



BOMBARDE!

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



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From the Dean

Friends,

Many, many thanks to all who played for and attended this year's French Festival! And we are most grateful to Dr. Mario Pearson, who always puts such great planning and energy into this concert. What a great way to start our 2018-19 season!

Our September program is an unusual one... There is plenty of time later in the year for educational and performance-based AGO programs. This month, we will kick off our shoes and PARTY in celebration of our wonderfully successful National Convention. St. John's Catholic Church in Kansas City, KS boasts not only a gorgeous Croatian-American sanctuary, but also a bowling alley and bar in their basement. Not only that, but your program committee has hired three massage therapists to rub your arms, necks, hands, and whatever else needs some relaxing attention. Resident organist Matt Winterhalter will offer tours of the sanctuary and pipe organ.

You can purchase beer at the bar, but if you want something other than that to drink, please bring it yourself. Also, Sugar and Spice Catering will offer an array of tasty delights from 6-8 pm - fancy appetizers and finger foods to enjoy.

Even if bowling in a bar is not your typical scene, please do come anyway and enjoy the company of our members who have all grown closer to one another through the rigorous process of putting on a convention.

I'm writing to you from Iowa City, Iowa, where I've been spending time in the workshop of Ed Kottick, Junior. Ed LITERALLY wrote the book on harpsichord maintenance, and I have been nerding out as I assist him with bringing Village's Ciul harpsichord up to snuff. I do love pipe organs, but it has been delightful to switch gears for a bit. Do any of the rest of you find yourself too caught up in your main career, forgoing other interests? I'm guilty of that all the time. Particularly with Opus 22 and the convention, I've been "all pipe organ, all the time" for far too long. It's a goal of mine to get my hands back on some other interests. I know I'll be the better for it. How about you?

Your Loving Dean,
Elisa Bickers

This Month's Program & Meeting

DATE:

Monday, September 17, 2018

TIME:

6:00 pm

MEETING/PROGRAM:

Post-Convention Celebration

LOCATION:

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
708 N. 4th St.
Kansas City, KS 66101

CATERED BY:

Sugar & Spice

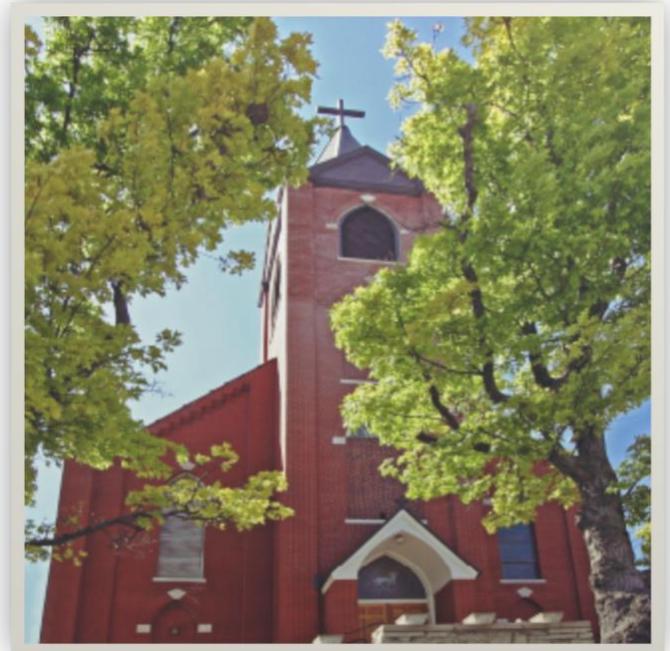
MENU:

Appetizers and Finger Foods
(6:00-8:00 pm)

Beer may be purchased at the bar at the church.
You may bring any other beverage you wish.
(Wine, etc.)

COST:

\$10/person



Please call Nancy Ramirez at 816-436-9467 or email reservation@kcago.com by 9:00 pm Wednesday, Sep 12th. 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 by Monday, Sep 17th.

***** Please note: "Walk-in" Dinner Price *****

In an effort to assist our new caterer, and encourage timely reservations, the price for unreserved dinners will be \$15. If you reserve your meal in advance, the price remains the same at \$10.

Registrar's Report

by Boyd Ahrens, Registrar

Few to Renew

We are so thankful to all of our members who have renewed their memberships, and those planning to renew in the future. We have a large and active chapter with many willing and talented people! The recent national AGO convention was a testament to the great things we are capable of doing!

