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# The Bombarde

*Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists*



## From the Dean

"Come to Bethlehem and see!" You have probably heard by now that this is the slogan for the AGO Region III Convention in Bethlehem, PA. The Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Guild will host the convention June 24-27, 2001.

I would encourage each of you to consider attending the Regional Convention. Included in the four days will be recitals by such people as Peter Conte (Wanamaker Grand Court Organist), Stefan Engels (Westminster Choir College), Rebecca Owens (Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church), and 15 year old German Felix Hell. There will also be workshops, worship services, and concerts by the Bel Canto Children's Chorus and the Bach Choir.

You will be stimulated by the events of the week but you will also be stimulated by the conversations with other participants at meals, after the events, or just on the bus. The convention is for everyone! I guarantee that you will meet someone at the convention that has

the same amount of experience as you regardless of how much or little that may be. You will have the opportunity to share your joys and your concerns about the profession.

For further information about the convention and registration fees, check the website [www.lvago.org](http://www.lvago.org). Also watch your AGO magazine each month for registration materials.

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### January Meeting

***Organ and Choral Music for the Seasons of Lent and Easter***

Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg  
January 23 7:30 p.m.

## Clergy/Musician Dinner Set for February 6

Have you invited your pastor and marked your calendar to attend the Clergy/Musicians Dinner Meeting on Tuesday February 6, 2001? The theme for the evening activities is "We're All In This Together". In this meeting we will share and discuss personal relationships between Clergy and Church Musicians. The guest speaker is Ann Graves. Ann has served as both Organist and Clergy in her career (see her biography on page 4).

There will also be a panel discussion with local chapter musicians and their pastors. Chapter members who have agreed to serve on the panel are Suzanne Klinedinst, Tom Nostine, Waneta Benson and Rick Martin. We will encourage interaction from all who attend and think that you will find the exchange to be productive and beneficial.

The location of the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1610

Carlisle Road, Camp Hill. The evening will start with a social at 6:00 followed by a dinner at 6:30. The Board members of this chapter will provide the main dishes and desert. We ask that others bring a salad or vegetable to share.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to make the dinner arrangements, we need to know how many will attend as soon as possible. PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO REGISTER. Registration should be made ASAP by calling (717) 774-2633 between the office hours of 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. You will be asked what food item you will bring to the dinner.

We think this will be an enjoyable event and encourage you to attend. If you have any questions about the evening's activities, please contact Doris Savage or Kathy Myers, co-chairs.

## Harrisburg AGO Programs 2001

January 23, 2001  
7:30 p.m.  
Market Square Presbyterian  
Church  
Harrisburg  
*Organ and Choral Music  
for the Seasons of Lent and  
Easter*  
Melanie Moll, *coordinator*

February 6, 2001  
6 p.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Camp Hill  
Clergy/Musician Dinner

March 6, 2001  
7:30 p.m.  
Mt. Calvary Episcopal  
Church  
Camp Hill  
*Using Midi*  
Robert Lau

March 30, 2001  
7:30 p.m.  
Pine Street Presbyterian  
Church  
Harrisburg  
Organ Recital by Delbert  
Disselhorst  
*Event cosponsored by Pine Street  
Church*

May  
End of the Year Banquet

## Getting to Know Your Chapter Officers

*The following is the fourth installment in a series introducing our chapter officers.*

### Waneta Benson, Board Member

I began my career in church music when I was elected Sunday Evening Pianist at the Union Center Church of the Brethren. That church is a large country church surrounded by Northern Indiana corn fields and a cemetery. When I was twelve or thirteen years old I was elected the regular Sunday Morning Pianist. A Chorister was also elected to chose the hymns to be used at the worship services. There was no time to rehearse the hymns because the chorister usually chose the hymns to sing after arriving at church. Being the pianist was cause for much prayer for me—I fervently prayed that the hymn that had six sharps would not be chosen.

