Next Chapter Meeting:

Friday, September 25, 2020
at 6:00 pm

Progressive Dinner
Matthews Presbyterian, Sardis Presbyterian,
Providence Baptist
Recitalists: Tom Kiff, Jacob Temple, Beth Harrison

Please note that our May, 2020 meeting has been postponed due to Covid-19.

Don’t forget to vote!

2020 Chapter Election
Ballots were mailed April 1.

Deadline to Vote is:
Postmarked May 1, 2020

"The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.”
From the Dean’s Corner. . . .

In this uncertain time in mid-April, we have no concept of what the next month or months will bring! Our next program has been planned for May 11- a dinner meeting at Myers Park Baptist Church, with the Installation Service. Given the circumstances, we are sadly cancelling this program. Actually, this is the first we’ve needed to cancel anything since the quarantine order was made in mid-March! Our March program was March 9th, well before the order came. And the board was also able to have our normal meeting on March 2. We don’t plan April meetings because working church musicians are terribly busy planning and implementing Holy Week and Easter music. Many AGO chapters needed to cancel a lot!

By now you should have received your ballot and information sheet by way of snail mail that you need to fill out and return. Please send that form back to us. We feel it is very important to have correct information so that you can receive emails and USPS mail from us. Also, you should have received a ballot from National AGO, which should have arrived April 1. (Mine did not arrive, but one arrived this week.) Please vote both local and national AGO. It is important!

So now we will look forward to being together at the Progressive Dinner in September! And hopefully the slate of programs for the 2020-2021 season will inspire you to attend. Our Board works very hard to present programs that will help all of us, and it is discouraging when we have low attendance.

Let’s pray that our lives will return to normal soon, that those who are ill will recover quickly, and that no more will this virus be among us.

Stay well, and stay safe!

Nancy Watson
Your Board at work . . .

Due to Easter and the Corona Virus, the Board of the Charlotte Ago did not meet in April. Please look for information about our May Board meeting in the next newsletter.

Our final Chapter Program for May, 2020 has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

Please note information in this newsletter about our upcoming programs in 2020-2021.

June Recitals in our Summer Recital Series have been cancelled due to Covid-19. We apologize for any disappointment or inconvenience.

Take note: A POE!

July 19-24, 2020, Pipe Organ Encounter, a week-long summer camp hosted by the Piedmont Chapter of the AGO in Winston-Salem, NC, that provides a chance for young pianists and organists to explore and gain exposure to pipe organs and pipe organ repertoire. Ages 13-19. For more information, see http://www.piedmontncago.org/poe.html.
Summer Recital Series

2020

Sundays in July & August

Visit www.charlotteago.org for More Information
Proposed AGO Programs 2020-2021

- Friday, September 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm
  Progressive Dinner
  Matthews Presbyterian, Sardis Presbyterian, Providence Baptist
  Recitalists: Tom Kiff, Jacob Temple, Beth Harrison

- Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7:30 pm
  “What your substitute needs to know!”
  South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church
  If you often hire subs, you need to be at this program!

- Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm
  “So you think Bach can dance?”
  Christ Lutheran Church Chapel
  Dr. Theodore Davis from the Baltimore area will present a program of Bach works and explain how they relate to French dance.

- December, 2020  NO PROGRAM  CHRISTMAS

- January, 2021
  Annual Epiphany Dinner
  Details forthcoming

- February, 2021
  Annual Peek Weekend
  Covenant Presbyterian Church
  Details forthcoming

- March 15, 2021 at 7:30 pm
  Organ and Astronomy
  Hickory Grove United Methodist Church
  Dr. Matthew Whitehouse will present an astronomy themed organ recital with an AV component. He is a member of the Columbia AGO and Observatory Manager for the South Carolina State museum in Columbia and has a DMA in organ.

- April, 2021  NO PROGRAM EASTER

- May 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm
  Installation of officers and chapter dinner
  Church of the Holy Comforter
Stigall Scholarship Auditions:  
June 6, 2020

The Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to offer Ann and Robert Stigall Scholarship (established in 2004), in honor of their many years of beautiful and inspiring music at Myers Park Presbyterian Church and in the Charlotte community.

The Stigall Scholarship is for students in (rising) grades 6-12. No organ experience is necessary, although a piano background is required.

The amount of the Scholarship will vary, depending on the number of winners. Once an award has been received, lessons may begin as of June 8, and no later than September 1. The award may be renewed for a second term at the teacher's discretion. The first semester's lessons must be completed by December 31; the second by May 31. The money will be paid directly to the teacher.

Winners will be encouraged to play on the Charlotte AGO Summer Series recital featuring young artists. The committee recommends a minimum of 5 hours of organ practice per week.

With this application, please include a Letter of Introduction from the student's music teacher(s), with a brief history of the student's musical background, and any other pertinent information.

At the interview, the candidate will play the following at either the piano or organ:
- 2 contrasting pieces (memory optional)
- major and minor scales (two octaves), chords, and arpeggios
- read a hymn at sight

The candidate will be asked the following questions:
- What has inspired you to learn to play the organ?
- Where will you practice?
- How will you get there?

Previous winners may reapply for the scholarship.

The teacher must be a member of the Charlotte Chapter AGO, and must live in Mecklenburg or an adjoining county. AGO membership shall be provided to each scholarship winner.

Auditions will be on June 6, 2020 at:
Myers Park Presbyterian Church
2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte NC 28207.


For more information, contact Michael Lehtinen at SPkMusicSchool@aol.com or 704-676-1002.

Application for the Robert and Ann Stigall Scholarship

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Address: _________________________________________

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Grade in school: ____________  Age: ____________

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Repertoire to be played at the interview:
1. ______________________________________________
2. ______________________________________________

Please e/mail this form to:

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Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
By Dale Adelmann

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Sound from Heaven: Girl Choristers of Washington National Cathedral
James Litton, director; Erik Wm. Suter, organist Edward M. Nassor, carillonneur

This recording brings together a splendid tapestry of music from the Franco-Belgian tradition, including traditional Gregorian chant and the medieval "Messe de Tournai." This music is paired with the excerpts from the Pentecost Mass for organ by Olivier Messiaen and music from the Cathedral's 53-bell carillon.
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Sunset Beach, North Carolina

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I offer a huge “thank you” and congratulations to all involved in the many efforts and events over the years that led to this amazing story.

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