Treasurer)

Fort Worth Chapter Membership Statistics

(Source: ONCARD, June 21, 2022)

Our chapter has reached a new historic high for number of members! Membership has risen steadily since 2018 when membership hovered in the low 120s. We now have 166!

5	Chapter Friends (no vote)
36	Dual Members
48	Regular Members
57	Special Members (over 65/disabled)
20	Young Organist Members (under 30)
166	

Seven of the Dual Members are Young Members in their primary chapters (4 in Dallas, 2 in Central Arizona, and 1 in Boston), so we have 39 Young Organist Members! That's almost ¼ of the chapter!

Our Dual Members all have Dallas as their primary chapter, except 1 in Austin, 1 in Boston, 1 in Cleveland, and 1 in Oklahoma City.

GROW OUR CHAPTER EVEN MORE! Make it your goal to recruit ONE MEMBER for our fiscal year of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022. YOU CAN DO IT! Check churches in your local area (go to their websites and look for “staff” or “music ministry” pages for contact info of the music director or organist. Call or write them and invite them to join. New members must join by calling AGO HQ at OR by going to www.agohq.org. On menu banner, select MEMBERSHIP, then JOIN THE GUILD, then JOIN AS A CHAPTER MEMBER. That brings up a page that shows membership categories and dues; at the bottom of the page, select CLICK HERE TO BEGIN AGO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP.

WELCOME NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS!

Since the Spring *Mixtures* was published, the following are new members of the chapter (listed in the order of joining). As of June 15, 2022, our chapter has a record high of 166 members. All have received a welcoming email from the Membership Committee Chair, Dana Chavarria, SPC.

Mr. Jerry Moran: Dual Member (Primary chapter – Dallas)
Stephen Kucera, CAGO: YOUNG ORGANIST (Primary chapter – Fort Worth)
Maximilian Bradicich: YOUNG ORGANIST (Primary chapter – Fort Worth)
John Shasteen: Dual Member (YOUNG ORGANIST with Dallas as primary chapter)
Karen Clark: Special Member (Primary chapter – Fort Worth)
Dr. Sallie Pollack: Dual Member (Primary chapter - Oklahoma City)
Maryanne Visconti-Pfeffer: Dual Member (Primary chapter - Dallas)
Brian Radichel: Regular Member
Thatcher Nelson: YOUNG ORGANIST (Primary Chapter—Fort Worth)

(Reported by Dana Chavarria, SPC, Membership Committee Chair)



Thank you, Donors!

With grateful thanks to our donors who support the mission of the Fort Worth Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Membership dues only partially fund the chapter's year, so donations are much appreciated! (This list is for donations received for calendar year 2022 as documented in the AGO ONCARD national membership database on June 21, 2022. Donations made through ONCARD after June 7, 2022 may not yet be processed and documented.) To donate, log on to ONCARD and on menu select "Contributions;" scroll down to Fort Worth Chapter and select Concert Programs or Scholarship, or both! Or mail a check payable to Fort Worth AGO Chapter to our treasurer, Elizabeth Kutz, CAGO, 1201 Calico Lane #2012, Arlington, TX 76011-8812.

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