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# The Bombarde

## American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



### From the Dean

Greetings, colleagues!

Happy Easter! I hope that these past weeks have proven to be both spiritually and musically fruitful for each of you, no matter what your services may have looked like this year. As of this publication, we are still working out the details for our Annual Meeting, which will take place in June as an outdoor picnic so that we can be together safely and comfortably. As soon as we have those plans in place, we will communicate those to you.

The board continues to work diligently behind the scenes as we look forward to coming out on the other side of this pandemic in the (hopefully) near future. My sincere thanks and gratitude to each of them for their continued dedication to the Guild, and our Chapter. God-willing, we look forward to sharing some exciting programs with you this upcoming year!

Know of my continued prayers and best-wishes for each of you as we continue to navigate these times. If there is anything I can do for you or your ministry, please do not hesitate to ask. Until then, let us continue to live the mission of the AGO, and be that “thriving community of musicians who shares their knowledge and inspires passion for the organ.”

Pax vobiscum,  
Justin

### Programs

#### ONLINE EVENTS

UPCOMING—Robert McCormick virtual recital on Sunday, May 23 to be recorded at Pine Street Presbyterian Church and later it will be available on our YouTube Channel. More details to come.



Robert McCormick

RECENT—Virtual recitals: Tyler Boehmer presented a virtual concert in February and in March we presented a group recital which featured chapter members Helen Anthony, Tyler Canonico, Justin Myers, and Grant Wareham with guest appearance by concert organist Scott Montgomery. Watch the programs on our YouTube Channel—search “Harrisburg AGO.” While you are there subscribe to the channel. Visit the program page on the chapter website for complete details.

We also hope to have an event in June for our annual meeting. More details will be coming soon.

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles;
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

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## Membership News

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of chapter members who have died recently.



Peter Hewitt (June 7, 1932 - February 19, 2021)

Doris Savage (July 7, 1941 - February, 20, 2021)



Mel Shenk (August 12, 1938 - February 22, 2021)

## Lunch Bunch

Lunches are still ON-HOLD until further notice. When it is possible to gather again we will announce the plans to resume. With the death of Doris Savage who birthed the lunch bunches and faithfully hosted and arranged the gatherings through the years we will need to identify someone who can carry on with the tradition. If you are interested in attending or for more information contact the chapter email address: [harrisburgago@gmail.com](mailto:harrisburgago@gmail.com) or call Shawn Gingrich at 717-877-8554.

## Archivist Report

2005-2006

### Officers

- Dean—Alan D. Berlin
- Sub-Dean—Ellen Hunt
- Secretary—Kenneth C. Walker
- Treasurer—Kathy J. Gates
- Chaplain—Msgr. Thomas H. Smith
- Auditors—Frances Bishop, Brian Rice

### Board of Directors

- Carolyn Evens, Kenneth Kline, Charles Yocum
- Donald Golden, Lou Ann Potter, Anna Royer
- Richard Fry, Mary Jane Nelson, Walter Stiller

## Committees

- Bombarde Editor—Shawn Gingrich
- Bombarde Editorial Board Chair—Kathy Gates
- Education—Anthony Ciucci
- Placement—Timothy Koch
- Membership—Doris Savage
- Nominating—Anthony Ciucci
- Professional Concerns—Josephine Freund
- Program—Ellen Hunt
- Publicity—Mary Jane Nelson
- Violet Cassel Competition—Anthony Ciucci

## Programs

September 17, Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill—Anthem Sharing and Used Music Sale



Clinicians:  
Ellen Hunt,  
Shawn Gingrich,  
and Richard Frey

October 10, Organ Crawl to Princeton, New Jersey

November 13, Zion Lutheran Church, Enola—Student Recital



Seated, Left to Right: Hanna Hoover, Ryan Brunkhurst, and Chelsea Barton

Standing, Left to Right: Laura Schoonover, Joseph Gribb, Jonathan Kadar-Kallen, Caleb Sisak, Cameron Wentz, David Neagle, Charles Grove, and Greg Doerfler

February 21, Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg—A Clergy and Musician Pot Luck Supper  
March 11, Wesley United Methodist Church, Middletown—Open House and Walker Digital Organ Demonstration

April 23, Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill—Hymn Festival with David Cherwien





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May 8, Central Pennsylvania College Conference Center, Summerdale—Annual Meeting and Year-End Banquet with Installation of Officers



In the photograph taken by Mary Jane Nelson are from left Brian Rice, standing behind is Jim Acri, Karen Appel, Ron Sider, Ellen Hunt, Ralph Kneeream, and Alan Berlin.

