

March 2009

Chiff Chat

Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter
American Guild of Organists



A Message from the Dean

Dear Friends,

I'll bet many of you have wondered why you haven't received a Chiff Chat in recent months. Well, our former editor, Ron Trunzo, moved out of the area this past fall and was unable to continue his work for us after the October issue. I would like to thank Ron for all the hard work he put into this project and I know we all wish him well in his new position at Ithaca College (see Chapter News for details and his new contact information). It was only recently that Larry Picard agreed to take over. Larry tells me he was the editor of the Fairfield County, CT Chapter newsletter many years ago, when he turned out an issue each month on an electronic typewriter. Because of that he asks for your patience while he gets to know his way around Ron's templates. He also asks that any submissions should be sent to him directly for the time being. Email them to lpicard@sococh.org or snail mail to the address on the front cover.

Meanwhile, I want to remind you of our remaining chapter events and encourage you to attend. On March 14 at 7 p.m. at United Congregational Church in Holyoke, Peter Krasinski will once again display his amazing talents as he accompanies the silent film "The Cameraman," a light-hearted comedy starring Buster Keaton. On April 26 the chapter will present a members' recital at St. Mary's Church in Westfield to inaugurate the installation of an 1897 Casavant organ. We will finish the year with our annual banquet and please note the change in venue and time. It will happen on Monday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church on Sumner Avenue. Steve Hays will provide the entertainment.

Check the Chapter Events section of this issue for further details on the aforementioned. I hope to see you at all of them, and I wish you success in your worship music endeavors in the coming months.

Sincerely,
Grant

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Editor's note: Short issue this month, I know, but I'm still learning the ropes. As Grant said, email your concert and event listings to lpicard@sococh.org. Let me know also if you prefer to download your copy of Chiff Chat from the website in lieu of receiving a hard copy in the mail. Have your submissions to me by the 21st of each month in order for them to appear in the following month's issue, and don't forget a contact number for further information. Thanks for your patience!
Larry

Chapter News:

Michael Dulac, former Dean of the Springfield Chapter, has been appointed Director of Music and Liturgy for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Mike had been the Director of Music for the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan for 3 yrs. He and his wife Cathy will move to the Ft. Wayne area in at the conclusion of the school year as Cathy is a teacher.

Ron Trunzo, our former Chiff Chat editor, is now Associate Director of Residential Life & Judicial Affairs at Ithaca College, where he oversees all of the residential staff and living learning communities in 26 residence halls on campus. He says that he grew up an hour from Ithaca, in Geneva NY, so it is also very nice to be back closer to family. His new address is 226 Coddington Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850. He will be renewing as a dual member this spring and he gives his best to everyone.

Larry Bishop would like everyone to know of a change in his contact information. He is dropping the PO box number from his address, so future correspondence should be sent to 4 Columbia St. Apt #17, Adams, Ma 01220.

POSITION OPEN! Mittineague United Methodist Church in West Springfield is in need of an organist starting June 09. A small congregation of active singers has one service per weekend with choir practice prior to the service. Salary Negotiable. Contact Christine Harlow Harris at charlowharris@yahoo.com.

Chapter Events

Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 7 p.m. Peter Krasinski accompanies the 1928 silent film "The Cameraman," a light hearted comedy starring Buster Keaton at United Congregational Church in Holyoke. Among the other films Mr. Krasinski has accompanied are Metropolis, Way Down East, The Gold Rush, The General, The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, Salome and The Phantom of the Opera. Many of us have heard him play at UCC Holyoke before and can attest to his keen imagination, creativity, technique and musicianship. If you haven't heard him, log on to krasinski.org to hear some samples.

Sunday, April 26 at 4 p.m. The Members Recital will be held at St Mary's Church, 30 Bartlett Street in Westfield. The members who are performing are: Lori Bourret, Quentin Faulkner, Mary Murrell Faulkner and Richard Matteson. Thanks go out to our hosts, organist Joseph Geehern and choir director Rob Lepage.

Monday, June 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (Please note that this is a change in day, time and venue!) Year-end banquet at Trinity Methodist Church, Sumner Avenue, Springfield. Entertainment will be provided by Steve Hays, Executive Director and founder of Drama Studio, who was also Producing Director of Stage West from its inception in 1967 until 1984. He has directed Doors, Ozma of Oz, Wiley and the Hairy Man, Mother Hicks, The Secret Garden, Ordinary People, Ramona Quimby, The Birds, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Anne of Green Gables, The Italian Straw Hat, The Tempest, Very Good Eddie, and The Boy Friend for the Drama Studio. He is also a playwright and musician, with three of his plays, The Snow Queen, The Little Match Girl, and Me and Ruth, premiering at the Drama Studio.

More events:

Sunday, March 15, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Organ Concert with **THOMAS MUELLER**, at The First Church of Deerfield, Old Deerfield, MA. Brick Church Music Series. Mueller, a native of Freudenstadt, (Black Forest), Germany, and presently conductor and organist at St. Peter Church in Dettingen, and St. Martin Church in Horb Diessen, will play works by J.S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Schroeder and Peters on the Richards, Fowkes Co., Opus 13 organ. \$10 suggested donation with reception. www.firstchurchofdeerfield.org

Sunday, March 15, 2009 at 3:00 P.M. The South Hadley Chorale will present Anton Bruckner's Mass in E Minor in Abbey Memorial Chapel, Mount Holyoke College. New director Nicholas DeMaison will conduct the 80-voice chorus with wind orchestra. Selections by Alice Parker, Claudio Monteverdi and Nicholas DeMaison will also be performed. The South Hadley Children's Chorus, directed by Catharine Mehlhorn, will also perform Gwyneth Walker's arrangement of Down by the Riverside from the New Millenium Suite. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students and children. Visit www.southhadleychorale.org or call 413-533-3833.



On Monday January 26 at 6 pm, the **Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organists** held a Pastor-Organist dinner at Grace Lutheran Church in West Springfield. The Guild wishes to thank the ladies of Grace Lutheran church for providing a fine meal at the last minute when the originally scheduled Easthampton church was unable to host. A crowd of 41 members and clergy met at 6 pm for hors d'oeuvres and wine followed by a delicious meal of chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, Caesar salad, string beans, and apple crisp. After the meal, Rev. Barbara Briggs, an Episcopal priest from Manchester, CT who had lived in the Taizé community in France, spoke about the history and vision of Taizé, ending with teaching everyone a beautiful Taizé chant.

Save the Dates!

**2009 AGO Regional Convention, Regions I & II,
Boston, MA, July 1-4, 2009.**

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