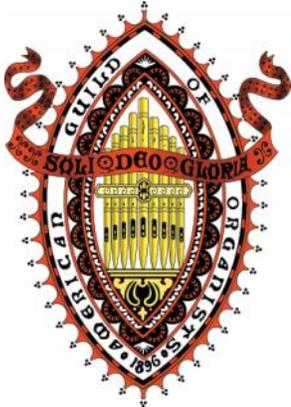


Guild of Organists  
**A.G.O. Pipe Notes**

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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*

Greetings, everyone,

I hope you are enjoying a nice Michigan summer. It is gratifying to report that 27 ballots were received in support of our 2018-2019 Chapter Board slate of officers. Thank you for taking the time to return them. I want to acknowledge the dedication and fine work of those continuing on the Board and welcome Dr. Michael Match as Council Member (2021). Michael is planning to lead a chapter program dealing with choral singing/directing this year. Also, David Gritter will manage our website and plans to work on an addition that will feature notable organs in our area.

Our May program, which was also the final program of this calendar year entitled “Celebrating Healey Willan: Organ and Choral Works” was preceded by a pot-luck dinner at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on May 4. Floyd Farmer organized the event, which included fascinating historical and personal insights, deftly interspersed with representative music for flute, organ and choir. I was stunned to learn that Willan’s more than 800 sacred compositions place him in second place behind Bach! We were pleased and honored that Karl Bruhn, Regional Councillor for the Great Lakes/Region V, traveled from the Chicago area to attend and play an organ piece during the program. Thank you to Floyd for his work on this event, those performing, and Melody Walden and the people at her church for serving as our host.

The June issue of TAO encourages each chapter to consider presenting a *Pipedreams 35th Anniversary Members’ Recital* during the first week of October. From my point of view, our own Members’ Recital was just held in April and suspect that many chapters have already made programming plans for the fall. We, in fact, have already arranged for a fine performer, Jillian Gardner, for our Young Artist recital on October 12. I will let you know as soon as a decision is reached whether or not we will go forward with a *Pipedreams* recital.

I admit to being one of the class of organists known as “stop-list junkies” or “organ nerds”. If you also suffer from these conditions, I will suggest one pipe organ which you will want to visit and play. This extraordinary instrument, by E.M. Skinner, 3-manual, 22 ranks, 1928, is located at St. Mary’s church in downtown Grand Rapids. The building is splendid visually and acoustically and the organ represents a *multum in parvo* of early-20th Century genius in organ-building. If anyone would be interested in visiting this instrument, I would be happy to arrange a suitable time and act as your tour-guide. In fact, we could also ask Peter Kurdziel if a visit to the organ at the Basilica of St. Adalbert, which is nearby, would be possible.

Carry on,

Dick Hoogterp, CAGO

## Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

### SAVE THIS DATE!

**September 16, 2018 at 4 p.m.**

***“Installation of Officers” will be held at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church with the Rev. Kenneth Michnay conducting the service.***

***Dinner will follow at The Lake House.***

**New directories will also be distributed!**

## **Irene Kolkema Scholarship Fund**

Our 2018 scholarship has been awarded to **Annette Jurcevic**. Annette is one of our newest members and played at our In Memoriam Program this year. She is the organist at Samuel Lutheran Church and studies with Rob Hlebinsky. ***Congratulations!***



**PLEASE** keep your email and phone number up-to-date with Juanita Joiner. If you have a change, please send your information to [jrjoiner@comcast.net](mailto:jrjoiner@comcast.net)

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**We are pleased to announce the results of our recent election. Your 2018-2019 Chapter Board members are as follows:**

<b>Dean</b>	<b>Richard Hoogterp</b>
<b>Sub Dean</b>	<b>John Mattson</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Ron Vanderwest</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Juanita Joiner</b>
<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Eileen Hoogterp</b>
<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Melody Walden</b>
<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Michael Match</b>

**Please feel free to contact any of these individuals if you have a concern or an idea for the good of the chapter. We do listen!!**

## **A Financial Report As of May 31, 2018**

**General Fund  
\$908.09**

**Scholarship Fund  
\$2,385.51**

**Young Artist Fund  
\$643.00**



***Contributions are always accepted! While renewing your 2018-2019 membership there is an option to do this very thing.***

***Submitted by: Juanita R. Joiner, Treasurer  
(Feel free to ask for a more detailed report.)***

**IT’S RENEWAL TIME!!** — I encourage each of you to renew your own AGO membership **AND** start inviting someone **NEW** to join our chapter. By now, you have received that request via email from National. Let’s see if we, as a chapter, can grow our membership by 6! Our present membership stands at 34. If we add 6 new members/chapter friends that would bring us to 40. **How many think this can be done? I DO!** Start planting the seed and we might exceed that suggested number. Please keep in mind how successful our chapter is at promoting church music, bringing young organists to our area, encouraging the beginning organist and I could go on and on. You get the point. We are a successful AGO Chapter!

**As of June 15, we have 10 people who have already renewed. That number reflects 1 NEW member and 9 renewing members!** I again encourage you to take a minute and do that right now before it slips your mind. We want YOU as a member or chapter friend.

***~ Juanita Joiner, Registrar***



**Next Meeting**

**September 16, 2018**

## **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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