

The American Guild of Organists

Windline—December 2022

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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From the Dean:

This past Monday as I was approaching the doors of the sanctuary to “clean up” the organ console after a busy Sunday morning, I noticed two pumpkins framing the entryway. Bright and orange, it jogged memories of living in the Midwest and experiencing corn mazes, changing leaves, and chilly nights. As I unlocked the doors, I was surprised to see some of our volunteers stringing lights on a Scotch Pine in anticipation of the yearly Angel Tree ministry. You know that smell of a freshly cut tree. The narthex was saturated in it. I must admit, my heart skipped a couple beats and a bit of panic set in. Where did November go? Is it Christmas already?



All of that being said, today I got just what I needed at St. Ignatius Church, where Timothy Belk performed a fabulous program for a Tuesday afternoon audience of 75 appreciative attendees. We were graced with thirty minutes to sit, relax, and simply enjoy organ music of the season. Seven members of our chapter will be performing on our Advent Recital Series in four different venues. I hope you have an opportunity to get away and enjoy at least one of these. You'll be glad you did.

On January 8, Bobbie Hoopes again is opening her home for our Epiphany party. Timothy Belk is making two varieties of soups, and board members are providing salad, bread, dessert, and beverages. Join us for this time together and bring a non-perishable food item or two for a donation to a local food bank. RSVP (text/call/email) to Peggy BeVille by January 2 (bevillep@gmail.com or 727-403-8166).

Merry Christmas,

Shawn Thomas, Dean

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

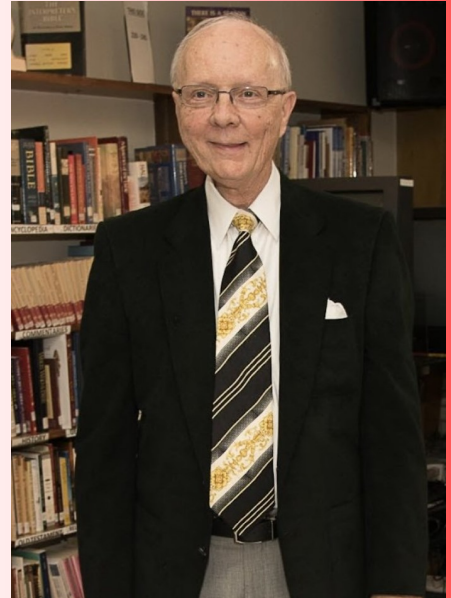
Sunday, December 4 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.	Let Heaven and Nature Sing Holiday Choral Concert Sykes Chapel, UT, Tampa
Tuesday, December 6 12:00 p.m.	Advent Recital series, Dr. Linda Pointer and Joshua Whiteneck Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin
Friday, December 9 7:00 p.m.	The Many Moods of Christmas 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, Peggy BeVille and Edwin Taylor 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 and Dr. Sandra Rogers 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

(Calendar, continued)

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. 6)</i> Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa
Sunday, January 26 6:30 p.m.	An Evening of Music with Chris Brunelle St. Patrick Catholic Church, Tampa
Friday, February 3 12:00 noon	First Friday Organ Recital, Simon Morley Sykes Chapel, UT, Tampa
Sunday, February 12 3:00 p.m.	Con Brio Piano String Quintet Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, February 12 4:00 p.m.	Transparent Sound with Dean Shostak First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg
Saturday, February 18 6:00 p.m.	Dinner and Hymn Sing (free tickets required) Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Saturday, February 18 7:00 p.m.	The Festival Singers of Florida First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg
Sunday, February 19 3:00 p.m.	Three Organ Spectacular, Seth Bott, John Lowe, Shawn Thomas Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
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
Saturday, April 15	Tour the Tampa Museum of Mechanical Instruments followed by lunch. (tentative)

Obituary

Donald “Don” Rolander, 80 years old, All Saints’ Day, Nov. 1, 2022, in Largo FL. He was born in Princeton, IL on July 15, 1942 to Robert and Irene Rolander. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Richard Rolander.



Don began piano lessons with his mother at the age of 8 and accepted his first church music position at 13 years old. In 1960 he graduated from the Sherwood Music School in Chicago. Organ teachers were Dr. Herbert L. White, Max Janowski, Benjamin Hadley, and Diane Bish. After moving to Florida in 1969, Don was employed by Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg and Temple Beth-El in Clearwater. He briefly served at St. Paul Lutheran in Clearwater. In 1975 he joined the staff at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Largo FL as Parish Musician where he oversaw the installation of Austin/Colby op. 2089/318 and founded the concert series *Art for Faith's Sake*. In 1976, Don presented a recital program throughout the country celebrating the American Bicentennial. He produced an album recorded at Prince of Peace Lutheran (Largo, FL), Coral Ridge Presbyterian (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), and Evangelical Covenant Church (Princeton, IL). That same year, Don joined Suncoast Concert Management as Vice President where he oversaw the recording, editing, and production of Diane Bish's earliest albums. After serving 42 years, Don retired from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017.

Don served two terms as Dean of the Clearwater Chapter of the AGO. He served as Dean of the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship Conference held at Eckerd College. He was a founding member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. He taught and mentored countless organ students and church musicians in the Tampa Bay area. Memorial contributions may be sent to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church c/o Art for Faith's Sake Series 455 Missouri Ave., Largo, FL 33770.

A memorial celebration of life was held November 11 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with a generous amount of festive music provided by the Prince of Peace Parish Choir lead by Dr. Shawn Thomas with organ, piano and a brass quintet.

In Memoriam

Dr. Frederick L. Swann, FAGO

1931-2022

Frederick Lewis Swann, 91, died peacefully at home in Palm Desert, CA on November 13, 2022. He was past president of the AGO (2002-2008) and a concert organist, choral conductor and recording artist of great distinction. A full obituary can be read by clicking [here](#) to go to the AGO Headquarters site.



Advent Recital Series

Tuesdays 12:00 p.m.

November 29

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Tarpon Springs
Timothy Belk

December 6

Good Shepherd , Dunedin
Dr. Linda Pointer and Joshua Whiteneck

December 13

Trinity Presbyterian, Clearwater
Peggy BeVille and Edwin Taylor

December 20

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Mark Prater and Dr. Sandra Rogers

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.

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(O=Organist only; O/D=Organist/Director; D=Director only; V=Vocalist)

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Brent Douglas	(727) 459-7025 O, O/D
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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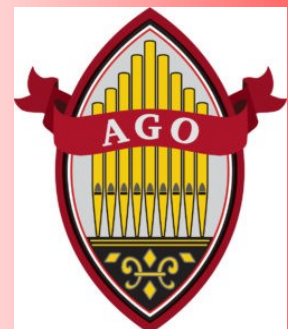
THE WINDLINE

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