

The American Guild of Organists

Windline—October 2021

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Dr. Shawn Thomas, Dean
Thomas D. Huffman, Windline Editor

From the Dean:

As summer draws to a close, we are looking forward to two events in the coming weeks. The first is our 2nd annual Virtual PipeScreams concert. We are still hoping for 6-8 more performers for our concert. Tom Hoehn and I will be handling all recording and video production so that the concert has a consistent look. We are happy to travel to your church or home to record. The video will be uploaded ahead of time and released for “live” viewing on **October 29 at 7pm on both Facebook** and we will welcome donations through our Chapter PayPal account. All recordings must be completed by **October 20**.



Our November event is something brand new for our chapter. On Friday, November 19, we will drive just up the road to Gainesville and participate in an organ crawl with members from the St. Petersburg chapter. We are planning to arrange a carpool using either church or rental vans. We will visit First Presbyterian (C.B. Fisk, III/52) and Holy Trinity Episcopal (Visser-Rowland, III/65). Following a Dutch treat lunch at a downtown restaurant, we will tour the four organs on the campus of the University of Florida, including the five-manual organ in the University Auditorium.

As we all know by now, plans like these can change on a whim. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks!

Shawn Thomas, Dean



PIPESCREAMS!

2021

Due to the pandemic, we will be pre-recording *PipeScreams* as we did in 2020. Are you interested in performing on this year's Virtual *PipeScreams* concert? If so, please get in touch with Shawn Thomas to arrange a time to record your piece. Tom Hoehn and Shawn will be handling all recording and video production so that the concert has a consistent look. They are happy to travel to your church or home to record.

The video will be uploaded ahead of time and released for “live” viewing on October 29 at 7 p.m. on both **Facebook** and **YouTube**, and we will solicit donations through our Chapter PayPal account.

Watch on Friday, October 29 at 7:00 pm or any time thereafter.
Go to clearwaterago.org and click the tab or watch on FaceBook or YouTube

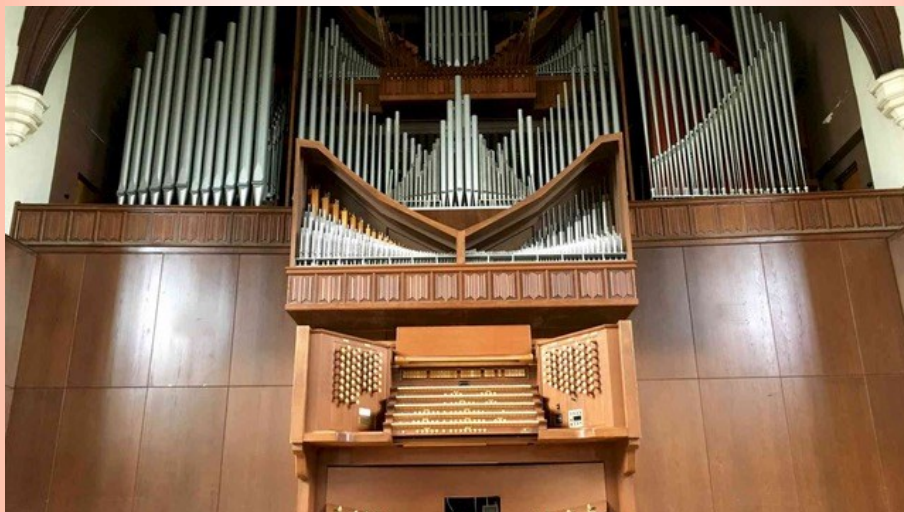
All recordings must be completed by October 20. Please email Shawn to schedule a time (shawn@poplargo.org). Pieces should be no longer than ten minutes. Costumes and other festive decorations are encouraged, but not required. Any piece of music published after 1925 needs to have written permission from the publisher.

We hope you'll consider playing on this fun concert!

