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Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Dean's Message

Sumer is icumen in! I remember the catchy English canon from my Music History 1 medieval listening exam. It's true this time of year. Summer has arrived, maybe not on the calendar, but by all accounts. Easter Day is behind us, the choir folders are getting noticeably thinner, and the traffic starts speeding up as we see fewer license plates from Connecticut, Indiana, and Quebec. The 'dog days' are moving in quickly. As our church music programs wind down, your Clearwater AGO board is getting ramped up. What programs would you like to see this upcoming year? Has anything inspired you lately?

I'm looking forward to our June 11 gathering at St. Anne of Grace Episcopal Church. Our National AGO Chief Membership Officer, Elizabeth George, will be flying in just to attend our end-of-season gathering "Sizzling Summer Shades and Swells" (see details on p. 4.) She is not only installing officers, but will bring us an encouraging word as we continue our duty as cultivators and creators of organ and choral music. Our colleagues from Tampa and St. Petersburg Chapters are invited, and many have already let me know they'll be making the trek to our neck of the woods. I hope you will, too!



Elizabeth George

Shawn Thomas, Dean

P.S. Don't forget to RSVP by June 5 (shawn@poplargo.org)

A Day at the Museum



On Saturday April 29, a group visited the private instrument collection of Mark Yaffe in Tampa. Mark is a collector of all things automatic: player pianos, organs, orchestrions, automatic banjos, violanos, PianOrchestras, and a variety of music boxes. Following the one hour tour, the group enjoyed lunch together at Mission BBQ. Thanks Linda and Ferdinand Pointer for coordinating this event!





Time to Renew?

The easiest way to renew is to sign on to the AGO National website (agohq.org) and use the ONCARD program. Enter your username and password to access your account and members-only benefits, including the AGO Job Center and special discounts.

If you have not done it this way before, your username is the first letter of your first name followed by your last name, with no space in between. Your default password is your member ID which is found just to the left of the date on the address label of *The American Organist* magazine.

You can also renew with a credit card by calling the national office (212) 870-2310.

American Guild of Organists Clearwater, St. Petersburg, and Tampa Chapters
Sizzling Summer Shades and Swells

presenting Elizabeth George, Chief Membership Officer

Sunday, June 11 ~ 5 p.m.

Saint Anne Episcopal Church

6650 113th Street, Seminole

~ Complimentary Dinner ~

colossal shrimp cocktail with chunky horseradish sauce;
summer tamed greens, cantaloupe, shaved parmesan,
diced strawberries, and blush wine vinaigrette;

choice of sliced grilled chicken breast or beef tenderloin medallions;

Florida key lime tartlets garnished with leafy mint; freshly squeezed lemon pineapple cocktail

Calendar—(Chapter events in **bold**)

May 5-7	Mendelssohn's <i>Elijah</i> with Master Chorale and Florida Orchestra
May 7-9	Sacred Music Workshop University of Florida with Vicki Schaeffer, Laura Ellis and others
Sunday, May 21 6:00 p.m.	Tampa Oratorio Singers: A Taste of Broadway Fundraiser, \$50.00 Palma Ceia Presbyterian, Tampa
Sunday, June 11 5:00 p.m.	Officer Installation/Banquet with dinner provided. Elizabeth George, Chief Membership Officer, AGO National St. Anne of Grace Episcopal Church , Seminole
June 18-21	Southeast Region Convention, Augusta GA & Aiken SC See more information on p. 4 or click here

Chapter Scholarship Funds

The Chapter has two scholarship funds that have primarily been used to offer financial assistance to young organists wishing to study organ with a chapter member teacher. The Ken Grom Education Fund was established not only for assistance in organ study but any educational activity such as workshops, attendance at conventions, Pipe Organ Encounter or other event.



A second fund, The Edward and Gloria M. Peterson Scholarship Fund was established to offer financial assistance to young organists through lesson fees, tuition, printed music, organ shoes and other expenses involved in studying the organ.

The scholarships are available to interested students who apply and are recommended by a piano or organ teacher. The financial awards are paid directly to the organ teacher and may also include cost of printed music. Teachers are experienced organ instructors who are active in their profession and a member of the Clearwater AGO Chapter. Scholarship recipients are highly encouraged to continue piano study during the term of their scholarships. Recipients are expected to perform for the AGO chapter sometime during the year.

Generally, half the cost of the teacher's lesson fee would be covered, however based on financial need, full lesson costs may also be considered.

An application form and further information is available by going to the Clearwater Chapter's website: clearwaterago.org. Click on the 'Information' tab and then the drop-down 'Scholarships.' You could also contact the Scholarship Chair, Tom Huffman at (727) 409-8726 or hufftom@aol.com.

Your tax deductible gift can be made to either Fund with a check made to Clearwater AGO and 'Scholarship' in the memo line.



Positions Available

Anona United Methodist Church, Largo seeks an Organist and Traditional Worship Director. Full-time position, salary is \$50,000/year plus benefits and offers opportunities for additional income. Starting date is June 1, 2023. Email resume and links to video recordings including organ and piano work to Jeremy@anona.com

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin will need a cantor/choir tenor beginning September 2023. Compensation is \$75.00 per week. Contact Tom Huffman, Organist/Choirmaster at hufftom@aol.com or (727) 409-8726.

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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Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099 O, O/D
Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 539-9903 O, O/D, V
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AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING

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