

The American Guild of Organists

Windline—March 2022

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

www.clearwaterago.org

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

FROM THE DEAN:



Where to begin? As we enter the great Forty Days, my calendar is rapidly filling up with organ-related events around Tampa Bay. What a delightful change of pace from the last two years!

Beginning Tuesday, March 8, come “find rest for your souls” in our Lenten recital series. Spanning churches from Largo to Palm Harbor and everywhere in between, be sure to invite a friend or neighbor to the recital closest to you. Who knows...perhaps they will like it and attend the following week as well! (*see page 8*)

The first weekend in April welcomes the Seipp/Sheets duo to Pinellas County. On Saturday April 2, the duo will offer a workshop and conversation about working with amateur and professional instrumentalists in the church setting. Topics to be considered include repertoire for a variety of skill levels, positioning, rehearsal techniques, communication, expectations, and payment practices. Their concert will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 3. Elizabeth George, the Director of Member Engagement and Chapter Relations from AGO headquarters will be joining us for the weekend.

Finally, our Spring banquet and officer installation will be held on Sunday, May 1 at St. Luke UMC in St. Petersburg. A lasagna dinner will be offered *at no cost* to AGO members and one guest. Your AGO executive board will provide homemade desserts. RSVP details forthcoming, but be sure to save the date!

Shawn Thomas, Dean

Calendar

(Chapter programs in **bold**)

Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday Recital

Timothy Belk, Organ

Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater—12:00 noon

Saturday, March 5 Workshop: “What the (Choir) World Needs Now Is Love”

Matthew David Clear and Jack Rain

First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg—10:00 a.m. (*see page 4*)

Tuesday, March 8 Lenten Concert

Bradley Swope, Organ

St. Jerome Catholic Church, Largo—12:00 noon

Sunday, March 13 Memorial Service for Edward Peterson (*see page 3*)

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo—3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 13 Erik Wm. Suter, Organ

Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater—3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15 Lenten Concert

Carol Alexander, Peggy BeVille, Linda Pointer

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin—12:00 noon

Sunday, March 20 Ring Sarasota!

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo—3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22 Lenten Concert

Kevin V. Johnson, Organ

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo—12:00 noon

Tuesday, March 29 Lenten Concert

Brandon Vennink, Organ

St. Alfred’s Episcopal Church, Palm Harbor

Wednesday, March 30 Sacred Music Concert — featuring organ music of Zipoli

Jesuit High School, Tampa—7:00 p.m.

Friday/Sunday April 1,3 Master Chorale: Faure’s *Requiem*

Saturday, April 2 Workshop with the Seipp/Sheets

Trumpet and Organ Duo—11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 3 Seipp/Sheets Concert—3:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

Tuesday, April 5 Lenten Concert

Thomas D. Huffman, Organ

First United Methodist Church, Clearwater—12:00 noon

Sunday, April 24 Chapter Banquet and Installation of Officers

St. Luke UMC, St. Petersburg—5:30 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

Edward M. Peterson

1942-2022



PALM HARBOR, FL — Edward Peterson, age 79, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in Palm Harbor, Florida on January 31, 2022. He was born in Racine WI on February 14, 1942, to Herman and Margaret (Jurewicz) Peterson. He attended St. Rose Grade School and St. Catherine's High School in 1960.

His passion for music led him to study at schools and conservatories in Milwaukee and Chicago. He was a gifted and accomplished musician (piano and organ) and had a long career as an organist and choir director at churches in Racine, Kenosha, Milwaukee, San Juan Puerto Rico, and Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

In retirement, his passion for music never abated. He continued to practice 2-3 hours a day, gave piano and organ lessons to a select group of students, and was heavily involved with the American Guild of Organists and Greater Pinellas Music Teachers Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Gloria Marsh Peterson in 2007; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Mickey Lossin; as well as his close friend, David in Puerto Rico whom he felt was the son he never had.

He is survived by his brother, Dan (Donna) Peterson and their children, Eric (Jenny) Peterson, Christian (Bonnie) Peterson and Angie Peterson; his brother, Tony (Gloria) Peterson and his children, Lonnie (Blanca) Peterson and Jeana (Bob) Renkek; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Edward was a long time member of the Clearwater Chapter having served as an officer and for the past many years spent countless phone hours staying in touch with the membership. He was a friend to many and a constant encourager with an eye and ear for the details.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Missouri Ave, Largo.

