



## *Annual Banquet and Officer Installation*

The annual Chapter Banquet will be Monday, May 7 at Alfano’s Restaurant, 1702 Clearwater/Largo Road in Clearwater. We will gather at 6:00 p.m., serving begins at 6:30. Dinner at Alfano’s is always a pleasant affair. The menu will include salad, dessert, drinks, and a choice of six different entrees. **You have likely already indicated your entrée choice and sent it to Bob Booth, if not, you must do this by May 1. You may pay at the door when you arrive. (Checks to Clearwater Chapter AGO).** The all inclusive cost (meal, tax and tip) is \$25.00.



Sebastian Johnson, Guitar

After the meal we will enjoy entertainment by Christiane Vinet, Flute and Sebastian Johnson, Guitar. She is a native of New Orleans, LA, with degrees from Boston University, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He has degrees from St. Petersburg College and University of Tampa.



Christiane Vinet, Flute

We will also elect and install Chapter Officers for 2018-19. The Nominating Committee (Mark Prater, chair; Cheryl Brouette and Don Rolander) has submitted this proposed slate of officers:

<b>DEAN</b>	Bradley Swope
<b>SUB-DEAN</b>	Mark Prater, AAGO, ChM
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Dr. Linda Pointer
<b>TREASURER</b>	Bob Booth
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	
2019	Stephen Allen, Matthew Burke
2020	Cheryl Brouette, CAGO ; Shawn Thomas
2021	Tom Huffman, Don Rolander
<b>PAST DEAN</b>	Stephen Allen
<b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b>	Tom Huffman
<b>SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS</b>	Tom Huffman
<b>PLACEMENT</b>	Priscilla Ortoski

# Calendar of Area Events 2018

(Clearwater Chapter events highlighted)

April 26 7:00 p.m.	Katelyn Emerson Siesta Key Chapel, Sarasota
April 27, 28, 29	Florida Orchestra Celebrate Broadway
May 4,5,6	Florida Orchestra Tchaikovsky Symphony #4
Monday, May 7 6:00 p.m.	Chapter Banquet and Installation of Officers Alfano's Restaurant, Largo
Wednesday, May 9 9:00 a.m.	Chapter Board Meeting First United Methodist Church, Clearwater
May 12 4:00 p.m.	Jakob Hamilton Christ Church, Bradenton
May 18, 19, 20	Florida Orchestra Brahms, Beethoven
July 2-6	The AGO National Convention Kansas City , MO Check the website: <a href="http://Agokc2018.com">Agokc2018.com</a>

## Positions Available

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Dunedin**, is seeking an organist. 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. An Associate degree in Music Leadership or related field supplemented by two (2) years' experience as an Organist or equivalent work experience is preferred.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), Tampa** is seeking a part-time Music Director. The ideal candidate will be:

- Acquainted with liturgical worship
- Proficient in organ and piano
- Able to play in a variety of musical styles
- Comfortable with choir direction
- Good working with people
- A good team player

# ***From the Dean:***

## **“Pedals, Pipes, and Pinot” a Tri-Chapter Success**

Thirty-five members of our three local AGO chapters gathered on April 17 at the Palladium in St. Petersburg to hear a recital on the E. M Skinner organ and then enjoyed a delicious meal together. There were two recitalists. Marco Jimenez, a 15 year old student of Dwight Thomas, performed a three movement suite of his own composition. Everyone enjoyed the introduction when Dwight put on his best David Letterman and interviewed Marco about the piece and his other interests such as chess. Marco has only been playing the organ for two years, but he had a solid command of the instrument. His organ piece was substantial. It was challenging in both manuals and pedal and had a musicality well beyond his years. If Marco continues to compose and perform on the organ, we will be proud to say we met him at the beginning of his career.



Marco was followed by Tom Hoehn of our Clearwater Chapter, who improvised on the tune “TERRA BEATA.” Tom showed off all the beauty of the solo stops of the organ and gave a thorough treatment of the tune from a gentle and quiet beginning to a middle section featuring the reeds and then back to a quiet conclusion. He also included “Amazing Grace” and probably some other tunes that I may have missed! Tom has spent a lifetime perfecting the art of improvisation and is a gifted silent film performer. It was a joy to get to know some members of our sister chapters during the meal together. It is the hope of all three deans that we will have more tri-chapter events like this in the future.

I have been asked and have agreed to serve as your dean for 2018-2019. I am grateful to those who have agreed to be installed as returning or new officers next week. We will do our best to provide another year of interesting and helpful chapter programs. I thank you for your support of the American Guild of Organists!

*Bradley Swope, Dean*

## 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
Brent Douglas	(727) 459-7025	O, O/D
Grayce Hillman	(727) 642-7322	O, O/D, V
Roberta Hoopes	(727) 442-8333	D
Matt Lancaster	(727) 313-5129	O
Mark Prater, AAGO, ChM	(727) 536-2698	O, O/D
Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 560-2376	O, O/D, V
Donald Rolander	(727) 392-4442	O, O/D
	(727) 804-6314 (cell)	
Robert Shone, CAGO	(727) 789-6527	O, O/D
	rcshone@aol.com	

### AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING

Stephen Allen	(813) 968-7095	O, O/D
Tom Huffman	(727) 409-8726	O, O/D
Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099	O, O/D

### Clearwater AGO 2017-2018 Officers

DEAN: Bradley Swope  
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SUB-DEAN: Mark Prater, AAGO, Ch.M

SECRETARY: Dr. Linda Pointer

TREASURER: Bob Booth

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Carol Alexander (2018)  
Bob Shone, CAGO (2018)  
Stephen Allen (2019)  
Matthew Burke (2019)  
Shawn Thomas (2020)

*Board Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM at: First United Methodist Church of Clearwater, 411 Turner St.*

**Next Board Meeting: May 9, 2018**

GROM EDUCATION FUND  
PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
Tom Huffman, Chair

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