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from the dean...

Greetings:

New Officers of Nassau AGO

Henry DeVries is taking a well deserved rest after serving many years as dean of the Nassau Chapter. He will remain on the board of directors as the past dean. I have accepted the position of dean, and I will do my best to provide some interesting programs this year. Meredith Baker has graciously accepted the position of Sub Dean. Likewise, David Schmidt is retiring as Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Den Collins has graciously accepted this position. Carol Dort remains as our faithful treasurer. Thanks to Henry and David for their service to the chapter!

Recent Events, with reviews, comments and photos appearing in following pages of this newsletter.

The Nassau AGO recently co-sponsored 2 recitals:

- Stephen Tharp, Sunday October 1 at St. John's Church, Cold Spring Harbor (see p. 3)
- David Baskeyfield, Wednesday, October 25 at St. Agnes Cathedral (see p. 3)

Other events:

- Bernie Anderson Jr. accompanied the silent film The Last Laugh on Chaminade High School's Morton Theater Organ. The film was shown on Saturday, October 28th. (see p. 2)
- Nassau AGO member Matthew Koraus FAGO has been busy! On September 24th he gave a recital at the Church of St. Patrick, Huntington, where he is Director of Music, and on Wednesday, October 4th, he gave a recital at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as part of the church's noontime organ recital series.

Congratulations Matthew!

- Elizabeth Bailey

Chapter Calendar Highlights

DECEMBER 2017

Advent Taize Services on Wednesday evenings

Dec. 6, 13, 20, 7:30 p.m.

St. Bernard Church

Hempstead Trpk
Levittown

These services were lovely last year, and promise to be just as good this year.

JANUARY 2018

Mini-Convention

Monday, January 15:
Workshop sponsored by three Long Island AGO chapters, Nassau, Queens and Suffolk, to be held at Douglaston Community Church. More information on page 2.

MARCH 2018

Organ Expo: Pipes, Pedals and Pizza

Sunday, March 4
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Cold Spring Harbor
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GROW THE GUILD

Invite an organist/choir director friend to join the Guild. We'll be happy to send them information.

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Here are some highlights of the program:

Many AGO are aware of the FTC's complaint that the AGO rules restrained competition and harmed consumers and the AGO response (TAO, August 2017, p. 7). Mr. James Thomashower, Executive Director of the AGO, will make a presentation regarding this issue at the workshop.

Other presentations will include Steven Frank on digital solutions for home organs.

Matthew and Debra Koraus on collaboration between the organ and other instruments.

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Future programs, both planned and in-the-works, are listed below to whet your appetite. As noted, more details will be forthcoming as they are finalized.

FEBRUARY

Member Pot Luck Dinner

Friday evening TBD

A chance to meet new board members and chapter members. This will include installation of new board members and recognition of outgoing board members. More information will be provided as details are finalized.

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APRIL

LICS Carmina Burana

Sunday, April 15, 4:00 p.m.

St. Anthony's High School Chapel
275 Wolf Hill Rd, South Huntington NY

\$20, general admission, \$10 for Nassau AGO members

Silent Movie

Chaminade High School, Mineola

More information will be provided as details are finalized.

MAY

Members Recital

Sunday, May 6

More information will be provided as details are finalized.

JUNE

Pennsylvania Youth Chorale

Saturday, June 2, 7:45 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville

Free. You are welcome to attend the Saturday afternoon rehearsal to observe.

Condolences

In September, we learned of the death of Roslyn DeVries, mother of our outgoing Chapter Dean, Henry DeVries. The Board made a chapter donation to the national guild in her memory. Should you wish to do something on your own there are two other other funds you might consider for a donation.

The Organ Fund at Trinity where Henry is Minister of Music:

Trinity Lutheran Church, 40 W Nicholai St,
Hicksville NY 11801-3806

and/or the Memorial Fund at:

Christ Lutheran Church, 3384 Island Rd, Wantagh
NY 11793-3347

This is her home parish where she was very active over the years.

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We offer our deepest sympathy to Larry Tremsky on the death of his mother, Martha Tremsky, who passed into Eternal Life on November 2nd. We hold Larry and his family in our prayers.

Donations in Martha Tremsky's memory may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio:

www.hospicenwo.org/giving/memorial-and-annual-gifts/

- Reviews and Comments on Recent Chapter Events -

Bernie Anderson Jr. accompanied the silent film The Last Laugh on Chaminade High School's Morton Theater Organ. The film was shown on Saturday, October 28th. The Last Laugh was directed by F. W. Murnau. Emil Jannings stars as the proud doorman who is demoted to washroom attendant, but returns to the hotel in triumph at the end of the movie, having inherited a fortune. As an extra bonus for Halloween, the evening opened with a screening of Laurel and Hardy's movie short Habeus Corpus, in which Laurel

and Hardy are grave robbers hired by a mad scientist. It was a treat to hear Bernie Anderson's wonderful improvised accompaniment to these two films on Chaminade's theater organ. We look forward to the next silent movie screening at Chaminade, and we will announce the date, time and film when the plans have been finalized.

