

The American Guild of Organists

Windline—November 2022

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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From the Dean:

The organ is alive and well in Pinellas County! Since our last publication, there have been several exciting adventures and new developments in our community. Our *Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza* was a great success. Thanks to Timothy Belk and Linda Pointer for serving as event coordinators! See pages 2 and 3 for a summary of the day.

Our next chapter event is the noonday Advent recital series. This will be our first Advent series. Our Lenten series as a whole welcomed hundreds of attendees and we received an offering of nearly \$700. These 30-minute recitals were very relaxed and offered a time of quiet reflection during a busy day. We are still in need of performers for most of the Tuesdays in Advent. This is an excellent way to support the Guild through your talent. Please let me know if you are willing to play or share one of these programs:

11/29 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Tarpon Springs - Timothy Belk

12/6 - Good Shepherd Episcopal Dunedin – Available

12/13 - Trinity Presbyterian – Available

12/20 - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church - Mark Prater (half program is available.)

Hope to see you at one of the Advent recitals!

Shawn Thomas, Dean



Pedals, Pipes and Pizza November 5

On November 5, we welcomed 23 school-aged children to First UMC Clearwater for *Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza*. Bradley Swope and Dean Dr. Shawn Thomas offered a welcome and demonstration using Randolph Currie's *Young Person's Guide to the Pipe Organ*. The children then split into two groups for two hours. One group spent time exploring the sanctuary organ and the other group went hands-on with the OrgelKids kit under the supervision of Jonathan Birner from the Southwest FL AGO Chapter. The children reconvened for some music making by blowing into a set of diatonic principal pipes. Linda Pointer arranged several simple songs allowing the students to "play by number." Following a delicious Pizza Lunch and ice cream sundae bar, the students were treated to a silent film accompanied by Tom Hoehn. Thank you to First UMC and all the Guild members who served, especially Timothy Belk and Linda Pointer who were coordinators of the day.



Pedals, Pipes and Pizza



In Memoriam

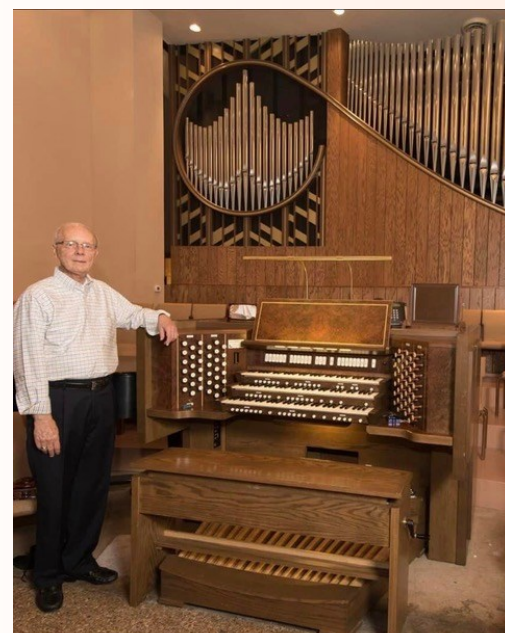
Donald M. Rolander
(July 15, 1942—November 1, 2022)

Donald M. Rolander died on Tuesday, November 1—All Saints Day 2022. Don was a well-known and loved musician in Pinellas County and beyond. He came to this area from Chicago and served several churches as organist/director but primarily for 42 years at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Largo from where he retired in 2017. Don served the Clearwater Chapter as an officer for many years and specifically as dean 1976-1979 and again 2001-2003. An obituary from *Tampa Bay Times* can be viewed [here](#).

Dean Shawn Thomas speaks for many of us in saying, “Don was a dear friend, colleague, and mentor to many of us as well as a dedicated member and past dean of the Clearwater AGO.”

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo. A reception will follow.

Memorial gifts can be made to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.



*Calendar—(Chapter events in **bold**)*

Sunday, November 13 3:00 p.m.	La Lucha Jazz Ensemble, featuring Bryan Hughes, Vocalist Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, November 20 4:00 p.m.	St. Pete Baroque First Presbyterian, St. Petersburg
Tuesday, November 29 12:00 p.m.	Advent Recital series, Timothy Belk St. Ignatius of Antioch, Tarpon Springs
Tuesday, December 6 12:00 p.m.	Advent Recital series Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin
Friday, December 9 7:00 p.m.	The Many Moods of Christmas First Presbyterian, St. Petersburg
December 9-11	Holiday Pops with FL Orchestra/Tampa Oratorio Singers Click here for tickets, venues and other details
Sunday, December 11 3:00 p.m.	Suncoast Bronze Ringers Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, December 11 7:00 p.m.	Lessons and Carols with Santa Lucia Procession Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Tuesday, December 13 12:00 p.m.	Advent Recital Series Trinity Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, December 18 4:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols with St Alfred's Cambridge Ringers, St. Alfred's Parish Choir of Adults and Organ
Sunday, December 18 4:00 p.m.	Carol Sing with Bells of Hope Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin
Sun/Mon Dec. 18/19 7:00 p.m.	Handel's <i>Messiah, Part I</i> with Tampa Oratorio Singers Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa
Tuesday, December 20 12:00 p.m.	Advent Recital series, Mark Prater Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, January 8	Post-Christmas party at the home of Bobbie Hoopes with a soup, salad and dessert meal compliments of board members. Bring a non-perishable food item for RCS.
Sunday, January 8 3:00 p.m.	Tampa Spiritual Ensemble Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, January 15 3:00 p.m.	Vision Duo (percussion and violin) Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, January 22 4:00 p.m.	The 36th Annual Festival of Praise First Presbyterian, St. Petersburg
Sunday, January 22 6:00 p.m.	Choral Festival sponsored by Tampa AGO Chapter (<i>see details, p. 5</i>) Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa
Tuesday, February 28, March, 7,14,21,28	Lenten Tuesday Noon Recital Series at various locations
Sunday, March 19	Bach-a-thon at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

The Tampa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
invites you to participate in a

CHORAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, January 22, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church

3501 West San Jose Street
Tampa, Florida 33629

Rehearsal – Saturday, January 21, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. until Noon
(Call Time – 4:30 p.m. on Sunday for concert)

Come and join your voice with area choirs to present an afternoon concert of music of the masters! Music will be provided! Singers are encouraged to wear choir robes from their respective churches. A reception will follow.

