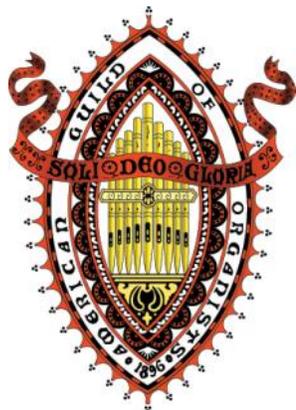


Guild of Organists

A.G.O. Pipe Notes

January 2016



Soli Deo Gloria

*“Sing psalms,
hymns, and
spiritual songs
with gratitude
in your hearts
to God.”*

Colossians 3:16

From the Dean



Dear AGO Members,

I don't know about you, but it's 12/31/15 and I am wondering where the year went? I hope that you are having a good holiday break and that one of your new year's resolutions is to spend a little more time perfecting your skill as a church musician. That could be learning a new, more challenging piece to play or a new, more challenging anthem for you and your singers or ringers to present in church. We all need a little "shot in the arm" at this time of the year. The weather could be unpleasant, but as musicians we have the privilege of spreading a little sunshine through music.

Another resolution might be for all of us to do whatever each of us can to elevate the Guild and increase the influence and visibility of our profession. As a chapter we need to reach out to musicians in the area who are not a part of our chapter and encourage them to join us in this important pursuit that each of us holds dear.

As I look ahead to 2016 and the programs that we have planned for this year, I am excited. We have "something for everyone" scheduled and I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities to learn about ringing and practicing, hear some great organ playing, and participate in any way you are able.

Our first event this year is our annual Winter Social at Shane Arkel's home. We hope that you will be able to attend this relaxing time to get to connect with your fellow AGO musicians. Details for wonderful event are on page two of this newsletter.

I hope you have a Happy, Healthy, New Year.

Caron

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**Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter
2015-2016 Events**

**January 8, 2016 Please join us!!
“Winter Social”
6:30 p.m.
Home of Shane Arkels**

**February 27, 2016 (Saturday)
“Handbell Workshop” with
Janet Van Valey
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Forest Park Covenant**

**March 6, 2016 (Sunday)
“Young Artist: Madeleine Woodworth”
4 p.m.
First Presbyterian Grand Haven**

**April 15, 2016 (Friday)
“Practicing: the lesser of two
taxing realities!” with Huw Lewis
7 p.m.
Samuel Lutheran Church**

**May 13, 2016 (Sunday)
“Members’ Recital”
3 p.m.
First Congregational Church**

June TBA—End of Year dinner

**Feeding the Soul of the City
2015-2016**

**All performances are held
Tuesdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
unless otherwise noted.**

**February 23, 2016
“AnDro” — Celtic/World Music**

**March 22, 2016
“Quintessence Woodwind Quintet”**

**April 26, 2016
“Arthur Campbell and Helen Marlais”
Clarinet and Piano**

**May 24, 2016
“The Hildegard Singers”
Medieval Music**

**June 7, 2016
“GVSU Steel Drum Ensemble”**

**Financial Report
As of December 31, 2015**

**General Fund
\$822.58**

**Scholarship Fund
\$2,459.51**

**Young Artist Fund
\$883.00**



WINTER SOCIAL

Friday, January 8

6:30 p.m.

*We are being asked to bring hors d'oeuvres.
You are also welcome to invite someone that might be
interested in joining the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter.*

*Home of Shane Arkels
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Next Meeting...

January 8, 2016

MISSION STATEMENT

The American Guild of Organists is an organization devoted to the advancement of organ and church music in the United States.

Since its founding in 1896, the Guild has grown from approximately 100 members clustered around New York to over 24,000 nationwide, with chapters in all 50 states and abroad. Synagogues and churches of all denominations and sizes are represented in the Guild's membership, which ranges from students to world-renowned recitalists and teachers.

The Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter currently has some 30 members serving churches throughout the Western Michigan area.

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