

# *The American Guild of Organists*

*Windline—May 2021*

**Clearwater (FL) Chapter**

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Bradley Swope, Dean  
Thomas D. Huffman, *Windline* Editor

## Evening Prayer and Installation of Officers

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m.

All members are invited to join in person at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Missouri Ave. N., Largo for the Installation of Officers of the chapter. We will begin with Evening Prayer lead by Shawn Thomas, Parish Musician along with the pastors of Prince of Peace followed by the installation of this new slate of officers for 2021-22:

Dean - Shawn Thomas  
Sub Dean - Timothy Belk  
Secretary - Peggy Beville  
Treasurer - Bob Booth  
Membership Secretary - Edward Peterson  
Newsletter Editor - Tom Huffman  
Placement Coordinator - Priscilla Ortoski

*Class of 2022*  
Carol Alexander  
Mark Prater, AAGO, Ch.M.

*Class of 2023*  
Tom Hoehn  
Bobbie Hoopes

*Class of 2024*  
Keith Rasmussen  
Brandon Vennick

This will be a short time together, following the current CDC guidelines with face masks and social distancing. There will not be a dinner so no reservations are required.

# DEAN'S MESSAGE

## "A Fond Farewell"



A few years ago, the Florida Orchestra performed Haydn's "Farewell Symphony." We all learned about that piece as a curiosity during music history class, but in reality it is very clever and effective. I enjoyed it much more than I expected. I am happy to say that I have enjoyed being Dean of the Clearwater AGO Chapter more than I expected as well. We have an active chapter with excellent leadership and creative programming. Our board of officers is composed of a mix of experienced and newer members, both men and women. It is a healthy thing for organizations to rotate leadership, so I am stepping down after four years, but I predict that Shawn Thomas, our next dean along with his wife, Michelle, who is Dean of the St. Petersburg Chapter, will find new opportunities for joint programming and fellowship with our two Pinellas County chapters.

I want to thank everyone for your continued support of the AGO. Our Clearwater Chapter remains stable at 45 members. Your dues support both the national AGO and our own chapter. The quality of *The American Organist* magazine never fails to impress. Our national AGO staff are involved in several future-oriented projects. May we all continue to support the mission of the AGO: "to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ."

*Bradley Swope, Dean (for a few more days)*

## Quick Notes

- Check out the Chapter Notes section on page 71 of the May issue of *The American Organist* magazine for news of the Clearwater Chapter.
- Welcome to new member of the Clearwater Chapter, **Brent Douglas**. Brent is Choral Director, Piano Instructor and Staff Accompanist at Eckerd College.
- **Tom Huffman** has resigned his position at Northwood Presbyterian Church, Clearwater.
- New address for **Donald Rolander**: Cypress Palm, 400 Lake Ave. NE C-309, Largo 33771. Phone number is still (727) 804-6314.



*Brent Douglas*



Our chapter is finalizing plans for a Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event for October. This event is a partial day program designed to give children and

youth a brief introduction to the pipe organ and its music and will also include an introduction to the carillon with a short recital and demonstration. More details to come.

## University of Florida Sacred Music Workshop

May 2-4, 2021



This annual workshop will be held this year completely virtually. The event will include interactive Zoom sessions and a great line up of presentations. The primary guest clinician is Jonathan Hehn, Choral Program Director and Organist at University of Notre Dame who will provide a hymn festival and other workshop sessions. There will also be an organ literature session by

Jonathan Hehn, OSU R. Monty Bennett, an organ recital by Elena Barquerizo, and much more. Dr. Laura Ellis is the coordinator of the event and shares that this year the Workshop is FREE. Simply go to the website:

<https://uflsmw.wixsite.com/home> and hit “click here to register.”



Laura Ellis, DMA

# 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](mailto: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.

Cheryl Brouette	(727) 453-0317 O
Brent Douglas	(727) 459-7025 O, O/D
Grayce Hillman	(727) 642-7322 O, O/D, V
Tom Huffman	(727) 409-8726 O, O/D
Roberta Hoopes	(727) 560-3962 D
Donald Rolander	(727) 804-6314 (cell) O, O/D
Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099 O, O/D
Herman G. (George) Fisher	(727) 339-3077 O (239) 398-4966 (cell)

## AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING

Stephen Allen	(813) 968-7095 O, O/D
Peggy BeVille	(727) 726-8457 O (727) 403-8166 (cell)
Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 560-2376 O, O/D, V

## Clearwater AGO 2020-2021 Officers

### DEAN:

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### BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Huffman (2021)  
Don Rolander (2021)  
Carol Alexander (2022)  
George Fisher (2022)  
Bobbie Hoopes (2023)  
Timothy Belk (2023)

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Shawn Thomas

### SECRETARY:

Dr. Linda Pointer

### TREASURER:

Bob Booth

### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

Edward Peterson  
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