THE ST. PETERSBURG CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS PRESENT

What the [Choir] World Needs Now is Love

IMPLEMENTING SINGER-FOCUSED STRATEGIES
IN OUR CHORAL ENSEMBLES

MATTHEW DAVID CLEAR & JACK RAIN, PRESENTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 AT 10:00AM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR ROOM

701 BEACH DRIVE NE, ST. PETERSBURG

Matthew David Clear is the Director of Choral Activities at the Pinellas County Center for the Arts and Director of Traditional Worship Music & the Arts at First Presbyterian, St. Petersburg. This past fall he was appointed as Assistant Conductor for The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay. He is simply spectacular, as is our wonderful colleague Jack Rain, who will be presenting this program with Matthew. Jack works at USF as a staff accompanist and teaches Language Diction for Singers. His portion of the workshop will deal with problem areas of diction when singing. All are welcome. There will also be open console time in the church after the workshop.



University of Florida
Sacred Music Workshop

May 1-3, 2022

with

Trey Clegg

Organist and Director of Choirs, First Congregational Church, Atlanta

Founder & Director, the Trey Clegg Singers

Instructor, Spelman College



Led by Professor of Music Dr. Laura Ellis

Highlights will include:

Conducting: from Professional to Volunteer Choir, Lessons from working in the church

Choral Reading Session, Organ Masterclass

Carillon and Organ Recitals by emerging young artists

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AGO specifications Electronic

Call Lee: (727) 481-6700



Brief Notes

- Sandra Rogers has new contact information: (727) 434-3453
1668D Peaceful Lane
Dunedin FL 34698
- [Check out a great article](#) by Philip Morgan that appeared in the Sunday, February 6 edition of *The Tampa Bay Times* about University of Tampa Associate Professor of Music, Dr. Ryan Hebert.
- This note from Jack Rain about concert organist and teacher Dr. Joyce Jones who died February 28.



Dr. Hebert

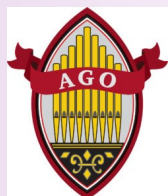


(from a Facebook post) A great from the organ world has completed her earthly journey. She was deeply gifted, deeply religious, deeply kind. A GRAND force...Heading up the organ department for ages at Baylor, touching countless through her music ministry. May she continue on in music! "When they say "Take it OFF" They are usually referring to the Tutti, but I am sure a lot of you were wondering if I was going to play a pedal solo with my feet covered so....." as she carefully removed her cleverly designed dress (which she made) to reveal her feet and play Sowerby's Pageant....1992

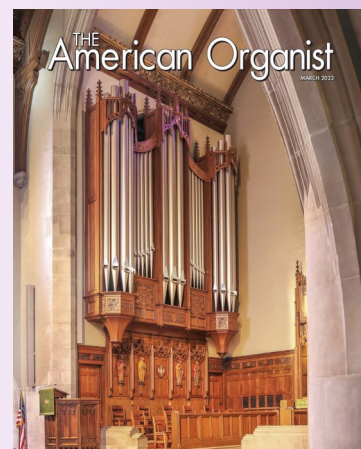
Dr. Joyce Jones

Feb. 13, 1933-Feb. 28, 2022

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.



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Positions Available

Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin FL would like to hire a bass section leader. One 10 a.m. service on Sunday and occasional feast days. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 4:30-6:00 pm. Contact Tom Huffman, (727) 409-8726 or tom@cogsdunedin.com

Positions Available notices are included free of charge and repeated as a courtesy if needed for three issues of the Windline. The same ad is included on the Clearwater Chapter website clearwaterago.org for up to 90 days.



Seipp / Sheets Duo Trumpet & Organ

Workshop

*Perspective: Success in Working with
Professional and Amateur Instrumentalists*
Saturday April 2, 2022
11:00am-12:30pm

Concert

*Music of Bach, Handel,
Mussorgsky, and more!*
Sunday April 3, 2022
3:00pm



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
455 Missouri Ave.
Largo, FL

Co-sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Clearwater Chapter Lenten Concert Series

All programs will begin at noon and last approximately 30 minutes.

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Thomas D. Huffman, organist

Eric Wm. Suter, Organ

Sunday, March 13

3:00 p.m.

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church
110 S. Ft. Harrison, Clearwater



A former organist of the Washington National Cathedral, Erik Wm. Suter performs an all-Bach program on the Casavant Organ.

Mr. Suter's appearance is made possible, in part, by the American Guild of Organists Clearwater Chapter. Accommodation and hospitality is provided by the American Guild of Organists Tampa Chapter.

Check out the [program here](#)



Clearwater AGO 2021-2022 Officers

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BOARD MEMBERS

Carol Alexander (2022)

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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 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.

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