Calendar

- Sunday, October 10 Con Brio, Piano String Quintet
Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater—3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 24 Timothy Belk, Organ
Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater—3:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 29 *Pipescreams*
Facebook/YouTube Live Event 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 14 Heather Thorn, Xylophone
Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater—3:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 19 Organ Crawl to Gainesville (see page 4)
- Sunday, December 13 Qol Quartet—vocal group with holiday favorites
Peace Memorial Presbyterian—3:00 p.m.
- December 25-January 6 A Musical 12 Days of Christmas.
Recordings due Dec. 13
- Friday, January 7 Twelfth Night Dinner at Alfano's Restaurant—6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 6 Members recital
St. Ignatius RC Church, Tarpon Springs—3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 13, 2022 Erik Wm. Suter, Organ
Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater—3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 2 Workshop with the Seipp/Sheets
Trumpet and Organ Duo—11:00
- Sunday, April 3 Seipp/Sheets Concert—3:00 p.m.
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
- Spring 2022 Pedals, Pipes and Pizza
Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Clearwater
An all day event for children and youth to get acquainted with
the Organ and Carillon.
Dr. Laura Ellis and Dr. Linda Pointer are the faculty for the day.

Organ Crawl—November 19



University of Florida: E.M./Aeolian Skinner-Moller-Reuter(V/97)



Holy Trinity Episcopal: Visser-Rowland, 1995 (III/65)



First Presbyterian: C.B. Fisk, 2002 (III/52)

In Memoriam



Edna M Snyder, age 86, of Oswego, IL formerly of Seminole, FL died Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at Bickford of Oswego. Edna was a long-time member of the Clearwater Chapter and served many terms as Treasurer in the 1980's and 1990's. Her husband, Dick, often accompanied her attending our chapter events.

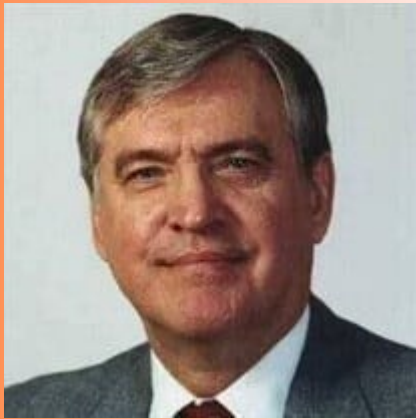
She was born September 24, 1934, in Byromville, GA, the daughter of the late Charles Grace and Edna nee Giles Marshall.

She was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Indian Rocks Beach, FL, attended St John's Episcopal Church in Naperville, IL, also a member of the American Guild of Organists. She graduated from Georgia State College for Women (now Georgia College) with a degree in Music Education, and taught music in Wakulla County and Hillsborough County, FL schools. She was formerly the organist and choir director at St Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Largo, FL.

She is survived by two daughters Margaret (Ronald) Paratore, Jennifer (Jeff) Koncelik, son Richard M (Melissa) Snyder, seven grandchildren McKinley and Messina Paratore, Hannah, Mason and Tara Koncelik, Daphne and Stella Snyder, niece Carol (Wayne) Gallups and nephew Jeff Banks. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard Snyder.

A memorial service will be held at Calvary Episcopal Church, 1615 First St., Indian Rocks Beach, FL on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at 11:00 AM followed by inurnment of the cremains of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder at the church.

In Memoriam



James (Jim) Guerdon Howes, 75, died unexpectedly at his home in Safety Harbor, FL on September 14, 2021. [Jim was known to many of us in the Clearwater Chapter from his weekly radio broadcast *Sacred Classics* on WBVM that ran for over thirty years. He loved the pipe organ and traveled the world to experience the organs first hand. --ed.]

He was born to James H. Howes and Edna Esther (nee Lowman) on November 14, 1945 in Baltimore, MD. He attended the University of Maryland with an Air Force ROTC scholarship, graduating with a MBA. He was active duty in the Air Force until 1972, honorably discharged as a captain.

His business career and love of flying took him to Poughkeepsie, NY, where he served as Commissioner of Aviation for the Dutchess County Airport. He then moved to Safety Harbor, FL as director of the St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport, retiring after 20 years. In 2002, Jim became the general manager of the Bermuda International Airport.

As an adult he was a dedicated supporter and active volunteer of Boy Scouting, having received the Silver Beaver Award. He loved to travel and flew his own plane for many years. His interests also included scuba diving, radio broadcasting and model trains. He was a gifted musician often singing solos for church and playing the pipe organ.

He was predeceased by his father, James H. Howes. He is survived by his mother, Edna Esther; brother Dan Howes and his wife, Diane; niece Julia Gentle and her husband Steve and family; as well as cousins and many friends.



