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Newsletter of the Greater Kansas City Chapter – AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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## Bachathon

XLIV

Sunday, May 7, 2023 2-5 PM

Village Presbyterian Church

6641 Mission Road

Prairie Village, KS 66208



Thomaskirche Leipzig (1749) Photo: H.-P. Haack

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Please join with us, live or via livestream, for our beloved annual celebration of the music of J.S. Bach. More information can be found on our website: [kcago.com/Bachathon](http://kcago.com/Bachathon) or in the chapter emails. Our many thanks to all of our chapter members planning and working to make Bachathon XLIV another wonderful program. Please invite your friends and remember 'Come when you can, leave when you must'. We hope you all can join us!

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## **MAY CHAPTER DINNER AND MEETING**

### **Chapter meeting for May has been changed to Monday, May 22, 2023**

We previously scheduled our last meeting of the season to be at St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish on May 15, in Kansas City, Kansas. That location had several bowling lanes for us to use. Unfortunately they cancelled that date because of the lanes being resurfaced that week. Our caterers are able to serve us on May 22 and so we have found a new location for our meeting! We will meet on May 22, at 6 pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 5325 Nieman Rd. in Shawnee, KS. It is just north of West Flanders park in Shawnee. Our current Registrar is their organist and our secretary was their previous organist.

The meeting on May 22 will include a delicious dinner at 6, and we will then have the installation of our new board officers. Afterward we will have a demonstration of the materials given to our chapter by the Reuter Organ Company. Then we will proceed to the sanctuary for a demonstration of the organ, and some hymn singing! This should be a very good chance to greet our chapter officers, meet our friends, and hopefully make some new ones!

Boyd Ahrens

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### **MAY AGO DINNER**

Monday, May 22, 2023

Meeting & Installation of New Board Members  
at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 5325 Nieman Rd. in Shawnee, KS

Punch Bowl at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

#### **Dinner Menu**

Roast Beef and Glazed Ham

Au gratin potatoes

Tuscan vegetable medley / Sweet glazed carrots

Spinach salad

Assorted Desserts

Water, Iced Tea, Coffee

**Cost: \$20/person**

Payment due at the dinner by Cash, Check, or Credit Card

**Please call Nancy Ramirez at 816-436-9467 or email [reservation@kicago.com](mailto:reservation@kicago.com)  
by 9:00 pm Wednesday, May 17.**

Nancy will confirm your e-mail reservations. Please call if you don't get a confirmation.  
Remember, if you have a reservation (permanent or one-time) and miss dinner,  
you are still obligated to pay for your meal if you have not cancelled in advance.

**Please reserve your dinner in advance. The price for unreserved dinners is \$25.**

We will follow current Covid precautions.

Please call Nancy at 816-436-9467 if you have any questions.

## CHAPTER ELECTION 2023

With our recently revised Operating Procedures for our chapter board structure the National office is requesting us to follow this cycle instead of what we have shared with our members previously.

Board members; officers and team leaders, are elected in an alternating cycle with all serving a two year term.

- o Officers – elected in even numbered years
- o Team leaders – elected in odd numbered years

We had started down this path with our election last year, but with this change of which group is elected in odd or even years it will now take us a couple of years to get that cycle working correctly.

For this year we will elect our officers for a one year term, serving until June 30, 2024.

### Candidates

**Jacob Hofeling - Dean**

**Josh Maize - Sub-dean**

**Elisa Bickers - Secretary**

**Dan Madura – Treasurer**

**Boyd Ahrens – Registrar**

Please refer to the email sent on April 23 for the candidate bios and the link to vote to approve or reject this slate of candidates. Voting will run through May 7, 2023.

Nominations Committee: Stephanie Henry, chair, Kelly Hackleman, Denis Nicholson, and Doug O'Neill. (Apologies to Kelly that her name was misspelled in the email blast!)

Our thanks to the committee and all of our chapter members willing to serve on the board.

## LAST MONTH'S CHAPTER EVENT



Monday April 17, 2023 the Greater Kansas City Chapter honored the 105 year legacy of The Reuter Organ Company with a Heritage Celebration at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lawrence, Kansas (Father Rob Baldwin, Rector). Company president JR Neutel spoke about their ongoing business of maintaining existing instruments. Max Mayse presented a capsule summary of the history with projected slide images about the significant people and instruments from Reuter. Max reviewed the founding within Trenton, Illinois, the relocation to Lawrence, Kansas in 1919 and through to the present time. Included were significant tributes to Reuter by Clarence Eddy, by Louis Vierne and other concert organists from the early years of the company. Through their 105 years, Reuter created more than 2200 new instruments, in addition to renewing more than 5000 existing organs. Organist Dr. Peiyao Yu (pursuing further studies with Dr. James Higdon and with Olivier Latry at the University of Kansas) performed a short demonstration concert on the 2015 Reuter organ at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Norm Kinnaugh,  
GKCAGO Chapter Reporter

Photo identification above:  
Upper Gallery – Dr. Peiyao Yu with  
current and former staff from The Reuter Organ Company  
Main Floor – chapter members and audience attendees.  
Photograph by Steve Burk.

## REUTER DONATES MATERIALS TO OUR CHAPTER

At our April program in Lawrence we honored and celebrated the 105 year legacy of Reuter Pipe Organs. They gave us several pieces of equipment that would be of interest to people unfamiliar with pipe organs and their operation. There are several boxes of wooden and metal organ pipes. These would be great to let people know what the different shapes, sizes, and materials make toward the pitch and tone of an organ pipe. The mock up of a console with a key, stop tab, electrical contact, and a cut away windchest with pouch, valve, and organ pipe is very fine way to explain an electropneumatic pipe organ. We also were given a small mock up of a tracker-slider windchest operation.