I began college at Manchester College in 1958 and studied organ with Dr. Gary Deavel. That same year, my home church purchased an electronic organ, and I became their first organist—a volunteer, elected position. College was interrupted in 1960 when I gave a year of my life to Brethren Volunteer Service. My project assignment was to begin an inner-city community outreach program with First Church of the Brethren on Allison Hill in Harrisburg. The program that I began continues as a growing

### Kathy Myers, Treasurer

Do you know what the role of your treasurer is? Is it more than just paying the bills? Well I can tell you firsthand that the answer is “Yes”. I learned very quickly that the responsibilities of the Treasurer include other duties such as collecting yearly dues and keeping records of the membership, corresponding with National Headquarters, creating ledgers of financial transactions, and providing a statement each month to the membership and to the Chapter Board.

I was very fortunate to receive excellent records from our previous Treasurer, Brian Rice. Brian served as the Harrisburg Chapter Treasurer for 8 years. Therefore, the transition for me was easy. Each month I prepare a statement in the newsletter of the receipts and disbursements for the month and the balance on account. We have a checking account and separate investments labeled the Cassel Scholarship Fund.

Part of the Treasurer’s duties includes collecting membership dues. We currently have 115 members in our chapter. A portion of the

ministry of that church. It was at First Church that I met my husband, Bob.

The resignation of the church organist at First Church in 1973 and the difficulty in finding a new one led the church to ask me to be interim organist. I accepted, and the interim position became a permanent position. I then resumed organ studies at Messiah College with Dr. Ron Sider. From 1988 until 1996 I held dual positions at Zion Lutheran in Marysville at an 8:30 service and at First Church at a later service. I have been Organist and Children’s Choir Director at Grace Lutheran Church in Camp Hill since 1996 and am enjoying the challenge of a larger organ, a larger congregation, and a larger music budget and program.

It was in the late 1970’s that I read an article in the newspaper about an AGO program and decided to attend. Since then I have been a member and have served as Sub-Dean, Registrar, Auditor, Treasurer, and Board Member.

Time for hobbies is in short supply, but I do enjoy my 7 grandchildren, and I enjoy gardening, quilting, and crocheting. My life would never be complete without music and I appreciate the programs and opportunities the AGO has provided.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash in Bank as of 11/20/2000	\$2,364.76
Total Receipts	\$ 79.18
Less Total Disbursements	\$ 58.76
Cash in Bank as of 12/15/2000	\$2,385.18
Cassel Scholarship Fund (Investments)	\$13,927.21

dues must be sent to National Headquarters to support the National effort and subscribe to the magazine.

My goals include building the Treasury of the chapter. I believe with a larger Treasury, we can give the membership better programs, workshops and recitals. We can support organ institutes for young and older students. The list is endless. But how do we build the treasury? We can do it several ways: by making smart investments, building the membership, collecting advertising fees and keeping our ex-

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## Area Events

**Camp Hill Presbyterian Church**  
101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill

**CHPC Youth Perform**  
February 4, 4:00 p.m.

A free-will offering will be received and child care will be provided.

**Keystone Concert Band**  
Donna Deaven, Conductor  
March 4, 4:00 p.m.

A free-will offering will be received and child-care will be provided.

**Ephrata Cloister Chorus**  
Daryl Hollinger, Director  
April 18, 4:00 p.m.

A free-will offering will be received to benefit Habitat for Humanity and childcare will be provided.

**First Lutheran Church**  
High and Bedford Streets, Carlisle

**Chamber Music for Clarinet**  
with Ella Forsyth, clarinet; John Eaken String Quartet; and Gloria Whitney, piano.  
February 18, 3:00 p.m.

**Dickinson College Choir and College-Community Orchestra**, directed by Robert Wellington Pound  
April 8, 3:00 p.m.

**Derry Presbyterian Church**  
248 East Derry Road, Hershey

**Messiah College Concert Choir**  
March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Spring Musical **It's Cool in the Furnace** featuring the Youth of Derry.  
May 4 and 5, 7:00 p.m.

**Westminster Choir College Concert Bell Choir**  
June 1, 7:30 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church**  
64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey

**The Rooke Chapel Ringers of Bucknell University** under the direction of Dr. William Payne  
January 14, 7:00 p.m.

The concert is free and all are invited to attend. Call 533-9668 for further details.