### From The Bombarde

A group from Market Square Presbyterian Church headed by Tom Herald signed up to join in the 101<sup>st</sup> birthday celebration for the Wanamaker organ on June 11.

Thomas Tiehel, director of liturgical music at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Harrisburg, accepted the assignment to develop and lead the music ministry at St. Peter Catholic Church in Jupiter, Florida.

The Monthly Lunch Bunch met on Wednesdays at the Bridges Café in the Radisson, Camp Hill. Doris Savage was the coordinator of the lunches.

Pamela Drenner, Jane Eiker, Shirley King, Lois M. Paine, Connie Steinke, and Dr. Ralph Kneeream were welcomed as new members of our Chapter.

Seven members of our Chapter attended this year's Convention of Regions II and III in Poughkeepsie, New York. A report of the convention was given by Suzanne Klinedinst in a Bombarde article.

Doris Parsels, organist at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in Gettysburg, passed the AGO Service Playing Exam. Lois Van Orden was ordained to the Ministry at Gettysburg College. Dr. Darrell Woomer retired from the Chaplaincy at Lebanon Valley College and began a two-year, half time interim position at Millersville University.

Shawn Gingrich, editor of The Bombarde, submitted his resignation to the Editorial Board at the August 16 meeting. Due to additional demands on his time, Shawn asked that a replacement be found by December 2005. At the meeting of the Executive Board in January it was announced that Chapter member Frances Treisbach volunteered to be editor of *The Bombarde*.

At a meeting of the Executive Board in March it was decided that the Nomination Committee for next year should be composed of three Board members and three members from the Chapter at large. It was also recommended that the ballots for the election be sent with *The Bombarde* with instructions to

return the ballot to the Dean in a signed envelope. The Auditors will be the tellers for the returned ballots.

### Special Thanks

Special thanks to David Binkley for contributing two books to the Archives. The books are: *Organists And Me* by Phillip Truckenbrod and Dale Wood, *A Man And His Music* by James Welch. Anyone interested in borrowing either or both of these books can contact Ken Walker at [kcwrst@comcast.net](mailto:kcwrst@comcast.net).

Ken Walker,  
Archivist

### Position Available

Currently there are no positions to list.

### Finance Report

Shawn Gingrich, treasurer

Balance in Checking as of 1/1/2021	\$4,096.54
Expenses <sup>1</sup>	\$2,363.64
Deposits & Credits:	\$622.49
Memorials Donated	\$550.00
Balance in Checking as of 3/31/2021	\$2,905.39
Invested Funds as of 1/1/2021	
Harrisburg AGO Savings <sup>2</sup>	\$52,461.89
Frances Bishop Fund	\$149,697.55
Total	\$201,909.44
Invested Funds as of 3/31/2021	
Harrisburg AGO Savings <sup>3</sup>	\$52,239.21
Frances Bishop Fund	\$156,297.41
Total	\$208,536.62

#### NOTES:

<sup>1</sup>Expenses include Program, Website, Donations to Annual Fund and POE, and Cassel Competition.

<sup>2</sup>Harrisburg AGO Savings Detail as of 1/1/2021:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,382.80
Clapper-Frysinger Bequests	\$4,486.56
Reserve Savings	\$23,655.32
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$3,061.31
Stahle Savings	\$748.91
Throne Fund	\$8,235.44
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,641.55
McAnney Memorials	\$250.00

<sup>3</sup>Harrisburg AGO Savings Detail as of 3/31/2021:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,397.68
Clapper-Frysinger Bequests	\$4,501.79
Reserve Savings	\$23,736.17
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$3,071.70
Stahle Savings	\$350.99
Throne Fund	\$8,263.39
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,667.49
McAnney Memorials	\$250.00

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**ELECTED**

**Officers**

Dean	Justin Myers
SubDean	Tyler Canonico
Secretary	Justin Pechulis
Treasurer	Shawn Gingrich

**Members at Large**

2018—2022	Phyllis Conrad, Daniel Dorty, Chris Mirocco
2020—2024	Deb Dillane, Robert Lau, Dan Stokes

**APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Archivist / Historian	Kenneth Walker
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Education	Helen Anthony
Finance	Shawn Gingrich
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Membership	Justin Pechulis
Placement	Ellen Hunt
Program	Tyler Canonico
Publicity	Chris Mirocco
Registrar	Justin Pechulis

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**Submission to The Bombarde**

The deadline for *The Bombarde* is the fifteenth of Dec, Mar, Jun, Sep for the following quarter's edition unless otherwise noted. Whenever possible, please submit your items in electronic format. For area events, please follow the format.



Deadline for inclusion in the third quarter 2021 newsletter is June 15, 2021.

Please send **all** submissions to:  
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