

Guild of Organists

A.G.O. Pipe Notes

May 2019



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 ~ Richard Hoogterp

Greetings. It is my hope that Holy Week and Easter have been musically and spiritually rewarding for you and your families.

I think every organist in Michigan, and our country, must observe a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Dr. Marilyn Mason. Dr. Mason seemed to be indefatigable in her effort to promote organ music and musicians at every opportunity. It happened that Eileen and I attended an organ recital in Ann Arbor just a few years ago. The performer happened to have earned an M.M. degree under the tutelage of Dr. Mason. At the conclusion of the recital, I noticed that Marilyn, then in her 90's, had been present for the program and was graciously offering congratulations to her former student.

I was of course shocked at the news of the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral, but relieved to learn that the organ was apparently not damaged. I was reminded that the dedication recital for the 1980 Wicks organ at the Basilica of St. Adalbert was played by Pierre Cochereau, Notre Dame Cathedral organist at the time. The recital was held on a very hot day, but the performance attracted a standing-room only audience in a church seating 1,200 people. I wish there would be greater appreciation for music performed on the King of Instruments today.

Our *In Memoriam* recital on April 28 has set a high standard for that annual event. The variety of musical selections and the splendid level of musicianship was remarkable. The program included a fine performance of a composition by Baroque composer Vincent Lubeck, a lovely solo song accompanied by the organ, a reflective piece by Alexandra Guilman, a wonderful performance of an organ piece composed by Libby Larsen, and a second piece for flute and organ by the same composer. There was a very creative original composition on the song *When You Wish Upon a Star*, and the recital closed with a bravura rendition of the *St. Anne* fugue. The concert was dedicated to chapter members Dr. Robert Christie, Ken Nelson, and Annette Jurcevic, as particular selections were performed in memory of each person. This was a fitting way to acknowledge the passing of former music associates and friends and a grand way to end our chapter program year. Many thanks to those who planned, prepared and performed so well at this year's *In Memoriam* event.

I hope you will still consider attending the Grand Rapids Regional Convention which begins on Sunday, June 30. The event will feature recitals by Katelyn Emerson (our Young Artist in 2011), Scott Dettra, Todd Wilson, Ken Cowan, Lynn Davis and Nathan Laube. I can confidently state that this roster of great organists is exceptional for a Regional Convention and it would be wonderful if we could all could take part in some way.

We are planning an "Introduction to the Pipe Organ" program for young people who will participate in the summer offerings of the Nelson Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club of Muskegon. The presentation will be at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 16, at Samuel Lutheran Church. We are certain to need many of our membership to help with a variety of details.

Best wishes for a pleasant spring and summer,

Congratulations to the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

In 2020 the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter will celebrate its' 60th Anniversary.

Throughout the coming year we plan to celebrate with special programs and events.

Visit our website to stay connected with what is happening each month, and while there, please check the listings of our area instruments and the history of our Young Artist Series.

This is part of the ad we placed in the printed program for the 2019 Great Lakes Regional Convention.

Feeding the Soul of the City

2018-2019

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

May 28, 2019 — GVSU Steel Drums Band

June 11, 2019 — Max and Ruth Bloomquist
folk and bluegrass music

Stay tuned about their 2019-2020 season.

Grand Rapids AGO Chapter

Grand Rapids is looking forward to seeing **YOU** at the 2019 Great Lakes Reginal Convention.

Holland AGO Chapter

May 19, 2019 at 5 p.m.

"Members' Recital" on the newly installed organ at Second Reformed located at 225 E. Central Ave. in Zeeland, MI. Come hear your favorite Holland organists performing some of their favorite works.

A Financial Report

As of April 30, 2019

General Fund
\$1,771.81

Scholarship Fund
\$2,970.51

Young Artist Fund
\$183.00



Contributions are always accepted!

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

**Please mark and mail your ballot
by May 31, 2019.**

In Memoriam 2019

In loving memory of:
Dr. Robert W. Christie
Kenneth R. Nelson
Shelly "Annette" Jurcevic
beloved friends and colleagues
of the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter



A beautiful setting for a beautiful "In Memoriam" program.
"Thank You" Central UMC for being our host church.

Performers from left to right: Eileen Hoogterp, Rory Closz,
Rob Hlebinsky, Peter Kurdziel, Ron Vanderwest, Maryanne Beery,
John Deppe and Caron Farmer



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.



Next Meeting

September 2019

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