We are approximately 180 members strong. With ONCARD's system of renewals, there will now be people who do not follow the typical July 1 to June 30th billing cycle and due dates. ONCARD automatically sends out two renewal notices, and I have tried to remind our members of their renewals when we are at the end of summer. We only have a few who have yet to renew in the current cycle.

The Directory will be published soon, and we want it to reflect the current data about our members. As you renew, please check that the information in ONCARD is correct. We also ask that you consider contributing to our Concert and Program Series. There is a "Make a Contribution" button on the opening screen when you are changing information or renewing.

The website for renewal is <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>

The phone number for the National office is **212-870-2310**. They are exceedingly knowledgeable and kind and can get your renewal on the phone done in a jiffy, or faster.

If you have questions about the renewal process or know of someone who might like to join or be contacted about the AGO, please e-mail or call me. It is my pleasure to be your Registrar and working to keep you informed about US!



October's Program

Monday, October 15, 2018
7:30 pm
Ann Marie Rigler in concert
Central United Methodist Church
5144 Oak Street
Kansas City, MO

Our Chapter Celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 1988

by Boyd Ahrens, Historian

An interesting page in our annual directory is the list of our chapter's former Deans. Long time members will recognize many of the names. Newer members will probably not associate many of the names with present day faces. Please note the founding Dean in 1938, Edna Scotten Billings. I found a photo of her, and some information about her that I thought you might find of interest.



In October, 1972, Edna Scotten Billings, pictured at the left, retired from the position of organist at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral after 50 years service. She was appointed organist at the Cathedral at age 21. She also retired in the same year from the Temple B'nai Jehuda Congregation, where she had been organist since 1951. She was the first Dean of the newly formed Kansas City Chapter of AGO.

Mrs. Billings was known for her graciousness and spirit. Many local organists benefitted from her encouragement and appreciated her positive attitude about her work. She was known for the vitality of her playing and the high standards she honored and promoted.

Mrs. Billings is shown here at the Cathedral's Austin organ circa 1940.

On January 18, 1988 our Chapter celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Pictured below is a photo and caption from the program used that night.



PAST DEANS GATHERED AT THE 50th Anniversary Celebration—from Left to Right: David Lewis, Father Benjamin Harrison, John Ditto, John Schaefer, LaVergne Friday, Ronald Arnatt (visiting National President) Sally Livingood, Nancy Stankiewicz, Joyce McIntosh, Tom Atkin, Rodney Giles, Carlene Neihart, Dale Rider

We are indeed thankful for the guidance and leadership provided by our former Deans, and all who made our Chapter thrive through the years.

Workshop: “Voices Beyond the Stops”

Sandrock Music Company is sponsoring a workshop, “Voices Beyond the Stops.” This personalized, in-depth class is designed for all classical and church organists and pianists who want to know more about the additional voices beyond the physical stops of the organ. The workshop will help you find creative ways to use additional voices with resources beyond the stops of the instrument for Sacred, Secular, Classical and Traditional organ music.

Two options to attend – your choice!

Option #1:

Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
11100 College Blvd.
Overland Park, KS 66210

Option #2:

Thursday, September 13, 2018
St. Joseph Catholic Church
11311 Johnson Dr.
Shawnee, KS 66203

Event Schedule (for both options):

Open House: 6:00-7:30pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Workshop: 7:30pm

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Dinner is provided. FREE admission.

To RSVP:

Call Keith Sandrock at (913) 940-3766 or Email at keith@sandrockmusic.com.

Convention Recital Programs Needed

We are in need of one, preferably two copies of each program for our chapter’s historical archives. Below, there is a list of recitals and the number of programs being requested. If any of you attended these recitals and have copies of the programs, please notify Lynn Bratney at l.bratney.ago.2018@gmail.com so we can have an archive of them in our historical archives.

- 1 NYACOP
- 2 Higdon (Jacob said he thought he could get these)
- 2 NCOI
- 2 2016 NYACOP/NCOI Winners
- 1 Bach Vespers
- 2 Compline (I’m not aware that there was a program for this, but asking just in case.)
- 1 Te Deum
- 1 Christopher Houlihan
- 2 Nicole Keller
- 2 Jennifer Pascual
- 2 Hector Olivera
- 2 Road Home Arts Service

All-Day Buster Keaton Silent Film Festival

Buster Keaton Festival co-sponsored by KCTPO, nearly all day - Saturday Sept 15th, plus Brett Valient concert 2pm on Sunday, Sept 16th. Both events at The Music Hall, 13th & Central, KC, MO.

