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FROM THE CHAPTER DEAN



Summer greetings to you! Hopefully your plans for the summer include time to relax, unwind and reflect. Perhaps you will take a trip? A staycation? A mini-vacation? Whatever you do, make it something special for yourself and enjoy your time away. Getting away is healthy (mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually) and one usually returns refreshed and ready for what is next!

One of my summer plans is to attend the 2025 SW AGO Regional Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jordan Smith, 2025 SW AGO Regional Convention Chair and I will experience this summer's convention to learn about the planning and implementation of its various offerings to better facilitate plans for the 2025 convention. I hope to see you in Tulsa during the week of June 27-30!

Please consider contributing generously to the 2025 SW Regional AGO Convention when you renew your AGO membership through ONCARD. Under the Fort Worth Chapter category, click the "Contribute Now" button next to the 2025 SW AGO Regional Convention. Your contributions help to sustain our chapter, fund programs and concerts, and help young organists thrive through the scholarship program. "We can do together what none of us can do alone" – whether it is a little or a lot. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**Please join me in thanking the FW-AGO Executive Committee members
for their leadership and support of this chapter!**

See a list of the Executive Committee members on page 6 of the Summer Mixtures edition.

AGO CERTIFICATION

Peggy Graff, AAGO – FW-AGO Certification Coordinator



FW-AGO chapter members, **Dr. Burton H. Patterson**, and **Dr. Sallie Pollack** passed the Service Playing Certificate exam (SPC) this Spring. Dr. Patterson is a retired Professor, Lawyer, and Garbologist and is the organist at Shady Grove Baptist Church in North Richland Hills. Dr. Pollack is

Professor of Collaborative Piano at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma. She took a spring semester sabbatical from UCO to do an intense study and practice of the organ while preparing for the SPC exam and an organ recital she gave at University Christian Church.

Heartiest congratulations to these fine organists who prepared well and earned this certificate!



“The American Guild of Organists was chartered in 1896 by the Board of Regents, University of the State of New York, **to administer a comprehensive series of examinations for professional certification**” – and certification has been a central element of the guild all these years. To date, our chapter has 42 certified members, which is about 29% of the chapter. The numbers indicate that our chapter has done extremely well in this area!

On a personal note: Twenty-four years after earning an MSM degree with organ concentration and five years after retiring from a 31-year career in choral music education, I needed to find a way to improve my organ playing skills beyond the daily/weekly preparations for Sunday worship services. The SPC and CAGO exams were behind me, and I wanted to explore more possibilities to advance my playing skills. I began taking organ lessons from the amazing Dr. Yoon-mi Lim with the goal of learning four repertoire pieces for the AAGO, Section 1 certification exam. After nine months of study and diligent practice, I was able to achieve more than I thought possible after so many years of being in “maintenance mode” with minimal practice time for Sunday morning worship services. The certification process is empowering, and it has given me a renewed sense of confidence as an organist.

All of life is learning. If you are receiving a gentle nudge to expand your possibilities as an organist, the AGO Certification process is a way to make it happen; and the FW AGO chapter is here to support you through it! Please contact me at pgraff@myfumc.org over the summer if you have questions. For more immediate information, go to this link for more information on the certification level requirements and application deadlines:

<https://www.agohq.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2024-Certification-Requirements.pdf>



MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

As of June 14, 2023, we have 141 paid members in our chapter (29 of these members have dual membership). Breakdown by membership category as follows:

- 60 Regular Members (17 dual membership)
- 64 Special Members (8 dual membership)
- 13 Young Organists (4 dual membership)
- 4 Chapter Friends

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We've had 2 new members join our chapter recently. **Mr. Kraig Kunkel** joined in April as a Regular member and **Ms. Candace Ann Bawcombe** joined in June as a dual member with Dallas. We are happy to have them join the Fort Worth Chapter!

(Reported by Dana Chavarria, CAGO, Membership Committee Chair/ONCARD Database Administrator)

CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JUNE 15, 2023

PART 1. NET WORTH

TOTAL CASH IN BANK	71,931.99
Checking Account	
Reserved for Scholarship Project	9,587.35
Unreserved funds for general use	14,611.56
Total Checking Account Cash	24,198.91
Savings Account	47,733.08
LOAN TO 2025 SW REGIONAL CONVENTION	5,000.00
Interest free loan payable August 31, 2025	
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	76,931.99
LIABILITIES	350.00
Balance due on 2 scholarships	
NET WORTH	76,581.99

PART 2. DONATIONS FOR CHAPTER PROJECTS

Donations received for calendar year 2023 to date (included)

Scholarship Project	370.00
Chapter Events (Concert Programs, etc.)	2,740.00
	3,110.00

PART 3. 2025 SW AGO REGIONAL CONVENTION ACCOUNT

A separate checking account was recently established for the upcoming convention. Brad Reznicek is the convention treasurer. The chapter received a \$2,200 donation from Charles McLure as a memorial to his mother. That amount was deposited in the convention checking account. Also, the chapter loaned the convention \$5,000.00 (interest free loan due and payable August 31, 2025) as start-up cash for initial convention expenses. A convention donation button has been added to the donation section of ONCARD online membership system for members to make donations until a convention website is established. Convention donations received through ONCARD will be transferred to the convention checking account.

