

Chiff Chat

JUNE 2014

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

On May 10th, Experience Music at United and the Springfield Chapter AGO presented the Silent Film "It" starring Clara Bow. The organist, Peter Krasinski accompanied the film without a score. He is recognized as the world's most exciting, accomplished and elegant accompanists of silent films. We ended the evening with the tradition of singing a hymn. The hymn that Peter chose was "For the Beauty of the Earth". The attendance for the movie was around one hundred. I want to thank those people who helped me with this event as well as Czelusniak Et Dugal organ builders who made sure that the organ was ready for Peter to play. It was great to see so many of our members in attendance.

The last event that your board has planned for you is the Annual Meeting and End of Year Picnic at the home of Charles Page, 1 Bridges Rd., Enfield, CT. It is a potluck picnic and the reservation must be made to Barbara Huber by phone, at 413- 525-6142 or email at barbarahuber@yahoo.com, by June 6th. You will find a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. There will be a 20-minute recital given by Justin Murphy-Mancini.

I want to thank Quentin Faulkner for all the help he has given me during my term as Dean. He has gone above

and beyond what has been asked of him. Thank you to all the board members that have attended our meetings and who have always helped when asked to do things. Last but not least, to Martha Sienkiewicz and Barbara Huber, thank you for putting our year book together. These two people have always asked "what can I do to help you" and never refused to do what I asked of them. I am very grateful for all those who attended our events and I want to wish the best to those members who are now taking over the leadership of our chapter.

I hope that you and your family will be able to get away this summer for some fun and relaxation. I look forward to seeing you at our closing event on the 13th of June at the home of Charles Page.

Don Hooton, chapter dean

THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to **Don Hooton** for serving as our Dean and to **Quentin Faulkner** for serving as our Sub-Dean for the past two years. Thank you also to **Elizabeth Dawson** and **Lori Bourret** who have served on the board of directors and whose terms are expiring this year. Thank you for your leadership and service to our chapter.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June Events

8 Sun. at 2:00pm,

Larry Schipull will present an organ recital as part of the "Music at United" concert series at the United Congregational Church of Holyoke, UCC, 300 Appleton St. in Holyoke, MA. *\$10 Suggested donation, \$5 for students.*

13 Fri. at 6:00pm,

Chapter Event

End of the year picnic and Annual Meeting, held at the home of Charles Page, 1 Bridges Rd., Enfield, CT 06082. Mini-recital to be given by **Justin Murphy-Mancini**.

AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION



*Join us in historic Boston:
June 23-27, 2014*

Go to www.agoboston2014.org for convention information, registration, and more.

METHUEN MEMORIAL MUSIC HALL



Organ recitals presented every Wednesday evening at 8:00pm from May 21st to August 27th. For more information, go to www.mmmh.org.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL: ONCARD MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Joining through the national website:

New members can now join your chapter through the AGO national website:

<http://www.agohq.org/membership/join-as-a-chapter-member/>. We've had a steady stream of new members since this page went live. When a member joins your chapter, the dean, registrar, and treasurer will receive a copy of the member's confirmation email so that you can reach out to your newest member.

Reinstating membership:

Former members whose memberships have lapsed can reinstate via the Join pages on the national website. If the email supplied matches one in our system, the lapsed member will be given the option of re-instating. Please direct any former members who wish to re-join to

<http://www.agohq.org/membership/join-as-a-chapter-member/>

ONCARD Invoicing & Renewals:

We held back on invoicing chapter members for 2014-2015 membership dues in order to complete the transition to a new credit card processing company whose fees are significantly lower than our previous processor. That transition is now complete and we will begin to send out invoices by email this week. AGO staff members have been contacting chapters that have self-identified as "Ready" for a final review. Once that final review is complete, your chapter will be put in the queue for invoicing. If you have given us a specific date, we will do our best to meet that date.

We have heard from several members who have asked, "Where do I renew? I can't find a link on the website." At this point the renewal option is not on the ONCARD menu. Each member will be invoiced (either by email or paper). The email will contain a link to the ONCARD sign-on page and an automatic redirect to the renewal process.

The renewal process consists of three screens – 1. Review/Update Personal Information; 2. Review/Update Membership Type & Chapter Affiliations; and 3. Pay Dues (with an option for Contributions to national and chapter funds).

