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Next Board Meeting: September 6.  
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Looking ahead 2017-18

Friday, October 27 7:00 p.m.	<i>Pipescreams</i> First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin Reception following
Sunday, November 19	Members' Recital
Wednesday, December 27 6:00 p.m.	Christmas Dinner Bon Appetit, Dunedin
January TBA	Hymn Festival
February 17-18 9:00-Noon	Handbell Weekend Saturday Workshop with Rick Holdsworth Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
3:00 p.m.	Sunday concert by <i>Ring Sarasota!</i> Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, March 11 3:00 p.m.	Greg Zelek, Organist Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Tuesday, April 17	Tri-Chapter concert, Palladium, St. Petersburg Concert preceded by dinner
Sunday, May 6	Chapter Installation of Officers and Banquet

SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

(O=Organist only; O/D=Organist/Director; D=Director only; V=Vocalist)  
Please send updates or corrections for this list to Placement Coordinator Priscilla Ortoski by call (727) 845-4745 or emailing tap.tortoski1@verizon.net. Inclusion in the lists below does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills, and thus it encourages interviews with prospective substitutes. Those listed must be a member of The American Guild of Organists.

Peggy BeVille	(727) 726-8457 O (727) 403-8166 (cell)
Cheryl Brouette	(727) 453-0317 O
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September Sharing Time/Dinner

Monday, September 18, 2017

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 Sharing Time

Calvary Episcopal Church

1615 1st Street, Indian Rocks Beach

Bring organ music, choral music to play/sing—or speak on other topics of interest like creative solutions to performance problems in particular choir or organ works.

Please RSVP to the host, Matthew Burke about what you are bringing/saying.

(407) 618-6702 or m.edwardburke@gmail.com

Cost of the meal is only \$10.00

For a reservation, mail your check by September 13 to :

Bob Booth, Treasurer  
3316 San Bernadino St.  
Clearwater FL 33759-5619

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Deadline for items to be included in the next issue of this newsletter is the 20th of the month.
- Members can now access the current and all back issues of *The American Organist* magazine from May 2014 at www.agohq.org
- If you are a AGO member and would prefer a printed copy of the *Winline* mailed to your home address write to hufftom@aol.com

## September — Here We Go



I'll bet you are beginning to feel the stress as our jobs ramp up with more rehearsals and more activities to plan for the fall season. I know I am feeling it. As I write this, I am suddenly in need of two handbell ringers. It is normal and natural to get discouraged when unexpected things happen at a time that is already very busy. My advice to you, and especially to myself, is to ask for help! So many times I feel that I must just do everything on my own. "If you want something done right, do it yourself!" As musicians, we must practice on our own, and that makes us more likely to go it alone in many other parts of our jobs.

I challenge you to ask for help with some of those jobs that have been neglected for too long. I know I have storage areas that are a mess, and I'm sure you probably do too. Ask one or two people to help you and it will feel so good when it is done. Find a volunteer in the choir to help audition new music packets. They will feel so proud when one of their choices ends up in the folders.

Don't miss our first meeting where we will eat together and then take turns sharing music and ideas that have been successful in our church positions. It will be Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Calvary Episcopal Church in Indian Rocks Beach. This is another way we can help each other be more successful. Let's work together, and not try to do it all on our own.

*Bradley Swope, Dean*

First United Methodist Church, Clearwater



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Clearwater Chapter Friends should write a \$50.00 check to "Clearwater Chapter AGO" (for July 2017-June 2018) and mail to:

Bob Booth, Treasurer  
3316 Sam Bernadino St.  
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Understand that "Chapter Friend" membership only supports the local chapter and doesn't provide the benefits of belonging to the national organization like access to parts of the AGO website or the TAO magazine. The Chapter Friend category is designed for those not currently serving in a paid position.

## Position Available

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Dunedin**, is seeking an individual who will bring glory to God by providing music through organ/piano which supports the spoken and printed word and provides a variety of musical styles to the glory of God. The organist will work in concert with the Worship Leaders to provide meaningful musical worship experiences for the congregation.

This position serves as organist/pianist for Sunday morning traditional service, including prelude and postlude and other musical selections as needed during the worship service; and all other scheduled special celebration of worship where the organ/piano is the primary instrument utilized. Responsibilities include preparing and presenting hymns selected by the Pastor, with clear and robust introductions, appropriate tempo and volume, and with occasional alternate harmonization. Rehearse with and accompany vocalists, instrumentalists, and small groups as scheduled for worship services throughout the year by the Worship Minister. Maintain and assure proper use, care, repair and maintenance of the pipe organ and pianos.

This Position is part time (approximately 10 – 15 hours weekly). Hours include: weekly rehearsals and Sunday mornings, along with preparation.

The ideal candidate should have and demonstrate strong experience or training on a pipe organ, piano or equivalent; have a committed and growing relationship with Jesus Christ; be committed to evangelism; have good organizational and communication skills; and be able to multitask and manage projects. An Associate degree in Music Leadership or related field supplemented by two (2) years' experience as an Organist or equivalent work experience is preferred.

Margaret N. Mawhinney

(June 16, 1932-August 5, 2017)

Margaret was a long-time area organist and honorary Clearwater Chapter member. Born in Pennsylvania, she lived most of her life in Clearwater. She grew up in Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church and later became organist at Trinity Presbyterian Church



and Safety Harbor Presbyterian Church. In 1970 she began her 40-year association with First United Methodist Church of Dunedin serving as Organist, and later Associate Organist. A celebration of life service was held on August 12 at Palm Harbor UMC. A full obituary can be seen at <http://curlewhills.com/book-of-memories/3037761/Mawhinney-Margaret-/obituary.php>

# PIPESCREAMS

Friday, October 27, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.  
*(A hauntingly boo-ti-ful program of music!)*

Presented at First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin (455 Scotland Street)  
by  
The Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

The program will be followed by a reception in Hager Hall  
Call Steve Allen, host to schedule your piece and practice times.  
(727) 733-2318