“O Holy Night” Christmas Eve 2019 at Northwood Presbyterian Church, Clearwater

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Aidan Agustines

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For full addresses and phone numbers, check the website member directory



Chapter Officers—A Closer Look

Each issue of The Windline will include a brief biographical sketch of one of our Clearwater Chapter Officers. This month's focus is on Secretary, Peggy BeVille

Peggy BeVille holds a B. Church Music (Organ principal) degree from Stetson University School of Music where she studied with Paul Jenkins. She is presently Organist and Director of Traditional Music at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. In the past she has served as organist or organist/choir director for Episcopal, Lutheran, and United Methodist congregations. Her favorite section of *The American Organist* magazine has been the recent series of articles about dual career organists. She came to Pinellas County in 1979 to attend Stetson University College of Law. After graduation, she practiced law in Clearwater for 23 years mostly on bankruptcy and collection issues while serving Sylvan Abbey, George Young Memorial, and St. Luke's United Methodist Churches. She says she is a "jack of all trades." Having grown weary of her legal career, she spent the next ten years teaching in Pinellas County Schools and then four years of CNA home care all the while continuing her church music which has never felt like "work." She can practice at home on a Rodgers two manual Allegiant 677 that her husband, Charlie, gave her. They have been married for fifty years and have two children, two grandchildren, and four granddogs.

Positions Available

Anona United Methodist Church, Largo, Florida, is an inclusive church with both a pioneering and innovative spirit in our 150-year history. Anona is seeking an Organist/Associate Director to provide inspirational organ and piano music, along with worship leadership support for our Traditional Worship services.

This is a full-time position with benefits. Email a resume, and links to videos playing organ and piano to jeremy@anona.com

Duties/Tasks

- Support and uplift Traditional worship services through inspirational and well-prepared organ and piano music.
- Prepare music for weddings, funerals, and other special events as needed.
- Work with the Executive Pastor and Pastoral Team on Traditional worship planning.
- Provide accompaniment support for the Wednesday choir and directing and accompaniment support for additional Traditional worship groups and ensembles.
- Organize, schedule, and rehearse soloists, ensembles, and other musical groups as needed to support the Traditional worship services.
- Participate in regular coaching sessions with the Executive Pastor, and regular meetings with the worship teams and church Program Directors.

Skills & Abilities

- Strong organ and piano skills, and experience in leading musical groups in worship.
- Experience in leading inspirational Traditional worship services with excellence.
- Organizational and planning skills in communicating and scheduling of worship groups and services (knowledge of Planning Center Online and ProPresenter software helpful).
- A teachable spirit and willingness to learn Anona's culture and values.

Professional Background

- A degree in Music is preferred.

Demonstrated musical abilities in organ performance, piano accompaniment, and leading musical groups

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, FL is looking for a Tenor and a Bass section leader. Contact Gabe Irizarry, Director. 727-446-6210. Trinityclearwater@gmail.com

Check with our Chapter PLACEMENT COORDINATOR,
Priscilla Ortoski for possible additional listings or information

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The background image is a photograph of a church interior, specifically the sanctuary. A large, multi-tiered organ with numerous pipes is the central focus, flanked by wooden paneling. Above the organ, a large, ornate cross is mounted on the wall. The church has a high ceiling with exposed wooden beams. The lighting is warm and somewhat dim, creating a serene atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this image.

Timothy Belk, Organist

Sunday, October 24, 2021; 3 p.m.

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church

110 S. Fort Harrison Ave., Clearwater

Works by Denis Bédard, Marcel Dupré, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, George Shearing, Louis Vierne, and Charles-Marie Widor on the 64-rank Casavant Organ, Op. 3226.

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 calling (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.

Brent Douglas	(727) 459-7025 O, O/D
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Roberta Hoopes	(727) 560-3962 D
Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099 O, O/D
Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 560-2376 O, O/D, V
Donald Rolander	(727) 804-6314 (cell) O, O/D

AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING

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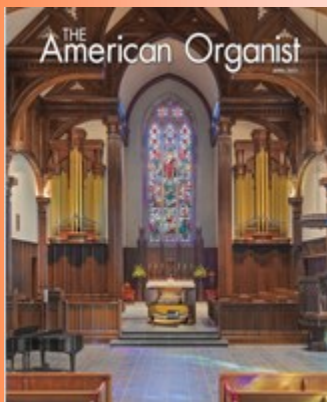
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TAO, October 2021

VOICE CLASS

For 14 years and older

Auditions: must match pitch, reading music a plus

Sandra Rogers

DMA Voice Teacher/Class Director

Meet in Kirk Hall at Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin

Saturdays, 2:15-3:00 p.m.

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