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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER DEAN

Our chapter had a wonderful beginning for the 2018-19 season with the Evensong at First United Methodist Church on September 10th. Many thanks to our chapter chaplain, Fr. Raymond McDaniel; chapter member Andrew Kenney, and our chapter subdean, Peggy Graff, Dr. Tim Bruster, Robert Stovall, and the Adoramus Chamber Choir, all of First UMC, for leading us to that place where time stands still and we can reflect on the beauty of music and the gift we are given as makers of music. We are reminded that we are called to the joyful duty of sharing that gift by engaging others to join us in music making. From the lead soloist in the choir to the person hiding in the farthest pew, may we invite them all to join our song!

I hope to see you all at Arborlawn United Methodist Church on October 15th. Dale Bench and Dr. Jerry Westenkuehler will prepare us for the coming Advent Season with Advent Organ Repertoire, complete with a new piece our chapter has commissioned Jerry Westenkuehler to compose for organ.

I am continually amazed at the variety of skills our members possess, and I must thank all the officers and board members who work so well to make the chapter events run smoothly. We have a large chapter, with many different tasks to complete for each event. If you have never been asked directly to contribute time or abilities to assist with

our chapter functions, but would like to take a role in the work of the chapter, please contact me about how you might “plug in” to the Fort Worth AGO family. rsawyer@fpcfww.org

Godspeed to you all until we are once again together,

Becca



Rebecca Sawyer, Chapter Dean

A GREAT FIRST CHAPTER EVENT OF THE PROGRAM YEAR!

The September 10, 2018, opening chapter event at First United Methodist Church in downtown Fort Worth was a great success! We had right at 80 chapter members and their guests at the dinner, a historic first for a general members’ dinner meeting! After the dinner, the Dean called to order a meeting of the chapter members present. The Dean presented certificates of appreciation to Glenda Robinson for her years of service as chair of the Membership Committee, to Joshua Lang for serving the chapter on several positions (see article elsewhere, “DIRECTOR JOSHUA LANG HAS MOVED TO EAST TEXAS”), to Jeanette Keim for her many years as chair of the Courtesy & Hospitality Committee, and to those participating in the Choral Evensong presented following the chapter dinner meeting. After other chapter business, the meeting adjourned to the church’s main sanctuary for a Choral Evensong featuring the church’s Adoremus Choral Ensemble and the 5 manual 160 rank Garland organ.

THE CHAPTER’S PROGRAM SEASON & LIST OF EVENTS

Below is the program season for the chapter year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. **The program season is in honor of Fort Worth’s three pipe organ builders - featuring the pipe organs of Dan Garland, Ross King and Roy Redman.** Each event and all details will be announced by email to members well ahead of each event. **Some events require a reservation** to determine number of meals to be served, handouts needed, or other needs. Events will also be posted on the chapter’s website: www.forthworthago.org.

September 10, 2018 Dinner, Membership Meeting & Choral Evensong

Monday, 5:30 pm First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth TX

October 15, 2018 Advent Organ Repertoire (Workshop)

Monday, 7:00 pm Arborlawn United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, TX

Workshop presenters are Dr. Jerry Westenkuehler and Dale Bench, CAGO. The chapter commissioned Jerry to compose an Advent piece for organ, and he will premiere the music at the event. Various Advent scores will be presented using the 4 manual Garland pipe organ. *Reception follows the program.* **RESERVATIONS due Oct 11th:** to reserve handouts, email your reservation to Ed Ackermann, AckermannStudio@sbcglobal.net.

October 20, 2018 Let’s Get Acquainted Series (Workshop)

Saturday, 10:30 am First Church of Christ, Scientist – North Richland Hills TX

Get acquainted with the first Hauptwerk electronic church organ in Tarrant County. The organ builder, Thomas Gentry of Organ Technology, Plano, TX, will be available to answer questions about Hauptwerk 21st century electronic organ technology. Bring music to try out the pipe organ digital samples (Willis 4 manual 71 rank organ in Hereford, England, a 4 manual Aeolian Skinner organ in California, and an early 20th c. 2 manual English organ.)

and 2 manual harpsichord sample stored in the organ's computer. Dutch treat lunch in nearby restaurant afterwards. Host church organist and our chapter member is Elizabeth Kutz, CAGO. **RESERVATIONS due by Oct 17th:** indicate your attendance at the event and following lunch with an email to Ed Ackermann, AckermannStudio@sbcglobal.net.

November 12, 2018 Dinner, Membership Meeting & Member's Organ Concert

Monday, 5:30 pm St. Vincent's Cathedral, Bedford TX

The primary reason for the members' business meeting will be to ratify revised chapter *Operating Procedures*.

