



THE WINDLINE

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2016

The newsletter of the
Clearwater Chapter, American Guild of Organists

www.clearwaterago.org

Stephen Allen, Chapter Dean

email: slafl@aol.com

In this Issue of The Windline ...

2016—2017 Program Calendar.....	2
2016—2017 Program Calendar, can't.....	3
Silent Movie Flyer.....	4
Meet Our New Member.....	5
Peace Memorial Concert Series.....	6
AGO National Elections.....	7
AGO National Elections, con't.....	8
AGO Membership Renewal Info.....	9
Dunedin Chorus Announcement.....	10
Substitutes / Positions Available.....	11

CLEARWATER AGO 2016 / 2017

OFFICERS

Dean:	Stephen Allen
Sub-Dean:	Mark Prater
Secretary:	George Algozzina
Treasurer:	Bob Booth

BOARD MEMBERS

2016:	Bob Booth Mark Prater, AAGO, ChM
2017:	George Algozzina Don Rolander
2018:	Carol Alexander Bob Shone
2019:	Matthew Burke Bradley Swope

*Board Meetings are held on the first
Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM at:
First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
455 Scotland Street
Dunedin, Florida 34698
Next Board Meeting: August 17, 2016*

GROM EDUCATION FUND

Tom Huffman, Chair
email: hufftom@aol.com

PLACEMENT COORDINATOR

Priscilla Ortoski
email: tap.tortoski1@verizon.net

Dean's Message

Hello!

I am honored once again to be your Dean and will fulfill the duties of this noble office to the best of my abilities. With the more than capable Executive Board, I know this will be an easy task.

Your board met and planned the events of our 2016-2017 year. I know you will be as pleased as I am with the programs scheduled. Much thought was put into each event and now comes the pleasure of having them unfold.

In this edition of the WINDLINE you will find a complete listing of our programs. Mark all of them on your calendars now so that they will be the first entries on your calendar and thus have the highest importance. Your attendance at our events is essential to the life of our chapter. This is your guild! As always the board and I continually seek the input from our members. Let us know if you have a suggestion for a program or event. We would love to hear from you!

Also in this newsletter we are pleased to welcome new member into our chapter. Shawn Thomas joins us with dual membership from Pensacola.

Our first meeting on Saturday, September 17 will be a most enjoyable evening. Who would not enjoy a delicious dinner followed by a silent movie with live organ accompaniment? See the details in this newsletter and make your reservations now! Bring your friends!

As I said earlier, this is your guild and your chapter. Let us hear from you!

Stephen Allen

Program Calendar 2016 / 2017

SEPTEMBER

"THE SON OF THE SHIEK" FEATURING TOM HOEHN, ORGANIST

Saturday, September 17, 2016: 6:00 PM Dinner; 7:00 PM Movie Begins

First United Methodist Church of Clearwater 411 Turner Street Clearwater, FL 33756

Our September season kick-off event will be a fun evening of dinner and the silent movie "The Son of the Shiek" starring Rudolph Valentino and accompanied by the incomparable Tom Hoehn.

\$15.00 per person dinner will be an excellent catered barbeque meal. Checks (no cash please) should be sent to:

Robert L. Booth 3316 San Bernadino Street Clearwater, FL 33759-3619

Event Co-Chairs: Bob Booth Email: rleroy48@yahoo.com

Bradley Swope Email: bswope@tampabay.rr.com

OCTOBER

PIPE SCREAMS

Friday, October 28, 2016: 6:00 PM Potluck Dinner; 7:00 PM Concert Begins

First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin 455 Scotland Street Dunedin, Florida 34698

We will enjoy a "pot-luck" feast at 6:00 p.m. in Hager Hall prior to the program. Open your tastiest "can of worms" and "dig up" that old "buried" recipe and join members and friends of the guild for a meal before the show! Beverages of tea and water and coffee will be provided.

Costumes are encouraged. This is a night of wonderful entertainment and silly fun. If you have a "number" you'd like to get on the program, contact Steve Allen as soon as possible. There is still time to be added!

Event Chair: Stephen Allen Email: slafl@aol.com

NOVEMBER

JONATHAN HEHN RECITAL AND RECEPTION

Sunday, November 20, 2016: 3:00 PM

Trinity Presbyterian Church 2001 Rainbow Drive Clearwater, Florida 33765

"Semper Reformanda: Celebrating 500 years of Reformation heritage." There will be works by Buxtehude, Scheidt, Reger, Distler, as well as contemporary composers.