– Elizabeth Bailey

Visit to 18th Century Italian Organ

For several years I have been waiting for a chance to hear the 18th century Italian Organ that was installed a few years ago in the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester, New York. I finally got my chance a few weeks ago. A demonstration is played on the organ every Sunday afternoon at 1 PM and 3 PM. Alex Gilson, student at the Eastman School of Music, played four pieces for the demonstration that I attended; one of those pieces was the Bach Toccata in D Minor. The organ sounded great, but the time after the demonstration was even more enjoyable, as Mr. Gilson answered questions about the organ. It was found by German organ builder Gerald Woehl in 1979 in an antique shop in Florence Italy, and was about to be sold as furniture. The pieces were collected, purchased and reassembled in the Memorial Art Gallery, including 600 pipes and the original bellows dating from the 1700's. The organ has been restored to its 1770 condition with as few changes as possible. It is set up so that the air pressure can be provided by two means: with a modern blower or with the original bellows dating from the 1700s. I wanted to hear the organ played when the bellows were employed, but unfortunately the bellows are not used for demonstrations, only for concerts, which are held once a month during the school year. But Mr. Gilson did open the door to the room where the bellows are housed so the audience could look at them.

At the end of his remarks, Mr. Gilson casually said that the organ is not tuned to modern standards, but to how it would have been tuned in the 1700s. Therefore, he said, it limits what can be played on the organ. He said pieces written in the keys such as C, F or G are fine, but pieces written in certain other keys would not sound good. I asked him to demonstrate by playing a scale or something in a key that would not sound good. He obliged. I don't know what he played, or what key he was playing in, since he just played for a few seconds, but it sounded terrible. If it had been a piano, I would have thought it hadn't been tuned for a good fifty years. The audience reaction to the out-of-tune sound was immediate and obvious! It was a treat to see and hear the organ, and I plan to get back to Rochester next year to hear it when the bellows are in use.

– Elizabeth Bailey



The bellows of the 18th Century Italian Organ at the Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, NY



New Nassau Chapter Dean, Elizabeth Bailey standing in front of the 18th Century Italian Organ at the Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, NY

Two October Recitals Cosponsored by Nassau AGO

Both Stephen Tharp's October 1st recital at St. John's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring Harbor and David Baskeyfield's October 25th recital at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre were absolutely stunning. Both artists' prodigious technique, energy, and artistry brought music from the 17th to 21st centuries alive in very different acoustical environments: at St. John's on the church's new three-manual Casavant pipe organ, and at the three-manual Wicks at St. Agnes Cathedral. Both organists engaged their audiences with their comments and examples before each piece, and their registrations

Showed off the capabilities of the organs from beautiful quiet solo and celeste stops to full organ. Both Messrs. Tharp and Baskeyfield received standing ovations from very appreciative audiences.

—Carol Dort



Steven Tharp making introductory remarks to audience.



A close-up of Stephen Tharp performing, from the balcony.



A view from St. John's balcony.



David Baskeyfield performing at Cathedral of St. Agnes.



David Baskeyfield offering program information to the audience.



**Wishing you all a blessed
and enjoyable
Thanksgiving.**

Other Musical Events

Please let us know of your upcoming event. We'll print it in this space. Email: den.collins@verizon.net

- Chapter Information -

Have you renewed your membership? Not all, but most memberships, are up for renewal in July. If you are not sure and have not received a reminder please go online to ONCARD to check. Also, please, please, make sure your information such as address, phone number(s), church position(s) substitute information are all correct. This is the information we use to make up our Chapter Directory.

Please make the following updates in your chapter directory:

We welcome **new** members:

Theresa Mary Bissex, CAGO

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Michael C. Haigler, AAGO

mhaigler@gmail.com

Steven Michael Smith

ssmith@uucsr.org

Kevin Warnken

kwwarnken@verizon.net

The following have not renewed their membership in our chapter:

Jessica Chen

John Ervin

Kenneth Friese

Cynthia Macias

Jonathan Riis

Updated contact information for current members:

Leonard Lehrman

ljlehrman@nassaulibrary.org Replace the old one.

Michael Wustrow

wustmli@gmail.com Replace the old one.

Job Opportunities



Organist/Choir Director

First Presbyterian Church

7 North Lane, Glen Cove NY 11751

1 Sunday service 10:00 a.m.

Weekly choir rehearsals

2 manual Reuben Midmer pipe organ, updated

Salary 12-15 K

Contact: Joseph Gutleber, personnel director

jgutleber@aol.com

Musician

New Hope Lutheran Church

60 Oliver Ave., Valley Stream NY 11580

Sunday Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

No Adult Choir; Youth Choir rehearsal ½ hour on Sunday

Contemporary & Traditional Music

Hammond RT3 & Chimes

Salary 12K

Contact: Karen Woolley 718-938-4796,

karenwoolley5@gmail.com

posted: April 2017

Music Director

Christ Lutheran Church

3384 Island Rd Wantagh, NY 11793

Email – church@clcwantagh.org

Hours - 15-20 per week

There are two choirs, Children's and adult

They normally meet on Thursday nights for rehearsals

There is some funeral and Wedding income

We have an 11 year old 2 manual Allen Organ

The following is a list of services for which the Music

Director will regularly provide musical leadership:

· 48 Sundays a year: up to 2 services each Sunday

· Christmas season additional services seasonally during Christmas, Lent, and Easter, midweek and Sundays

Annual Salary: about \$20,000 - negotiable

Vacation: 4 weeks paid vacation, providing they are not major holidays and vacation time is worked out with the pastor and church office in advance.