The concert features our chapter members: **Dr. H. Gerald Aultman** (Professor of Music Theory, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), **Ahreum Han Congdon** (Principal Organist, First Presbyterian Church), **Jillian Gardner** (dual member of the chapter, Dean of the Baylor AGO Chapter, serves on the Southwest AGO Region's Committee for Young Organists, and is Director of Music and Organist at Austin Avenue United Methodist Church in Waco), **Dr. Devon Howard** (Department of Music Chair & Director of keyboard & Theory Studies, Southwestern Adventist University), and **Dr. Beverly Howard** (retired Professor of Music, California Baptist University, Riverside, CA). Program will be played on the 3 manual tracker pipe organ built by Roy Redman. **RESERVATIONS due by Nov 7th:** email your dinner reservations to Ed Ackermann, AckermannStudio@sbcglobal.net.

November 27, 2018 Organ Recital – Chelsea Chen

Tuesday, 7:00 pm First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth TX

Chelsea is a young artist under Karen McFarlane Artists Management. She is Organist and Artist-in-Residence at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and is Artist-in-Residence at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Program presented on the 5 manual Garland pipe organ. *Reception follows the program.*

January 18, 2019 Organ Recital – Alcee Chriss

Friday, 7:00 pm Auditorium of Ed Landreth Hall, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth TX

Co-sponsored by the university and the Fort Worth AGO chapter. Alcee Chriss is a dual member of Fort Worth AGO Chapter. He is winner of many prizes and is completing his doctoral degree at McGill University in Montreal. Winner of prestigious competitions: 2017 Canadian International Organ Competition and Firmin Swinnen Silver Medalist at the 2016 Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition. Winner of many other competition prizes. A featured "Rising Star" at the national AGO convention in Boston, 2014. Under management of Karen McFarlane Artists. He has concertized in important venues in the U.S. and France. *Reception follows the program.*

February 18, 2019 Dinner, Membership Meeting and "Instruments with Organ"

Monday, 5:30 pm St. Alban's Anglican Church, Arlington TX

Featuring our chapter member Dr. Yoon-Mi Lim, Organ Professor, Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth Tx.

A program with organ and other instrumentalists. Two manual pipe organ built by Ross King in a favorable acoustical setting. **RESERVATIONS for dinner due by Feb 13th:** email your dinner reservations to Ed Ackermann, AckermannStudio@sbcglobal.net.

March 3, 2019 Organ Recital – Ken Cowan

Sunday, 2:00 pm First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth TX

One of North America's finest concert organists. Maintains a rigorous concert schedule presenting the organ in America, Canada, Europe, and Asia. Serves as Associate Professor and head of the organ program at Shepherd School of Music, Rice University, Houston TX. Program will be presented on the 5 manual pipe organ built by Dan Garland. Ken is under management of Karen McFarlane Artists. *Reception follows the program.*

March 3, 2019 Fort Worth Sister Cities Organ Recital – Martin Baumbauer

Sunday, 7:00 pm Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth TX

The city of Fort Worth Sister Cities International mission is an exchange of educational, cultural and commerce programs and events to enrich the cities involved. Trier, Germany, is one of the eight "sister" cities of Fort Worth. The organ recital is co-sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota, Broadway Baptist Church and the Fort Worth AGO Chapter. The recitalist, Martin Baumbauer, is organist and director of music for the Basilica of Constantine in Trier. He is an international concert performer and excels in improvisation.

May 19, 2019

Dinner and Members Meeting

Presentation on: “Incorporating Handbells in Worship”

Handbell Spring Concert of the Host Church

Sunday, 5:30 pm

Arlington Heights United Methodist Church, Fort Worth TX

The handbell presentation will be by Sueda Luttrell, one of the 6 directors on our chapter’s Executive Committee and Organist/Music Associate at Gambrell Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth. A clinician for Handbell Musicians of America, Greater Dallas Handbell Association, Church Music Institute, and Chorister’s Guild, Sueda is also a published author on handbell related topics. The organ accompaniment for the program will be played by our chapter member and organist for the host church, Alan Kerr. The organ is a 3 manual pipe organ built by Ross King. **RESERVATIONS for dinner due by May 15th:** email your dinner reservations to Ed Ackermann, AckermannStudio@sbcglobal.net.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Headcounts. As of September 26, 2018, we have a total of 136 paid members, 3 expired members who have not yet paid their dues, and 3 members cancelled by our AGO HQ due to long overdue dues invoices. Below is the breakout of the paid member categories. It is encouraging to note that we have the highest number of young organists and dual members (most from the Dallas chapter) ever in our history, and the lowest number of chapter friends (meaning those who have been chapter friends in previous years have become full voting members.