PART 4. FY24 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) Budget. Work is progressing on formulating the budget for the coming fiscal year. After the Executive Committee finalizes the budget in August, 2023, members will receive budget information through the chapter's email communications system.

PART 5. END OF YEAR FINANCIAL PROCESSING. Work is in progress to close out FY23. The year ends June 30, 2023. A report of Actual Revenue and Expenses vs. Budgeted Revenue and Expenses will be presented to the Executive Committee in early July, 2023. Also, the financial report to the IRS will be completed in July, 2023.

(Submitted by Elizabeth Kutz, CAGO, Treasurer and Ed Ackermann, CAGO, Deputy Treasurer)

Free Organ Scores from Paul F. Page



Paul F. Page is a well-established composer and a retired church organist living in San Jose, California. Many of his compositions have been published by well-known music publishers. In his retirement, Paul continues to enjoy composing, and he offers hundreds of his scores on his well-organized website as free downloadable PDF documents. You may reprint the scores, perform them live or record them without asking permission, even embellish them if the mood strikes you - just be sure to recognize Paul as the composer and list his website on your church service bulletin, livestream worship service, your YouTube channel recording, or recital program notes. His scores include organ, piano, vocal, choral, and instrumental. Hundreds of his scores are also available at www.freescorers.com, and if you are a subscriber to St. James Press, you'll find some of Paul's compositions in the catalogue.

His website is: www.paulpage.org. Check out his "About" page and then go to top of the home page menu and select "Scores You Can Download." Then select "Organ" and you will find hundreds of free scores in these categories: *Preludes & Postludes, Pieces of Eight, Pipe Fittings (Voluntaries), Pedal Etudes for Organ, Inventions, Meditations, Interludes, Cantabile Sacra, Caprices, Hymn Tunes with No Words, and Miscellaneous Organ Works.*

The *Meditations* and *Interludes* categories are useful as stand-alone voluntaries or for "filling in the blanks" during unexpected happenings during a service. His *Pieces of Eight* category contain 8 measure scores that can be used for short "traveling music" or as a jump start for improvising and developing further. If you need to sharpen your pedal skills, play through the *Pedal Etudes for Organ* (not boring like some pedagogy exercises we have all experienced).

I find all of his compositions to be very practical and useful for church services, with many of the scores sight-readable or requiring very little rehearsal time. Paul is especially skilled in creating beautiful melody lines that will catch the attention of even the most non-musical person in a congregation! As you are relaxing this summer, browse through his website. If you enjoy the challenge of improvising at moment's notice, you'll be inspired by how he develops a simple but appealing musical idea.

(Submitted by Ed Ackermann, CAGO, Chapter Historian and Deputy Treasurer.)

Convention Update

Greetings, colleagues! The behind-the-scenes work for getting our regional convention process going has been very busy! One of the first items we have to attend to before we can even announce dates is creating a rough draft of the schedule and finalizing dates with a hotel. Peggy Graff, the Associate Convention Coordinator and I have been hard at work on that. Soon, we will gather the Convention Steering Committee for their first meeting, and the exciting work of planning such a conference begins! One thing that you will notice about all AGO regional conventions moving forward is that they will be shorter in length, limiting the amount of hotel nights to only 3. This makes the Steering Committee's task of planning more challenging in some ways and less challenging in others. Our biggest challenge will likely be "what venue, presenter, performer, etc. will we have to leave out?" Regardless, we look forward to planning a stellar convention for our region in 2025!

In the meantime – I hope to see all of you at the Tulsa convention next week. And be sure to attend the regional meeting to get a spicy gift from Fort Worth!

Jordan Smith, Convention Coordinator

WILLIAM E. HAYES SCHOLARSHIP

Our William E. Hayes Scholarship recipient, **Thatcher Nelson** successfully played his first hymn with a congregation! He did this during both liturgies at All Saints Episcopal Church (Crestline) in Fort Worth on Trinity Sunday 2023. He played the tune *Lobe den Herren* on the mighty 85 rank, 5-manual Dan Garland organ for the sequence. He is progressing right along on the organ, and we are still searching for a home practice instrument for him. If any FWAGO members have any leads on that, please contact the Scholarship Administrator, Josh Lang (joshua.lang@tcu.edu) and he would appreciate any information on instruments for sale or donation. Thank you and keep up the good work, Thatcher!

(Reported by Josh Lang, Scholarship Administrator)



Thank you, Donors!

With grateful thanks to our donors who support the mission of the Fort Worth Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. *(This list is for donations received for the calendar year 2023 as of June 15, 2023. Donations to 2025 Southwest AGO Regional Convention will be recognized by the convention steering committee after the committee is in full operation.)*

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Distinguished Benefactors (\$1000+):

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Underwriters (\$50-99):.....Dr. Emmet G. Smith

Subscribers (Under \$50):.....Carol A. Kocher, SPC; Michael L. Reed, SPC; Rebecca Sawyer, Minette Sicard

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