

Guild of Organists

A.G.O. Pipe Notes

September 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 Friends,

I would like to welcome you to our 2016-2017 Season. There is so much to celebrate this year, and I am energized and excited about what is to come. First, I have been brushing up on the core values and mission of the American Guild of Organists. Perhaps when we begin a new season we should remind each other why we are gathered, what makes our chapter thrive, and how might we further our objectives. What should be our first goal this September? I look to the first statement in the objectives to guide us. It says: **“To advance** the cause of organ and choral music, **to increase** their contributions to aesthetic and religious experiences, and **to promote** their understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment.”

What is your favorite choral anthem? Is there a favorite organ Prelude or Postlude you play each year? Why do you love the work? Is the text perfect? Does the melody sing to you? I have many favorite works which can be put together quickly but are effective and challenging for the singers. This past spring, I discovered, purchased, and presented “The Ground” from Sunrise Mass for SATB chorus, piano and optional string quartet by Ola Gjeilo. Check it out on YouTube! Click [HERE](#) to listen to it sung by the Georgia Tech Chorus. Click [HERE](#) to listen to it sung by the UP Youth Choir. Spectacular performances. Our choir loved the challenge of singing in Latin, and our congregation was inspired by hearing the string quartet accompany the choir.

September 9 is our first meeting for the season. Please, RSVP to Melody so she knows how many to expect. (Find all of this information in this newsletter!) Try to choose one favorite anthem, or an organ work, hymn arrangement, or even a hymn. Bring this to our first meeting, and we all will sing, listen and enjoy! (If you are planning on bringing a choral anthem, please bring 25 copies so we can sing through the music.)

I look forward to seeing you throughout the year. Please let me know if you have suggestions, comments, or inspiring words to share with our chapter.

Sincerely,

Maryanne Beery

*“Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy.
Music is the electrical soil in which the spirit lives, thinks and invents.”
~ Ludwig van Beethoven ~*

Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

2016-2017

September 9, 2016

“Fall Kick Off”

Dinner, Installation of Officers and
Reading Session of Favorite Anthems
6:30 PM

Cost: \$15

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day
Saints—North Muskegon.

October 9, 2016

“Young Artist Concert—Chase Loomer”
3 PM

Central United Methodist Church

November 6, 2016

“Peter Kurdziel’s DMA Project—Sborgi
Concerto—Organ and String Orchestra
3 PM and 4 PM Performance

Reception will be held between performances
First Congregational Church

January 6, 2017

“Winter Social”

Shane Arkel’s Home

February 18 or 25, 2017

“Ringin In The Round”

Calvin CRC Church

March 12, 2017

“Young Artist’s Recital—Amanda Mole”

4 PM

First Presbyterian Grand Haven

April 9, 2017

“In Memoriam—Members’ Recital”

3 PM

First Congregational Church

May 7, 2017

“Hymn Festival with Bob Batastini”

4 PM

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

Holland AGO Chapter

Friday-Saturday, September 9-10
Jazz Organ Summit at Hope College Jack H.
Miller Center and other locations

Thursday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Hope College Recital by Susan DeKam at
Jack H. Miller Center

Grand Rapids AGO Chapter

Monday, September 19 at 8 PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church—Organs
in the Heartside Neighborhood

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 25 at 4 PM

Schlitz Creek Bluegrass Concert

Membership Report

The Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter is growing!
Yes, you read that correctly! We now have
34 members!

Please join me in welcoming **Kristen Avila** a
new member to AGO and **Jean Schuitman**
who is returning to the chapter after taking a
couple of years off. Both of these ladies are
excited to be part of our Chapter!

It’s **not** too late to spread the word about our
Chapter and it’s **not** too late to join!

Let’s continue to **GROW** our chapter!

Financial Report

As of August 31, 2016

General Fund

\$1,146.57

Scholarship Fund

\$2,359.51

Young Artist Fund

\$693.00



*Submitted by: Juanita R. Joiner, Treasurer
Report created a day early for this publication.*



September Meeting

September 9, 2016

6:30 p.m. Dinner — \$15

7:30 p.m. Installation of Officer & Program

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

You won't want to miss our first meeting of the 2016-2017 season. The evening will start off with a wonderful meal prepared by Lisa Harrison. Trust me...you will not be disappointed. After dinner we will have the Service of Installation followed by share your favorite anthem, organ work, hymn arrangement or even a hymn. If you are bringing an anthem, please bring 25 copies so we can sing through the music presented. We will publish all titles in our October newsletter.

RSVP to Melody Walden by September 4!

231-744-5600 or WaldenM@monashores.net

You will pay Melody at the door so plan to bring cash or if using a check, please make it out to Melody Walden.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is located at
1725 W. Giles Rd. — North Muskegon

Let's Keep In Touch!

Judy Tisch says "hello" to the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter. Many of us remember Dave and Judy and the great times we had when they were members. Here's their address...

Dave & Judy Tisch,
5602 Van Bibber Ct.
Golden, CO 80403

Keep Us Posted

- ◆ We love to publicize information on special events in the community. Keep us posted and we'll include it in our newsletters during the year.
- ◆ We also like to know if cards need to be sent...we care about you and your family.

You're invited!

Muskegon Anniversary

Ward 75th Celebration



Of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT and COMPLIMENTARY LIGHT SUPPER
concluding a year of 75 acts of community service.

When the Muskegon Branch of the church was organized in 1941, it included the lakeshore communities of Hart, Holland, Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Fremont and Ludington. Join in this celebration of our shared church history.

When: 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18
Where: 1725 W. Giles Road, North Muskegon

Please put this date on your calendar...we have three Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter members participating in this celebration...Tom Clark, Maryanne Beery and Caron Farmer.



Next Meeting...

September 9, 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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