Regular Members	45
Special Members	49
Young Organists	14
Dual Members	21
Chapter Friends	9
	138

Welcome New Members! Out of the 136 members, within the past two months, we have gained the following 7 new members (with additional information as supplied by membership records or otherwise provided to the editor):

Lindsey Johnson (Young Organist). SW Adventist University in Keen taking lessons from member, Dr. Devon Howard; Associate Minister of Music at First Baptist Cleburne Church.

Marguerite Kluck (Regular Member)

Rebecca Ann Pope (Special Member)

Clive Driskill-Smith (Regular Member). Newly appointed Organist/Choirmaster at All Saints Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, replacing retiring Frederick Grimes.

Jordan Smith (Dual Member) – SubDean of the Dallas Chapter who has been engaged as the Director of Music and Organist at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth.

Kenton Sorke (Young Organist) - SW Adventist University in Keen taking lessons from member, Dr. Devon Howard.

Xiaoqi (Lucia) Wang (Young Organist) - SW Baptist Seminary student taking lessons from member, Dr. Yoon-Mi Lim.

DIRECTOR JOSHUA LANG HAS MOVED TO EAST TEXAS

Joshua (Josh) Lang who has served positions as a director on the Executive Committee, chair of the Communications Committee, Editor, and chair of the Information & Technology Committee (main task is to manage the chapter website), has moved out of the chapter jurisdiction to take employment in Palestine, Texas. We wish Josh much success! At the September 22, 2018, meeting of the Executive Committee, the committee voted to appoint Ed Ackermann as interim for the positions Josh held: director, editor, and chair of the Communications and Information & Technology Committees. Additionally, Ed was appointed interim chair of the Membership Committee that was vacated by Glenda Robinson who had served as chair for several years. If you are interested and qualified to serve in one of the positions mentioned, please notify the chapter dean.

PIPEDREAMS 2018 CONTRACT STATUS

Ed Ackermann, Pipedreams Contract Administrator for both the Dallas and Fort Worth chapters, filed the following report to the deans of both chapters in early September, 2018:

Two out of six free ads remain for the 2018 contract and will be used by the Dallas Chapter for the November 16, 2018, Dallas Chapter's 100th Anniversary Recital at Meyerson hall in Dallas, and will be used by the Fort Worth Chapter for the November 27, 2018, Chelsea Chen Recital at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth.

Radio station WRR 101.1 FM will present the terms of the 2019 contract the early part of October, 2018. The 2018 Contract cost \$5,000.00 shared equally by the two chapters. The annual contract sponsors the Pipedreams program every Sunday of the year at 10 p.m.; provides the chapters with 6 free ads (1 minute each with each ad being broadcast 20 times within the week preceding the event being advertised), and recognizes daily on the air that the Dallas and Fort Worth chapters sponsor the program.

OPERATING PROCEDURES TO BE UPDATED

The Executive Committee of the chapter is revising the official operating procedures of the chapter and will ask chapter members to ratify the procedures at the chapter event November 12, 2018 (see event details in the article on calendar of chapter events at the beginning of this newsletter). Revisions became necessary to bring the procedures in alignment with the needs of current times. Chapter members will be emailed a copy of the proposed revisions in mid-October. All members are encouraged to attend the November 12th event to cast their vote.

WE NEED MORE SUBSTITUTES!

We need more organists on our official chapter substitute roster that is posted on our chapter website. Demand has exceeded supply of substitutes who can act as substitute organist for Sunday morning services. 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.

E-BLAST REMINDERS ABOUT EVENTS

An E-Blast is a bulk email publication to chapter members of a chapter or community organ or choral related event. If your church or school has an organ or choral program of interest to chapter members, email an event announcement to interim communications committee chair, Ed Ackermann (AckermannStudio@sbcglobal.net). Ed will email the announcement to all chapter members and include it on the chapter's website under "community events." All chapter events will be publicized several times by E-Blasts starting 3 weeks prior to an event.

NEW TRACKER ORGAN AT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our chapter member and organ builder, Roy Redman, has built and installed a 3 manual tracker organ in the chancel of Calvary Lutheran Church, Richland Hills, Texas. Dedication will be Saturday, October 27, 2018. Featured organist will be Robert Hobby.

THANK YOU, DONORS !!!

With grateful thanks to our donors who support the mission of the Fort Worth Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Donors are listed whose donations were certified by the Treasurer during January 1 - September 10, 2018.

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