As our historian, I am holding this big box of items, and hope that if needed for a chapter program, it can be utilized. It would be great for a Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event! It could be used for a program about the various forms of pipe organ operation, of course. Perhaps one of our members would like to borrow it to explain to their congregation how a pipe organ works.

Boyd Ahrens, Chapter Historian

## TIME TO THINK ABOUT AGO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

May is so special! Winter is finally calling it quits and we look forward to SUMMER! I hope all of you are enjoying our evolving scenery and beautiful green trees and grass! In times past we all would renew our AGO memberships in May and June. June 30 is the end of the season for most of our members, and July 1 begins the new 2023-2024 cycle of membership. When ONCARD entered our life a few years back, some of the renewal dates began to change as people joined our ranks throughout the year. They had different renewal dates based on when they joined.

Please start to think about logging into ONCARD and renewing your membership with us. Steve Burk is leading up the program team and has planned quite an impressive lineup for us!

We have recently had 148 members, which is up from the past several years. I hope all of us will continue to be together in the exciting times ahead!

Boyd Ahrens, Registrar

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Mother's Day Organ Concert: Music from the Heart**

On Mother's Day, the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts and Saint Luke's Health System present "Music from the Heart," featuring Jan Kraybill performing at the Julia Irene Kauffman Casavant Organ in Helzberg Hall. This free event is a gift to the community from Saint Luke's Health System. The 75-minute program illustrates many shades of love: compositions by Bach, Howells, and more, concluding with the finale of Paul Ayres' Fantasy-Sonata on Over the Rainbow.

This event is free, but reservations are required. Tickets were made available to the public beginning Friday, April 21, 2023, and the event had sold out just four days later. You may still call the Kauffman Center Ticket Office, 816.994.7222, to see if any tickets have been turned in.

### **MASTERCLASS ON THE MARCUSSEN ORGAN Monday-Thursday, May 22-25, 2023**

Wichita State University in Wiedemann Hall

Join Lynne Davis for an in-depth look at French Organ Music from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Registration is limited to 10 active participants (advanced organists only.) Auditors are welcome. Professor Davis will cover the repertoire listed below in morning master sessions for the entire group while afternoon sessions will be devoted to a general masterclass. Active participants will choose the pieces they wish to cover with Professor Davis between the two lists of pieces below. Rehearsal time will be arranged on the four campus organs. Participants will be invited to a reception at the home of Lynne Davis, and there will be a final participant recital on Thursday evening. Please find the attached brochure which gives the complete repertoire that will be covered and a link to a secure web page for registration. Feel free to share this with your own colleagues and students, and contact Lynn Davis with any questions you may have.

Brochure: [www.wichita.edu/organ](http://www.wichita.edu/organ)

Register: [https://secure.touchnet.com/C21797\\_ustores/web/product\\_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=4133&SINGLESTORE=true](https://secure.touchnet.com/C21797_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=4133&SINGLESTORE=true)

### **Hearts, Hands, Voices**

**Local Workshop for Church Musicians  
Saturday, June 24, 2023 8:30 AM T  
rinity Lutheran Church Mission Campus  
5601 W.62nd St., Mission, KS, 66202**

Church musicians, pastors, worship committee members, and volunteer musicians will discover inspiration, resources, practical tips, and fellowship during this workshop day. We will explore the reasons behind our ministry, find ways to engage all ages in hymn and choral singing, and take a careful look at one of our oldest songbooks: the Psalms. Presenters include Jan Kraybill, Lara West, Linda Martin, Pastor Mark Schulz, Nara Newcomer.

Registration: \$35 adults; \$10 full-time students; includes lunch. Scholarships available to students and recent graduates. For more information and to register, visit <https://alcm.org/event/mission-ks/> Sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. Ticket information <https://alcm.org/event/mission-ks/>

### **ORGAN AVAILABLE:**

For Sale: Allen practice organ, good condition, AGO pedals, etc. \$750 obo. Buyer responsible for moving it. Contact J. Walker, Kansas City, 816-941-0235.



## SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

Substitutes listed are members of the local organ guild. The people who hold AGO certificates have passed requirements of the National American Guild of Organists for various levels of service playing and choral conducting. However, the GKCAGO is not an endorsement agency for service provided by the persons listed here. To learn proficiency of substitutes, feel free to ask them for references. Feedback regarding the hiring of GKCAGO substitutes is welcome and encouraged. Please send feedback to John Schaefer [canonjohn40@gmail.com](mailto:canonjohn40@gmail.com).

Linda Mann, BME, SPC (Weddings/Funerals only)	organ, piano	816-353-4826, c. 816-289-9760
John Pitchford, MM, SPC	organ	913-663-3768 <a href="mailto:johnpitchford@kc.rr.com">johnpitchford@kc.rr.com</a>
John Schaefer, AAGO, Ch M	organ, piano, lit.	816-520-2084
Rachel Schulz	organ, piano, lit, choral	717-466-8080 <a href="mailto:rschulz@ku.edu">rschulz@ku.edu</a>

*FAGO = Fellow certification | org = organist | lit = liturgical worship | dir = choral director | piano = pianist*

**The following also offer their services**

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Steve Burk	org, lit, dir, handbells	785-331-7640 <a href="mailto:ssmkburk@gmail.com">ssmkburk@gmail.com</a>
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