



THE WINDLINE

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The online newsletter of the
Clearwater Chapter, American Guild of Organists
clearwaterago.org

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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

The Carol Sing at Trinity Presbyterian was a joyous event with many organists and singers from our chapter participating. Trinity will contribute half of the offering received for the Scholarship Fund!

We will be into the new year shortly and it is beginning chock full of musical programs.

First on Sunday, January 8 at 3 p.m. Margaret McAlister is celebrating her 65th anniversary and retirement from First Presbyterian Church in Tampa. To celebrate Margaret and the First Presbyterian Church Choir conducted by Annetta Monroe are giving a concert. On the following Sunday, January 15 there will be a luncheon reception at the Seminole Heights Garden Center. (See details below) I'm sure we will all want to help Margaret celebrate this momentous event.

Also Sunday, January 8 at 3 p.m. will be an Organ and Piano concert given by Kenneth Dake, Director of Music at Marble Collegiate Church, New York at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1239 Del Webb Blvd. West, Sun City Center. Ken Grom who began our scholarship fund was the Music Director of this church. Tickets are \$9, available at the door. For more information call 813-634-1252.

And last but not least is our January program, Adam Brakel in Recital at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church in downtown Clearwater. The highly-varied program is Sunday, January 15 at 3 p.m. Adam has recently released a recording which is available for purchase. Check the December issue of the AGO for details. Please download the poster on page 5 of this newsletter, and publicize this event in your church so that we can have a good attendance. We are so fortunate to have an organist of Adam's caliber as a member of our chapter. I know everyone will want to make the effort to attend his program.

Kevin V. Johnson, Dean

Sunday, January 8 at 3 p.m.

**Organ and Choral Concert
Celebrating Margaret
McAlister's 65th Anniversary
as Organist of First
Presbyterian Church,
Tampa**

Margaret McAlister, Organ with
The First Presbyterian Church
Choir, directed by
Annetta Monroe

*First Presbyterian Church
412 Zack Street, Tampa*

Sunday, January 15, 1-4 p.m.

**Luncheon Reception
Honoring Margaret Smith
McAlister's 65 Years of
Service and Retirement**

RSVP: Mary McAlister
Scaglione, 813-930-8139

*Seminole Heights Garden Center
5810 N. Central Avenue, Tampa*

Sunday, January 15 at 3 p.m.

**Adam Brakel in Recital:
Organ and Piano Concert**

*Peace Memorial Presbyterian
Church
Ft. Harrison Ave., Clearwater*

2011 - 2012 PROGRAMS

January 15 <i>Sunday, 3 p.m.</i>	Adam Brakel, Recital Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
February 18 <i>Saturday, 9 a.m.</i>	Dr. Victoria Meredith, Vocal Workshop St. Alfred's Episcopal Church
March 2 <i>Friday, 7:30 p.m.</i>	Elaine Funaro, Harpsichord Recital First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin
April 22 <i>Sunday, 4 p.m.</i>	Student – Teacher Recital Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Dunedin
May 20 <i>Sunday, 6 p.m.</i>	Banquet and Installation of Officers Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo

STUDENT CORNER

We had another successful AGO Student Gathering at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Monday, December 26. Zachary Rygiel, chapter member and senior at St. Olaf College; Wagner Schultz, chapter member and sophomore at University of Florida; and Matthew Lehrian, chapter member and freshman at Stetson University were on hand to share their experiences in collegiate music study. When asked if they thought meeting twice a year was too often they all responded....NO! So....we'll try to plan for another session in late spring when many return for the summer months. We can certainly be proud of all our Scholarship recipients who have done so amazingly well!

POSITION AVAILABLE

Church of the Isles UCC in Indian Rocks Beach is looking for an organist. Please contact Harryette Williams, our Placement Coordinator, for more information:
hwilliams79@tampabay.rr.com.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Clearwater Chapter has a long history of supporting young organ students through our two scholarship funds. Both the Grom Education Fund and the Peterson Scholarship Fund exist primarily to offer financial assistance to middle/high school students studying organ with chapter member teachers. A typical grant would cover half the cost of the teacher's normal lesson fee for a semester. Other requests are considered by the board and might include full fee coverage, printed music, organ shoes, costs for a student or chapter member/officer to attend a workshop, convention, Pipe Organ Encounter, or other educational event.

Grant requests are reviewed and teachers are notified of the board's decisions in advance of the semester of study. The application form, as well as the lesson log form, is available on the website www.clearwaterago.org. The application must be submitted to the dean prior to the semester and the lesson log at the completion of the study. At that time the grant is paid directly to the teacher.