<https://mailchi.mp/b20c114bc01b/44j1rq22lq-3283509?e=d475edcd43>

Four Square Credit Card Readers Available

Our chapter has Four Square credit card readers available that were purchased for the convention and were not used.

We have the two chip readers, 2 bar code readers and plus two docking station stations. One set is being given to the chapter for our usage. The other set is available for any chapter member for a low price of \$50.00 (chapter paid \$78.00). If you are interested, please contact Debbie Winter at d.winter.ago.2018@gmail.com

From The Funny File



Question:

What do you get if you throw an organ down a mine shaft?

Answer:

A flat miner.

Substitutes available for you

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.

These substitutes have passed various levels of AGO certification requirements:

Mary Bronaugh Davis, MA, CAGO org	(816) 436-1419 (c) (816) 456-0343
Nancy Custead, CAGO, B.S. Music Ed org, piano	(816) 590-9414 nancustead@gmail.com
Barbara Eichenberger, BM, CAGO org, piano	(816) 803-2516 musicaltouch36@gmail.com
Stephen Kucera, CAGO, BM org, piano	(913) 568-3873 skkansas@gmail.com
Linda Mann, BME, SPC org, piano (Weddings/Funerals only)	(816) 353-4826 (c) (816) 289-9760
Marjorie O’Konski, MM, MME, SPC org, piano	(785) 766-2545 mjokonski@hotmail.com
John Pitchford, MM, SPC org	(913) 663-3768 johnpitchford@kc.rr.com
John Schaefer, AAGO, ChM org, dir, lit	(816) 520-2084
Claudette Schiratti, MM AAGO org, dir, lit	(c) (913) 530-0960 cschiratti1@gmail.com
Jerrold Tidwell, BM, MM, CAGO org, piano, dir, lit	(c) (301) 714-8030 jerrold.tidwell@gmail.com

SPC = service playing certificate | CAGO = Colleague certification | AAGO = Associate certification | FAGO = Fellow certification
org = organist | lit = liturgical worship | dir = choral director | piano = pianist

The following have various degrees in organ or church music at the college or postgraduate level:

Joyce Berg, MM org	(816) 741-7388 joyberg74@gmail.com
Phyllis Curtis, MM org, piano	(913) 406-5327 ksuorganist1@yahoo.com
John Deahl, MM org, dir, lit, bass soloist	(785) 250-4141 johnldeahl@gmail.com
Stephanie Henry, DMA Choral Music org, piano, dir.	(816) 678-6372 shenry24@kc.rr.com
Sharon Hettinger, DMA org, lit, dir, handbell	(785) 842-2053 slhett.sunflower.2016@gmail.com
Suzanne Hunter, BM, Church Music org, dir, piano	(641) 831-3173 (913) 671-3382 sue_7652@hotmail.com
Ronald Krebs, BM, MM org, lit	(785) 843-2622 rkrebs@reuterorgan.com
Sarah Lyons, DMA org, piano, lit, dir	(309) 333-8745 Sarah.orr.lyons@gmail.com
Carol Mueller, MM org, lit	(913) 341-5113 bshrp4life@aol.com
MacKenzie Reed, MFA, BM org, piano, lit	ivoryfistrule@gmail.com
Ann Marie Rigler, DMA org, lit	(816) 415-3792 (816) 415-7533
Nancy Stankiewicz, BA org, lit	(913) 642-8642

The following also offer their services:

Boyd Ahrens org, lit	(816) 453-8406 boydlee@aol.com
Betty Bauer org, lit	(913) 814-9021 hababab@earthlink.net
Rebecca Bell org, lit	(816) 405-1957 bellmartincxm@gmail.com
Doris Daniels org, lit	(816) 431-3244
Phillip Grubbs org	(816) 721-2325 pgrubbs@embassylandscape.com
Shayla Van Hal – KU student org	shayla.vanhal@gmail.com
Edward Poston – KU student org	edward.rposton@gmail.com
Marilyn VanderLinden org, lit	(816) 665-4441
Margaret Werth Org	(785) 478-0256

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The absolute deadline for submissions to the Bombarde editor is the 20th of each month. Please email your information to bombarde@kicago.com.