



# MIXTURES Newsletter

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER DEAN

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Dear Colleagues,

Following a historic bitterly cold winter, spring is in the air with warmer temperatures and the promise of renewed growth! Of course our Texas spring also brings stiff (if not gale force) breezes and increased allergens! The church also observes seasons of penitence yielding to rebirth and renewal. As organists, we look forward to playing those seasonal works that uplift our congregations (and us) on the journey.

The A.G.O. offers many opportunities for professional growth through certification programs, online resources from the national headquarters, and our local chapter programs. Use this season of renewal to attend a chapter meeting or explore an online resource.



In January, I presented **Rebecca Sawyer** with a plaque from the Fort Worth Chapter honoring her term as Dean (2018-2020). This recognition usually occurs at the final meeting of the year...but, you guessed it...Covid-19 prevented that! We met at her church and observed a masked, physically distanced presentation. On behalf of our chapter, I thanked her for her leadership and service.

Also honored with certificates for their service were Executive Committee members **Sueda Luttrell** and **David Lindsey** for terms 2016-2020, for **Alissa Brewer** who served two terms as secretary 2016-2020, and for **Joe Breedlove** who served as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee for

one term and seven months as Treasurer from 2016 -2020. We appreciate all their hard work on behalf of our chapter.

I know you will enjoy reading the columns in this issue of *Mixtures* which highlight chapter news, activities, and opportunities for growth. "See" you at our next meeting!

**Beverly Howard, D.M.A.**  
Dean



## FWAGO WORKSHOPS IN MARCH AND MAY, 2021

Greetings, chapter members!

We are currently planning the 2021-2022 FWAGO season and look forward to more in-person gatherings. We have missed you and hope to see you at all the future events! Your help in sharing a workshop idea, an organ recitalist you would like us to secure, other events ideas, etc. is appreciated and welcome. Please contact **Peggy Graff** at your earliest convenience at her email address, [pgraff@myfumc.org](mailto:pgraff@myfumc.org). Our aim is to present programs, recitals, and workshops that are relevant and interesting to you – so your input is encouraged. Thank you!

Please join us by attending the zoom AND in-person workshops being offered by our chapter this spring. Your active support of these workshops and presenters from our chapter truly makes a difference.

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 20 AT 10 AM – SUBSTITUTING: PEARLS OR PERILS**

Join us for this informative and interesting workshop featuring **Dr. Beverly Howard**, FWAGO Dean, and **Ed Ackerman**, CAGO. This workshop will be presented via zoom – it is NOT an in-person workshop. The zoom link will be emailed to you by Ed Ackermann prior to March 20.

Topics within the workshop are:

- Qualifications for a substitute organist
- Establishing a target set of churches for subbing
- Creating a substitute kit to keep in your car (with "ready to play at any time" organ repertoire - what to include and what to exclude)
- Reviewing the Christian liturgical year as used by various denominations
- Reviewing service formats for Anglican, Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, other Protestant denominations, and Reformed Judaism
- Tips on dealing with all types of organs, including new electronic organ technology based on using digital sample sets created from winded instruments
- How to adapt quickly to a church, service format, and an organ that is new to you
- Evaluating your performance after each sub job; feedback to the resident organist
- Weddings and funerals

### **MONDAY, MAY 10 AT 7 PM – BACH AND HIS COUSIN ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (ANGLICAN) 2024 S. COLLINS ST., ARLINGTON, TX 76010**

**Dr. Lynton Powell** will present an in-person workshop/lecture about Bach and his noted cousin Johann Gottfried Walther, with emphasis on their relationship when they were at Weimar at the same time. The lecture will include performances of pieces for comparison where they used the same hymn tune. The hymn tunes would be ones used in several churches, not just in the Lutheran tradition. This workshop is practical and useful for various organists and denominations. Please join us for this long-awaited lecture and performance by Dr. Powell!

Submitted by Peggy Graff, CAGO, Sub-Dean, Program Director

### **Chapter Financial Report**

As of February 28, 2021, the chapter's cash assets were:

Bank checking account	32,085.90
Bank savings account	47,721.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,807.50</b>

*(Submitted by Elizabeth Kutz, CAGO, Treasurer.)*

## AGO Exam Certification

We are proud of candidates who have passed an exam in the past year, including **Dana Chavarria**, SPC, and **Janet Pummill**, CAGO. Janet received an official certificate signed by our National President indicating that she was ranked #1 in the country for the CAGO exam held in the Spring of 2020. There are also a number of candidates in our chapter who have passed a section of an exam and will take the other part of the exam this coming fall. We wish them all the best in their preparation. At some point when our chapter is able to reconvene, all certification candidates who have passed exams in 2020-2021 will be properly recognized for their outstanding work.

Please contact our FWAGO Exam Certification Coordinator, **Peggy Graff**, if you wish to study for a level of AGO certification. Pre-fall workshops will be available for candidates, depending on the interest of chapter members. The July issue of TAO will include information on the new exam cycle (2021-2023), including organ repertoire from which to select, application deadlines, fees, and exam dates. Former certification exams and other resources for the SPC, CAGO, AAGO, ChM and FAGO exams are available from AGOHQ.ORG. You are not alone in this process – please contact Peggy Graff at [pgraff@myfumc.org](mailto:pgraff@myfumc.org) for support, help, and encouragement.

Submitted by Peggy Graff, FWAGO Certification Exam Coordinator

## A New William E. Hayes Memorial Scholarship Recipient

It is a pleasure to announce the second Young Organist scholarship award by the Fort Worth AGO. **Peter Gresser**, a 16-year-old homeschooler from Weatherford, will receive \$900 for his first year of organ study. He studies accordion and piano with Elena Fainshtein and will be studying the organ with our member, **Dr. Devon Howard**. Peter has won state-wide awards on the accordion, played piano regularly at his church, and completed a college theory course with Dr. Howard.

