

Guild of Organists

A.G.O. Pipe Notes

May 2016



Soli Deo Gloria

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

Colossians 3:16

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From the Dean



Dear AGO Members,

My thanks to all of you who have supported the AGO for the past two years as I again assumed the duties of Dean of our chapter. I appreciate your participation in our various events, and that of all of the chapters in our region, we were the only one that did not lose members during this time. The board with which I have been privileged to work has helped make this a successful time for our chapter. Thank you to Tom Clark who will now leave the board as Advisor and to Shane Arkels whose term

expires as a Council Member.

Our final meeting of this year will be a members' recital on Sunday, May 22, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The time is 3:00 p.m. As of this printing, we have six members performing in this event. You will hear some J. S. Bach, some Pachelbel and Emma Lou Diemer among other works. Included on this program will be two of the students who received Kolkema Scholarships last year. They are Meggie Snyder and Ross Underberg.

After the recital, we plan to have dinner at the Lake House. In order to know exactly what to tell the restaurant, we will need to know how many will be attending. We will be asking you to commit to this about one week before the program. We hope that many of you will be able to attend both the program and the dinner afterward.

Sincerely,

Caron Farmer

You are cordially invited to join the
Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter of the American Guild of Organists'
for their

Year End Dinner Celebration

following the Members' Recital
at

Lake House located at 730 Terrace Point Blvd.

Please R.S.V.P. to Caron Farmer
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Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

2015-2016 Events

May 22, 2016 (Sunday)

“Members’ Recital”

3 p.m.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

Year End Dinner Celebration following the recital at “The Lake House”.

The board thanks everyone for helping make this such a great year for us!

Feeding the Soul of the City

2015-2016

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

May 24, 2016

“The Hildegard Singers”
Medieval Music

June 7, 2016

“GVSU Steel Drum Ensemble”

Congratulations to Our 2016 Recipients

of

The Irene Kolkema Scholarship

We are very pleased to have awarded two \$250 Scholarship to the following people:

1. **Jennifer Stevenson**—Jennifer is the organist at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church on Henry Street. We are pleased that she wants to continue with her organ study. She is studying with John Mattson, organist at Central United Methodist Church.
2. **Kristen Avila**—Kristen is the new organist at Prince of Peace Catholic Church on Dykstra Road. Jennifer is loving her lessons and loves the pipe organ. She is studying with Peter Kurdziel, organist at Basilica of Saint Adalbert in Grand Rapids.

Congratulations Jennifer and Kristen! We look forward to hearing you play next year at our Members’ Recital.

Congratulations Peter Kurdziel

Many of you already know that Peter holds a dual membership with the Grand Rapids Chapter. Peter is very active in our chapter, but he was just elected to be the Dean of the GR Chapter for this coming year. Congratulation, Peter! You are now two in a million!

Financial Report

As of March 31, 2016

General Fund

\$1006.35

Scholarship Fund

\$2,009.51

Young Artist Fund

\$583.00

Submitted by: Juanita R. Joiner, Treasurer



Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter Election 2016-2017

The following names have been placed on the ballot that is included in your May Pipe Notes.

Dean: Maryann Beery

Sub Dean: Richard Hoogterp

Treasurer/Registrar: Juanita Joiner

Secretary/Corresponding Secretary:
Ron Vanderwest

Council Member 2019: Eileen Hoogterp

The Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter allows all members to vote in their local election.

Please mark your ballot and mail by May 31.

A **HUGE** thank you to those who agreed to be placed on the 2016-2017 ballot.

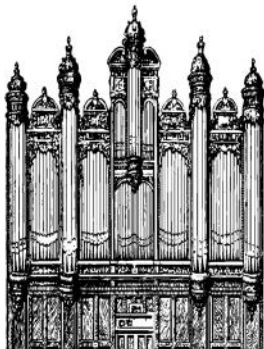
American Guild of Organists
Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

Members' Recital

Sunday, May 22

3:00 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal
Church
1006 3rd Street
Muskegon, MI



A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the
"Irene Kolkema Organ Scholarship Fund"

Membership Overview— Membership Renewal for 2016-2017

Individuals interested in the organ and choral music fields are invited to join the American Guild of Organists. Membership is open to everyone, regardless of denominational affiliation or musical ability.