Please apply by emailing resume to Christ Lutheran Church at church@clcwantagh.org

Contact: Victor Courtien

Any questions please call our church office: 516-221-3286

posted: November 2017

Organist/Choirmaster

St. John's Lutheran Church

36 East John St., Lindenhurst NY 11757

2 Sunday services 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Additional holiday services

3 manual, 27 rank pipe organ

Salary: \$19K

Contact: 631-226-1274, stjohns36@gmail.com

The Long Island Choral Society
Meredith E. Baker, Conductor
Announces its 2017-2018 Season!

Please join the Long Island Choral Society for our 89th season. Our tradition of glorious sacred music in beautiful spaces continues as we perform three majestic concerts at St. Anthony's High School Chapel.

Buy a season ticket and save \$20!
Just \$50 for all three concerts. It's like getting one concert for free.

Harmoniemesse Franz Joseph Haydn
Miriam's Song of Triumph Franz Schubert

- Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 4:00 PM
- Tickets \$20.00

Messiah, Part I George Frederick Handel
preceded by Christmas Carols

- Open Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM
- Tickets \$10.00 at the door
- Concert: Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 7:30 PM
- Tickets \$30.00

Carmina Burana Carl Orff
with the Winners of the 37th Annual Young Artist Competition

- Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 4:00 PM
- Tickets \$20.00

All concerts at: St. Anthony's High School Chapel, 275 Wolf Hill Road, S. Huntington, NY

For tickets, order by phone (516) 580-1777 or online at www.LICS.org
Tickets also available at the door

CONCERTS by the **POD**

ST. JOHN'S COLD SPRING HARBOR, NY
PRESENTS THE 2017-2018 SEASON OF

FOUR SUNDAYS AT 3 PM

October 1 STEPHEN THARP, Organ	November 19 GUIDO'S EAR, Early Music Ensemble
February 4 VOX AQUARIUM, Vocal Ensemble	with CHRISTOPHER MORRONGIELLO, Lute
May 6 CAROL WEITNER, Organ	with APEX BRASS

DONATION: \$20 for adults. Students and children free.
FOR INFORMATION CALL: 516-692-6368, x 5
stjesh.org/about/concerts
1670 Route 25A, Cold Spring Harbor

Announcing the Suffolk Chapter, American Guild of Organists

2018 CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL
MEREDITH NEUMANN, GUEST CONDUCTOR



February 3, 2018 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Directors Workshop – February 2, 2018 at 7:30 pm
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bay Shore, NY

Join us for **Songs for a Lifetime**

You and your Children's Choir are invited to participate in the Suffolk AGO Children's Choir Festival with guest conductor Meredith Neumann

Meredith Neumann is the conductor of the Cathedral Youth Choir for the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford. She is also the Artistic and Program Director of the Connecticut Children's Chorus (CCC) where she conducts the Concert Choir and Women's Choir. Her ensembles are known for their innovative approach to performance and their intense passion for music-making. In 2015, Meredith's Concert Choir was selected as the "Together in Song" Youth Choir for the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Eastern Division Conference. Meredith is a sought-after presenter at choral educator conferences, and has also conducted several festival choirs. A Connecticut native, Meredith herself is a proud alumnus of CCC and the daughter of a church organist. She holds a Master's degree in Music Education from the Hartt School of Music, where she studied choral conducting.

Anthem List:

God So Loved the World - John Horman, CGA 447
Prayer for Guidance - Allen Pote, Hinshaw HMC244
Blessed Are They - Michael Bedford, CGA1025
God Shall Wipe Away all Tears - Eleanor Daley, Hinshaw HMC1284
All the Earth Sing Forth - J.S. Bach/arr. Hopson, CGA889
Arise and Shine! - John Paradowski, CGA1039

The festival rehearsals are from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm with a concluding festival service open to the public at 3:00 pm. Each church is asked to help fund this project with a registration fee of \$15.00. All choirs are invited, regardless of size! If you are interested in participating **please return this registration form to: Janet Pinto, 7 Daremny Ct., Melville, NY 11743, by November 30, 2017.** More detailed information about the festival will be sent to you or you may call Cindy Holden (631-567-8913) or Deanna Muro (631-361-3333).

Suffolk AGO 2018 Children's Choir Festival Registration Form

Name _____ Yes, we will participate in this year's festival.

Church _____ Please send info.

Address for mailings _____ We are interested, send more information.

Phone _____ Email address _____ Approximate number in choir _____

If you know of a church choir that might be interested in participating, please list the church, pastor or choir director, and their address, phone number and/or email address so we can send them festival information.