Works by Vivaldi, Brahms, Bach, Tschesnokoff, Mozart, and Vaughan Williams will be sung by the mass choir accompanied by brass, organ, and piano.

The program will be conducted by

Nancy Callahan

Director of Music, Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church
Director of Music, Tampa Oratorio Singers

Contact Stephen Allen (Sub-Dean of the Tampa AGO) at slafl@aol.com to register yourself, your friends and/or your church choir.

Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, January 17, 2023

This program is in celebration of the
75th anniversary of the
Tampa Chapter of the AGO.

A free-will offering will be received to continue the ongoing work of the
Tampa Chapter through the
Margaret Smith McAlister Scholarship Fund for young organists.

New Casavant at St. Alfred's Episcopal

A new pipe organ is closer to reality as we see by these photos shared by Kevin Johnson, Organist/Choirmaster at St. Alfred's. Casavant said last month that 50% of the pipework has been finished. The St. Alfred's Organ project and David Moores Center for the Arts was also featured in *The Southern Cross* which is the newsletter for the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida. Installation is projected to be the summer of 2023.



Position Available

Choir Director/Pianist for Regency Oaks Senior Living Community in Clearwater. Rehearsals are weekly for one hour on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Preparation is for one or two shows a year at Regency Oaks featuring Broadway, show tunes and Movie themed music. Choir is approximately 20-30 voices. Contact Ginger Horton at (727) 791-3381 ext. 530.

New Musician at First Presbyterian, Dunedin

First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin has hired Lucas Weiss as Interim Director of Music and Organist beginning November 1. Lucas has 32 years experience as a church musician, starting at the age of 14, and has served churches in central Ohio, Massachusetts, and mostly recently Florida. He earned a Master of Arts in Church Music from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. Lucas and his husband, Scott, live in the Countryside area of Clearwater.



Lucas Weiss

Free Player Piano

An Aeolian Player Piano (with rolls) is available for free to an interested person willing to move it.

Contact Missy Larson in Dunedin FL (727) 483-4914

TAMPA BAY SYMPHONY

Our chapter has entered into a new partnership with the Tampa Bay Symphony!
Guild members may purchase tickets at a discounted price of \$15 using code AGO15.

Buy tickets today at: www.TampaBaySymphony.org

Winter 2023 “Innovation and Freedom”

- *Gershwin in Concert* – George and Ira Gershwin arr. Chuck Sayre
- *Symphony No. 1 “Afro-American Symphony”* – William Grant Still
- *Piano Concerto No. 1 in E-minor, Opus 11* – Frederic Chopin – Grigorios Zamparas, piano

Sunday, Jan 29, 2023 – 2:30 pm

[Ferguson Hall, Straz Center](#)

Tampa

Tuesday, Jan 31, 2023 – 8 pm

Sunday, Feb 5, 2023 – 2:30 pm

[Palladium Theater](#)

St. Petersburg



Advent Recital Series

Tuesdays 12:00 p.m.

November 29

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Tarpon Springs

December 6

Good Shepherd Episcopal, Dunedin

December 13

Trinity Presbyterian, Clearwater

December 20

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

December 6, 13 and 20 still need performers. Contact Shawn Thomas.

Reuter Organ Company to Downsize

Reuter Organ Company is planning to scale back operations with the impending sale of its 78,000-square-foot corporate facility in northwest Lawrence, the company's president and CEO Albert Neutel Jr. announced in October.

The building, built expressly for pipe organ building in 2001, is being sold to Harvesters, a Kansas City-based regional Feeding America food bank. Harvesters will take possession of the Reuter property at the end of the year.

According to the release, the decision to scale back isn't just because of the property sale, and the company isn't planning on moving to a different facility of similar size.

"With many key management and shop personnel anticipating retirement, the logistics and realities of continuing operations on the same scale at a new, more (appropriately) sized facility was determined to be impractical," the release said. Negotiations are underway for the sale of certain aspects of Reuter's production, and an auction is slated for late November to liquidate remaining equipment and inventory.

Neutel will continue Reuter's business on a limited scope. All of the company's currently contracted projects will be completed either in the current building or at a smaller local shop. Neutel will also continue maintenance and tuning services, consulting services and work on selected projects.



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Read about Stephen L. Allen's appointment on page 18.



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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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Grayce Hillman	(727) 642-7322 O, O/D, V
Roberta Hoopes	(727) 560-3962 D
Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099 O, O/D
Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 539-9903 O, O/D, V
Ron Turner	(727) 772-3268 O, O/D

AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING

Stephen Allen	(813) 968-7095 O, O/D
Peggy BeVille	(727) 726-8457 O
	(727) 403-8166 (cell)
Cheryl Brouette	(727) 453-0317 O
Tom Huffman	(727) 409-8726 O, O/D

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