**Miller Chapel, Lebanon Valley College**  
Shelly Moorman-Stahlman, organ recital  
January 28, 3:00 p.m.

Works by Bach, Correa, Mozart, Schumann, Jongen, and Hakim.

## Networking Lunch

Mark Wednesday, January 10, 2001 on your calendar. The monthly lunch group will gather at a prime location for all: Catalano's at 461 S. Front St., Wormleysburg at 11:30 a.m.

Come and share some Christmas memories. This is a perfect month to increase our numbers! Phone Doris Savage at 697-4042 by Monday, January 8.

## Substitutes and Job Placement

The Harrisburg Chapter provides a list of organists from our membership who is available to substitute. Esther Long is responsible for keeping an ongoing list of available substitutes and sending it to interested parties. If you are available to substitute, please make sure your name and telephone number is on the substitute list. Contact Esther at 938-5226 for assistance.

In addition, our chapter provides a Placement Service to assist both Guild members and local congregations. When a church has an opening in their music department, they contact Esther Long for help. Churches interested in announcing positions available must file the appropriate form and send a \$10.00 fee to cover monthly advertising in our chapter newsletter, *The Bombarde*.

## Upcoming Board Meeting

The Harrisburg Board will meet on Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. at Faith United Church of Christ, Drexel Hills Blvd., New Cumberland.

**Treasurer** (Continued from page 2)  
penses under control.

All of you can help. Membership should not end in September with the close of the renewal process. We should encourage membership all year. I'm sure you all know of organists who are not members of our chapter. My suggestion: contact them, ask them to join. In addition,

I would like to see our chapter encourage "Chapter Friends" to join and participate in the events. I have created a new membership application for this purpose.

If you are in need of a membership application, please contact Carolyn Evens at 737-6027 or myself at 774-4465. My e-mail address is kmyersx1@ezonline.com.

## Positions Available

**The Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley**, a liberal Free Church located at 2 Forge Road, Boiling Springs, is seeking an accompanist for one Sunday (10:30) worship service per week. The congregation has 130 members with an average attendance of 100. A spinet piano is the principal instrument but the process of acquiring a baby grand piano has begun. An Allen two-manual organ is in-house. The music budget is \$350. The accompanist's salary will be \$50 per diem. The congregation is open to a variety of styles of music. Our flexible scheduling allows time off as needed, except for our major church holidays. For more information see our website [www.uucv.org](http://www.uucv.org). Contact Mary Franco at 243-9863.

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**, Spring and Union Sts., Middletown, PA 17057, is seeking an organist/choir director for 2 Sunday services (8:15 and 11:00). Adult and youth choirs. Congregation of 900 has an Austin pipe organ, a \$750 music budget, offers 4 weeks vacation, sick leave, continuing education and a music allowance. Maximum salary is \$13,500. For more information, contact the church at 944-4651 or send resume to Linda McDaniel at the church address.

## Music Minister's Voice Not Silenced by Cancer

*The following tribute to Harrisburg AGO Member Tom Schwalm is excerpted from the December 2000 edition of "The Lutheran."*

Members of Zion Lutheran Church, Hummelstown, take being the body of Christ seriously. When their music minister's health became increasingly serious, the "body" responded. Tom Schwalm, who has throat/esophagus cancer, had a tracheotomy this year that left him virtually voiceless. Not long after surgery, Schwalm was composing music—on a

keyboard the youth minister sneaked into the hospital. But what began as a hospital secret became a ministry to medical staff when hymns and jazz tunes floated from Schwalm's room. Elaine Dent, pastor, translates his whispered directions to the choir and musicians.

"Tom's ministry of music in spite of his illness has been a powerful example of how God can take awful circumstances and turn them into beauty," Dent says.

## The Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club was organized on May 17, 1882, and incorporated on September 12, 1915. Its purpose is to develop the musical talent of its members and to stimulate musical interest in the Harrisburg community.

Christyan Seay, President of The Wednesday Club is interested in working more closely with the AGO Harrisburg Chapter in presenting programs and building membership. One of his

ideas is to co-host a future organ recital. Our Dean, Shelly Moorman-Stahlman is excited to have the two organizations work together and encourages our participation and welcomes suggestions for future programs.

