

The American Guild of Organists

Windline—May 2022

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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**Dr. Shawn Thomas, Dean
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From the Dean:

We ended our season on a high note last weekend with a closing dinner and officer installation held at St. Luke UMC. A number of thanks are due:

- The volunteer cooks at St. Luke UMC, Harriet and Dale, who prepared the meal and then donated 100% of the profit to the Pack-A-Sack program providing weekend meals for local elementary students.
- Peggy BeVille who hosted and coordinated.
- District Convener Stephen Allen who presided over the installation.
- Outgoing board members Carol Alexander and Mark Prater.
- Incoming board members Jan Highsmith and Bradley Swope.

As we slow down for summer, I encourage you to begin thinking of who you might invite to join our chapter this coming year. As you know from recruiting for ensembles within the church, the best way to bring in new members is through a personal invitation. I challenge each of us to make contact with two people currently not a member of the AGO (organists, pianists, music directors, pastors, or organ enthusiasts) and invite them to join our chapter. For those currently serving in a church, connect with another local musician in your denomination and encourage them to join. Who knows...they might like it!

Your new executive board will meet in June to plan monthly events for the 2022-2023 season. What are some of your favorites from years past? Let us know!

Shawn Thomas, Dean



Chapter Officers at Installation with District Convenor, Stephen Allen



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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 **Executive Board member Roberta (Bobbie) Grooters Hoopes.**



I grew up in a Church Musician family in Pennsylvania. My mother was a pianist and organist, and my father was a choir director, and a bass soloist. They both taught privately, and my Dad was on the faculty at Temple University. When I was deciding what to major in, I took various inventories and aptitude tests, to find something other than music. Couldn't resist that strong pull. My Master's (from USF) is a double major— Voice performance under Annetta Monroe, and Choral conducting under Dr. Robert Summer.

I have directed music programs at several area churches - Christ Presbyterian, Largo, United Church of Christ, (Clearwater, but now in Dunedin.) My membership is at Trinity Presbyterian, Clearwater, where I have served as Interim Director several times. My parents helped me to understand that it is not wise to be employed by the church where you belong.

I don't play the piano in public, and have no organ skills. But the AGO is my Tribe.

Calendar

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| May 13-15 | Florida Orchestra and Master Chorale—Mozart <i>Requiem</i>
Straz, 8 p.m.; Mahaffey, 8 p.m.; REH, 7:30 p.m. |
| May 21,22 | Florida Orchestra—Tchaikovsky's <i>Symphony No. 5</i>
Mahaffey, 8:00 p.m.; REH, 7:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, May 22 | Mission Festival Concert
Organists Thomas D. Huffman, David Lewicki, Jack Rain
with Forest Hills Adult Choir
Forest Hills Presbyterian, Tampa—3:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, May 22 | Tampa Oratorio Singers—Sound of Music Fundraiser
Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa—6:00 p.m. (\$50.00) |

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