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PROGRAMS FOR THE 2014-2015 CHAPTER YEAR

Do you have suggestions for programming for the upcoming chapter year? Is there an event that you would like to see the Springfield Chapter AGO present? The programming committee will be meeting this month to prepare for the next calendar year. If you wish to share your thoughts and ideas, please contact Don Hooton (dehoot@verizon.net), Scott Bailey (sbailey@westfield.ma.edu), or Joe Geehern (joegorganist@verizon.net).



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www.springfieldago.org

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We value your feedback as we continue along the ONCARD journey and we look forward to assisting you and your members as you renew your memberships.

Sincerely,

Leah Semiken,
Manager of Membership and Chapter Relations

Bill Valentine,
Director of Information Technology and Digital Communications

CHIFF CHAT SEPTEMBER EDITION

The next issue of Chiff Chat will be sent out at the end of August. Remember to send your Fall concert information in before August 20th. If you wish to contribute an article, concert posting, job posting, or other news item, please send it to sbailey@westfield.ma.edu.

Have a great summer!

Scott Bailey, CAGO
Editor, Chiff Chat Newsletter

JOB POSTINGS

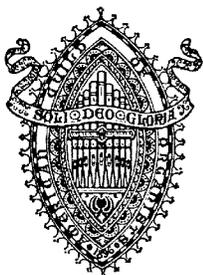
Somers Congregational Church seeks part time (15-18 hours /week) Position for Organist/Choir Director. Duties include directing a music program with adult, children's and bell choirs and playing the organ at two Sunday services and special services. Church is looking for enthusiastic and personable candidate who can work well with people. Proficiency in piano, organ and choral conducting are essential. The church has a newly installed Richards, Fowkes tracker organ and a new sanctuary. Position is available August 2014. Interested candidates should contact William Kirkpatrick at wkirkpatrick1cox.net or by phone at 860-749-2369.

The Plainfield Congregational Church, UCC, Plainfield, MA seeks a Choir Director and Organist/Pianist for 10:30 Sunday services beginning July, 2014. Organ is a two-manual Allen; piano is a 7' Baldwin. Will direct a small but talented choir and a congregation knowledgeable about and appreciative of good music. This is a part time position with salary negotiable, dependent on experience. Contact June Persing, 413-634-2214 or bnjpersing@verizon.net.

ORGANIST wanted for **First Lutheran Church of Holyoke, MA**. Position would entail: Playing for the weekly Sunday 9:00 am services; Playing for all special holy day services; Playing as accompanist for the first service choir; attending their Wednesday night rehearsals; Playing for Wednesday services during Advent and Lent. The successful candidate will have experience with church liturgy, with Christian music (both traditional and contemporary), and with the Christian message of salvation. The salary range will be commensurate with the amounts suggested on the Organist Guild Website. If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to: First Lutheran Church, 1810 Northampton St., Holyoke, MA 01040, ATTN: Susan Lastowski

The Christian Science Society in downtown Northampton is looking for a keyboard player for our Sunday morning services. The service goes from 10:30 – 11:30, and includes a prelude, an offertory, three hymns and a postlude. In addition, you would provide accompaniment for one solo vocal piece. There is a piano and an Allen electronic organ in the church. Our church does not have a choir. The position start date is flexible. The pay is \$80 per service. To inquire further or arrange an audition, please call Jane at: 413-534-3882 or email christianscience.northampton@gmail.com.

The Springfield Chapter, AGO Annual Year End Gathering



Soli Deo Gloria

will be held on

Friday, June 13, 2014

(Rain date is Saturday, June 14, 2014)

at the home of Charles Page

One Bridges Road, Shaker Pines Lake, Enfield, CT

Social Hour	6:00 p.m. - Wine & Soda available or BYOB
Buffet Cookout	6:30 p.m. - Hamburgers & Hot Dogs provided
Concert	7:30 p.m. - Mini recital by Justin Murphy-Mancini

Please bring either an appetizer, salad, or dessert, enough for 8 to 10 servings.

Also, please bring a lawn chair.

For a Buffet variety, reservations are needed. Kindly let us know how many people will be attending and what your buffet contribution will be by contacting Barbara Huber

(at home: [413.525.6142](tel:413.525.6142), on her cell: [413.427.0122](tel:413.427.0122), by email: barbarahuber@yahoo.com, or snail mail her at 315 North Main Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028-1826), no later than June 6. Barbara can also give you directions if you need them.

A Wilbraham native and winner of the 2013 AGO/Quimby Regional Competition, Justin recently received his Masters in Organ Performance at Oberlin.