The Scholarship Committee of **Barbara Marquart**, **Alissa Brewer** and **Kyla Rosenberger** approved Peter's application and audition recordings. **Ed Ackermann**, our ever-industrious member, obtained a used Allen home practice organ (originally owned by members **Mary Jo Springer**, **Joe Breedlove** and **Andy Rose**) and supervised its delivery to the Gresser's house. The Executive Committee seconded the scholarship award and the purchase of a pedal extension device for loan to our new Organ Scholar and future young organists as needed. Other members will host his lessons at their churches. The photo is of Peter seated at the organ right after it was moved into his home.

Many thanks are due to the FW AGO for its teamwork to start Peter on his journey through the rich world of organ music. It is a testament to Will Hayes' giving spirit and talent that we now have this scholarship fund and can help mentor new keyboardists. Congratulations, Peter! We look forward to hearing you play sometime soon.



*(Submitted by Kyla Rosenberger, CAGO, Scholarship Program Administrator)*

## ONCARD National AGO Membership Database Statistics

As of March 5, 2021, the Fort Worth Chapter has the following membership breakout:

- 52 Regular
- 55 Special
- 22 Dual (All primary with Dallas except a Baylor student primary with Charlotte NC chapter)
- 12 Young Organists (2 of the Dual members are Young Organists, so that makes 14)
- 4 Chapter Friends
  
- 145 TOTAL

*(Submitted by Ed Ackermann, CAGO, Chapter ONCARD Administrator)*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Mr. Peter Gresser

(Peter is our new Hayes Scholarship organ scholar. The Hayes Scholarship fund paid for his membership.)

**petergresser@gmail.com      6313 Tucker Dr., Weatherford, TX 76089      915-491-7768**

### Ms. Haeun Kim

(Haeun is the new organist at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Colleyville. Long-time member, Burton Patterson, hosted her membership. He was the donor a few years back of the 4 manual Johannus at that church.)

**helenhaeunkim@gmail.com      2913 Pacific Court, Irving, TX 75062      682-266-3131**

### +++ IN MEMORIAM – ROSS KING +++

Organ builder and long-time Fort Worth AGO Chapter member died March 3, 2021, after a long battle with stroke and heart disease. While the Covid restrictions isolated him, he and his wife and organ building partner, Carol, survived the COVID-19. Ultimately, Ross could not survive Covid related liver failure.

A reception was held at the King residence on March 6, 2021. A memorial service will be planned, scheduled and announced in late Spring of this year.

If you would like to contribute to a memorial in Ross King's name, plans are being made for something in the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. Information to follow.

### +++ IN MEMORIAM - Art Keim +++

Art Keim, husband of long-time chapter member, Jeannette Keim (who served a long-term as chair of our chapter's Courtesy and Hospitality Committee), died peacefully at home on Saturday, February 20, 2021. Those of you who know Jeannette will remember how she and Art loved dancing—they were even pictured in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram daily newspaper as a premier dance couple!

Burial was a private ceremony at Greenwood Funeral Home. A celebration of life memorial service will be announced at some future date.

Glenda Robinson, our Courtesy Subcommittee Chair has sent a sympathy card on behalf of the chapter, but if you care to send your own expression of sympathy, you may send it to: Jeannette Keim and Family, 4109 S. Hulen Street, Apt. 311, Fort Worth, TX 76109.



## **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.

### **HIGHLAND PARK UMC**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**      **Dr. Isabelle Demers, Organist**

*Isabelle Demers joins the HPUMC Tower Arts concert series again this year with a virtual concert titled "Music from the North". Her interesting and varied program includes music by Raymond Daveluy and Rachel Laurin as well as several Swedish chorale-preludes based on Palm Sunday and Holy Week.*

*To donate to Tower Arts to receive the link to the concert broadcast (suggested donation \$15):  
<https://www.hpumc.org/events/isabelle-demers>*

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### **LOVERS LANE UMC, DALLAS**

**MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021, 12:00 p.m.**      **Dr. Sheryl Sebo, Organist**

*Vision of Christ: Voices of Change presented by the Lovers Lane UMC Friends of Music.*

*You are invited to experience this great tradition during Holy week with Dr. Sebo in a sacred recital on the majestic Shipp Chapel Cassavant Opus 3892 pipe organ. The program includes works by German, French, and present-day American composers—voices of change for healing and wholeness during this time. The program will be available online on Monday, March 29, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. (CDT) at [lumc.org/live](http://lumc.org/live).*

*You can view the program on the church website, Facebook page, or YouTube channel.*

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### **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN, FORT WORTH**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**      **Dr. Alcee Chriss, Organist**

*Join us for the dedication recital of the Reuter Opus 1850, at St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
1800 West Freeway, Fort Worth, TX 76102*

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### **ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FORT WORTH**

*As of now, all concerts at St. Stephen are held online only. Please double check the concert series page at [ststephen-presbyterian.com](http://ststephen-presbyterian.com) for updates on whether or not a concert may be attended in person. Concerts will be livestreamed on the Music at St. Stephen and YouTube pages.*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021, 7:30 pm**      **Stephen Tharp, Organist**

*With this program, St. Stephen celebrates 50 years since the installation of the sanctuary organ. The 4,500 pipe instrument, rebuilt by Dan Garland in 1993, awaits significant upgrades and additions that were not part of the 1993 project. The upcoming project (hopefully!) will take place in 2021/2022 and will "finish" the instrument.*



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