The application deadline for the spring semester (January-May) was December 15. Send it to the Dean:

Kevin Johnson, Dean
St. Alfred's Episcopal Church
1601 Curlew Road
Palm Harbor FL 34683

Any questions or need for more information, contact the Scholarship Funds Chairman:
Tom Huffman 727-409-8726 hufftom@aol.com

CLEARWATER AGO 2011-2012

OFFICERS

Dean: Kevin Johnson
Sub-Dean: Tom Huffman
Secretary: Denny Smith
Treasurer: Bill Rockenfeller

BOARD MEMBERS

2012: Priscilla Ortoski, James Biggers
2013: Carol Alexander, Robert Shone
2014: Robert Kirchner, Harryette Williams

*Board Meetings are held at St. Alfred's Episcopal Church, Palm Harbor.
 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.*

GROM EDUCATION FUND

Tom Huffman, Chair
email: hufftom@aol.com

PLACEMENT COORDINATOR

Harryette Williams
email: hwilliams79@tampabay.rr.com

SUBSTITUTE LIST

ORGANISTS / DIRECTORS / ACCOMPANISTS / VOCALISTS

Please send updates or corrections for this list to Placement Coordinator **Harryette Williams** by calling **727-596-5968** or emailing her at **hwilliams79@tampabay.rr.com**.

Note: Inclusion in the two lists below does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills, and thus it encourages interviews with all prospective substitutes.

James Biggers	727-784-8450	Organist
Edi Evans	727-446-3739	Organist
Betty Dethmers	727-726-7816	Organist or Organist/Director <i>(Not available May-Sept.)</i>
Grayce Hillman	727-642-7322	Organist or Organist/Director
Roberta Hoopes	727-442-8333	Choir Director
Dorothy Olsen	727-784-8620	Organist <i>(Winter Resident)</i>
Dr. Sandra Rogers	727-937-9780	Organist//Director
Rhoda Young	727-535-2125	Choir Director/Vocalist

SUBSTITUTE ORGANISTS FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS (Other than Sunday mornings)

Stephen Allen	813-968-7095	Tom Huffman	727-409-8726
James Biggers	727-784-8450	Robert Kirchner	727-674-5118
Cheryl Brouette	727-785-8081	Faye Monroe	727-260-3990
Edi Evans	727-446-3739	David Owens	727-595-8196
Grayce Hillman	727-642-7322	Dr. Linda Pointer	727-441-1099
		Dr. Sandra Rogers	727-937-9780

AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2012 AGO National Convention will be held July 1-6 in Nashville, TN. Registration is now open! Visit this website for more information and to register: <http://www.ago2012.org/>

CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADAM BRAKEL "SHOWSTOPPERS FOR THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS"

View and download the poster on the next page!
Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 3 p.m.
Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, 110 S. Ft. Harrison Ave.,
Clearwater



Amy Hartsough

AMY HARTSOUGH AND NICHOLE ANNIS

Opera, Broadway, art songs, cabaret and more!
Amy, a member of our Clearwater AGO Chapter,
is St. Petersburg's newly crowned **Opera Idol!**
Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 4 p.m.
Calvary Episcopal Church, 1615 First St., Indian Rocks Beach

EARLY MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL

The Early Music Student Recital will be held Saturday, March 3, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin beginning at 9:30 a.m. Students will play music from the Renaissance, Baroque and Classical periods on harpsichord, fortepiano and organ. Students of AGO members are especially encouraged to participate. Please email the student's name, age, piece, composer, and length of piece to Carol Alexander. Her email address is calexan1@tampabay.rr.com.



To advertise your concert please email Lynn Vera at hauptwerk@yahoo.com before the 15th of the month prior to the month of publication, using a meaningful title on your email so I don't miss it! Thank you. -Lynn



*Peace Memorial Concert Series & the
Clearwater American Guild of Organists Present*

ADAM BRAKEL, organ

***"Showstoppers for the
King of Instruments"***



JAN. 15 at 3 PM

***This virtuoso will let out all the stops
with his program of works from many
genres and to suit all musical tastes
from Bach and the classics to ragtime***

***No tickets needed. Seats are first come, first served.
Doors open at 2:30. Offering taken (\$5 min.suggested)***

***Peace is the pink church in downtown Cleawater
110 S.Ft. Harrison Ave. Ph. 446- 3001
www.PeaceMemorial.org***