For more information about The Wednesday Club, call (717) 234-4856 or their e-mail address is [www.wednesdayclub.org](http://www.wednesdayclub.org).

## David Messineo Masterclass at West Chester

Dr. David Messineo, principal Organist of Princeton University, will present an Organ Masterclass at the School of Music of West Chester University, West Chester, PA on Saturday, February 17, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. There will be opportunity for 4 area organists to perform for Dr. Messineo; those interested should contact Anita Greenlee, School of Music, West Chester University, West Chester, PA 19383-2232; (610) 436-2739; Fax: (610) 436-2873; e-

mail: [greenleea@aol.com](mailto:greenleea@aol.com). Dr. Messineo will perform in concert Friday evening, February 16 at 8:00 in the University's Asplundh Concert Hall on the newly restored 1929 E.M. Skinner III 45. Dr. Messineo received his DMA from New York's Juilliard School of Music, is Professor of Organ at Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ, has concertized in Prague, Amsterdam and Leipzig, and is planning a concert tour in France for Sprint, 2001.

## Ann Graves, speaker at Clergy/Musician Dinner

Ann is a native of New England, growing up in southern New Hampshire. She taught public school music in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Wisconsin for 9 years. Ann has played the organ for churches since high school and has served churches in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and State College, PA for nearly 30 years.

Ann has a BS in Music Education from Ithaca College, NY. She earned her MST from the University of Wisconsin. In 1988, she was commissioned by Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ as minister of music and worship. Ann has written a monthly

article for conference churches in the "Cantor" on Church Music and worship for 12 years. She served as the conference educator for *The New Century Hymnal*. She has been a member of the conference worship ministries team for over 15 years and is now serving on the Steering Committee of the UCC National Musicians Network.

Ann was ordained in 1992 and has served as Interim Pastor at UCC churches in Boalsburg, York, Danville, and spent three years as Associate Pastor of New Covenant UCC in Williamsport. She is presently the Pastor of Faith United Church of Christ in State College.

## PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

Calling all AGO members with SUV's, passenger vans or VERY LARGE CARS! We still need transportation help for the POE in June, 2001. Volunteer chauffeurs are needed to transport the participants to and from their organ lessons in Lancaster and Harrisburg, and if necessary, pick them up at the airport/train station/bus depot when they arrive on June 17 and return them on June 22. Compensation for all of this hard work is 32 cents per mile. Please consider including this in your plans for June and let me know if you can help in this way ASAP. My telephone number is 766-1445. My mail address is 32 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. My e-mail address is delizia@webtv.net.

Delight St. John-Brainerd

You can make a difference. As you know, the Harrisburg and Lancaster AGO Chapters are cosponsoring a Pipe Organ Encounter to be held June 17-22, 2001. The purpose of this summer organ institute is to introduce high school students to the organ, and to give them opportunities to develop and enhance their musical and keyboard skills. Please fill out the enclosed form and return to Shelly Moorman-Stahlman, co-chair of the POE committee.

I will give a brochure to five high school piano students and encourage them to attend

I am willing to provide financial assistance as follows:

\$25 to provide one copy of the "First Organ Book" edited by Wayne Leupold (instructional book that students utilize in their daily lessons and is given at the end of the week)

\$25 to reduce the cost of enrollment from \$300 to \$275 for one student

\$25 to provide a student membership into AGO for one student that attends the POE

\$20 to help cover the costs of our recreational night to Hershey Park

\$300 to underwrite one student registration fee

\$300 to underwrite one half of the recital given by two young artists: Paul Jacobs and Sarah Thrush

undesignated gift

Please make your checks out to: Pipe Organ Encounter 2001

Send to: Shelly Moorman-Stahlman, 230 Coachman Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078

If you would like to make a donation but would like to send the check in the next fiscal year, please fill out the form and pledge your gift so that we might have an accurate account of the funds during our planning process.

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## TVTime

Did you know we have a TV celebrity in our organization? It's our past dean, Tony Ciucci. Tony was interviewed a few weeks ago on the 6:00 o'clock news on Channel 27 about the shortage of organists. Nice plug, Tony, for the chapter.

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