Membership in the AGO brings the following benefits:

- Annual subscription to *The American Organist*
- Access to national job postings
- Discounts on AGO convention fees and educational resources
- Discounts on Certification exam fees
- Voting privileges in officer elections at the National level
- Many more benefits...check the National website at: <https://www.agohq.org/>

The Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter holds regular meetings featuring performances, lectures, seminars, and discussions on a wide variety of topics. We also publish a monthly newsletter and have a scholarship program that encourages those interested in studying organ the opportunity with financial assistance from the Irene Kolkema Scholarship Fund. Our **Chapter Friend** membership is for those who want to support the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter but on a local basis but not belong to the National organization. **Beginning in April**, AGO National Headquarters will start invoicing members who are still on the July-June renewal schedule. Be watching your email box if National has an email address for you...if they don't, your renewal invoice will be coming by snail mail.

I encourage each of you to login now and make sure all of your information and your email address is correct (some of you have changed that during the year). If you need a reminder...User Name is your first initial plus your last name. Password=membership number. This number can be found on your TAO label or I can provide this for you if you didn't save it when you set up your account originally.

Chapter Member Dues

Regular	\$100
Special (age 65 or over, under 21, or disabled)	\$75
Partner (2nd member at same address, no TAO)	\$75

Other Member Dues

Dual Chapter (paid to second chapter)	\$39
Student Dual Chapter (paid to second chapter)	\$13
Chapter Friend	\$35

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

This is the perfect time to invite your friends and colleagues to consider joining the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter of AGO. The goal of the board this year is to grow our Chapter by bringing former members back to our chapter, encouraging new members to join as a full member or as a Chapter Friend, and to add more student memberships.

If we all work together to meet this goal, we **will** reach our goal. **You** are our best liaison in our community, neighboring cities and at the different churches.

Make this **your personal goal** by inviting someone to our Members' Recital on May 22. What better way for them to meet our Guild and our very talented members, hear about AGO and experience what our scholarship program is doing for someone interested in studying organ.

When I think of our history as a chapter and the individuals who were members and the lasting impression they still have on me personally, I'm proud to be a member of this organization even though I no longer hold a church position. We need to walk the walk if we want to see the king of instruments continue to be present in our church services. **Let's grow and support each other. It's a WIN WIN!!**

We grow one member at a time!
Renew today!



Friday, May 20, 2016
Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts
7:30 p.m.

Join the Grand Rapids Symphony in Holland for a concert celebrating the inaugural season of the new [Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts](#) at Hope College in Holland.

Associate conductor [John Varineau](#) leads the orchestra in music highlighting the Miller Center's new Casavant Brother's pipe organ, a three-manual, 54-rank organ designed to be a concert instrument equipped to play the repertoire for classical symphony orchestra with pipe organ.

Hope College organist [Huw Lewis](#), who has appeared previously with the Grand Rapids Symphony, will be soloist in the second movement of Camille Saint-Saens' [Organ Symphony No. 3](#) as well as for Invocation and Dance for organ and strings by contemporary composer Alfred Fedak.

Grand Rapids symphony principal cellist, [Alicia Eppinga](#), will be soloist in the portion of the Cello Concerto by Leonardo Leo, an early 18th century Italian baroque composer.

The program, which opens with Beethoven's [Leonardo Overture No. 3](#), includes the third and fourth movement from Tchaikovsky's [Serenade for Strings](#). Dvorak's [Carnival Overture](#) opens the second half.

The 64,000 square-foot Miller Center for Musical Arts, which opened last fall, is the first venue devoted entirely to music performance in the 150-year history of the liberal arts college that open in 1866. Its 800-seat auditorium is the largest concert hall in West Michigan featuring a permanent pipe organ.

A 1954 graduate of Hope College, Jack H. Miller retired in 2002 after 48 years at the helm of the Howard Miller Company, which was founded by his father, Howard C. Miller, in 1926. The former chairman of the Grand Rapids Symphony's board of directors continues as an honorary member of the board.



Tuesday, May 24
Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts
7:00 p.m.

The Holland AGO is holding a special event open to Holland, Grand Rapids, and Muskegon-Lakeshore AGO members on the new Casavant organ at Hope College's new Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts. **On Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m.**, we will have a chance to hear Professor Huw Lewis explain the design concept of this unique instrument, demonstrate sounds, and hopefully, play a little repertoire too! There will be a drawing before hand to determine which lucky three organists will be able to play the organ. Huw will pull stops for you! Bring your organ shoes and a piece you'd like to play that is no longer than 5 minutes if you plan to enter. There will also be open console time for those who are interested in trying out the instrument at the end of the evening. If you would like to be included in the drawing to be one of the lucky players, please send your name to **Paul Dalman** (pcdalman@chartermi.net) by Friday, May 20.

The three-manual, 54-rank instrument was a gift from David P. Rossien of Holland.



Next Meeting...

May 22, 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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