

The American Guild of Organists

Windline—April 2020

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Bradley Swope, Dean

Thomas D. Huffman, *Windline* Editor

Dean's Message

I think this comic perfectly expresses what we are all feeling at the moment.

Lisa Benson | Washington Post Writers Group



There is no doubt that we are in for a much longer experience than any of us expected at first. I also sense more fear in myself and in others this week. The calendar will say Easter on April 12, but we have ahead of us a long, long Lent. We say that Lent is a time for self-reflection, but most years I admit to only paying lip-service to that goal. This year, we have the time.

As leaders in our congregations, we take seriously the need to stay in touch with our choir members and congregation members. I have had some remarkable phone conversations with people lately. Society had been moving away from talking on the phone, replacing that long winded concept with text messaging and email. My minutes spent talking on my phone are way up this month compared to my previous average! That's a good thing. (*cont.*→)

As an AGO chapter, we also need to stay in touch with each other. No one else understands our own situation as well. We can share our struggles and the fresh ideas that are happening at this time. Just last week you received an up-to-date directory. Use it to keep in touch with your colleagues. We also need to install new officers for 2020-2021. The date was going to be May 3, but that will have to be pushed back. The slate of nominations includes one new member, Timothy Belk, who is now serving at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church.

DEAN: Bradley Swope

SUB-DEAN: Shawn Thomas

SECRETARY: Dr. Linda Pointer

TREASURER: Bob Booth

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Edward Peterson

BOARD MEMBERS:

Tom Huffman, Don Rolander (2020-2021)

Carol Alexander, George Fisher (2020-2022)

Timothy Belk, Bobbie Hoopes (2020-2023)

May our music be an inspiration to others at this difficult time!



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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.

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SECRETARY:

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TREASURER:

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BOARD MEMBERS

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Bobbie Hoopes (2020)
Tom Huffman (2021)
Don Rolander (2021)
Carol Alexander (2022)
George Fisher (2022)

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

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