Event Chair: Bob Booth Email: rleroy48@yahoo.com

DECEMBER

HOLIDAY DINNER AND MUSIC

Tuesday, December 27, 2016: 6:00 PM

Alfano's Restaurant 1702 Clearwater-Largo Road, No. Clearwater, FL

Event Chair: George Algozzina Email: georgetalgozzina@hotmail.com

JANUARY

PAUL JACOBS RECITAL AND RECEPTION

Sunday, January 29, 2017: 3:00 PM

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 455 Missouri Avenue, North Largo, FL 33770

Concert sponsored in part by the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

An extraordinarily expressive performer and an intensely intelligent musician, Grammy Award-winning organist Paul Jacobs is helping the "King of Instruments" retake its rightful place in classical music. In 2003 Jacobs was invited to join the faculty of the Juilliard School and the following year, was named chairman of its organ department, making him one of the youngest faculty appointments in the school's history.^[1] Winning accolades and awareness for the pipe organ from both critics and audiences alike, Jacobs has performed on five continents, and by the age of 32 performed in each of the 50 United States.

Event Chair: Don Rolander Email: don@poplargo.org

FEBRUARY

DWIGHT THOMAS CONCERT - "PIPE ORGAN: ROBUST ROMANTICS"

Sunday, February 12, 2017: 7:00 PM

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church 110 South Ft. Harrison Avenue Clearwater, Florida 33756

Concert sponsored in part by the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

A lovely and varied program emphasizing works from Romantic composers including Mendelssohn, Brahms, Widor, and Vierne utilizing Peace Memorial's magnificent Cassavant pipe organ at the hands and feet of Dwight Thomas, Director of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Event Chair: Carol Alexander Email: calexander@peacememorial.org

MARCH

MEMBER'S RECITAL AND RECEPTION

Sunday, March 26, 2017: 3:00 PM

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 455 Missouri Avenue, North Largo, FL 33770

Event Chair: Don Rolander Email: don@poplargo.org

APRIL

ORGAN CRAWL AND LUNCH

Saturday, April 22, 2017: 9:30 AM

A joint event with the Clearwater and St. Petersburg Chapters of the American Guild of Organists

An exciting morning spent visiting The Palladium and St. Thomas Episcopal on Snell Isle, followed by group lunch, and an afternoon visit to St. Peter's Cathedral in St. Petersburg. A great collaborative twin chapter event!

Event Chair: Stephen Allen Email: slafl@aol.com

MAY

END OF YEAR BANQUET AND INSTALLATION

Sunday, May 7, 2016: 6:00 PM Dinner; 7:00 PM Installation

St. Alfred's Episcopal Church 1601 Curlew Road Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Catered dinner and installation of 2017-2018 officers.

\$15.00 per person for dinner. Checks (no cash please) should be sent to:

Robert L. Booth 3316 San Bernadino Street Clearwater, FL 33759-3619



"The Son of the Sheik"

featuring pipe organ accompaniment by:

Tom Hoehn

...and a Bar-B-Que Feast!!

Tom Hoehn is a native of St. Joseph, Missouri where he began playing the organ at an early age and playing in church at age twelve. Tom studied classical and popular organ through high school and college. He has appeared as the organist for the Florida State Fair, Tampa Bay Rowdies Soccer Club, and Boston Red Sox Spring Training in Winter Haven, Florida. He was one of the original four organists at J. Burns' Pizza & Pipes in Tampa, Florida along with Don Baker. Tom moved to the new J. Burns' Pizza & Pipes in Winter Haven, Florida and remained there for four years.



Tom was the charter-signing secretary for the Central Florida Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (CFTOS) in 1978. Tom currently holds membership in 4 different chapters of the American Theatre Organ Society.

Saturday, Sept. 17

6:00 PM Dinner - 7:00 PM Movie



First United Methodist Church of Clearwater
411 Turner Street - Clearwater, FL 33756

\$15.00 per person will include an excellent catered barbeque dinner.

Checks (no cash please) should be sent to:

Robert L. Booth 3316 San Bernadino Street Clearwater, FL 33759-3619

Meet Our New Member!

Beginning in September, Shawn Thomas will begin an appointment as organist at Anona United Methodist Church in Largo, Florida. Shawn is currently finishing up a degree at the University of Kansas, pursuing the Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ and Church Music under the direction of Dr. Michael Bauer. In 2013, Shawn earned the Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from the University of Florida with Dr. Laura Ellis. A native of the Florida Panhandle, Shawn received a BA in History, and a BM in Organ Performance from the University of West Florida. While at KU, he has also studied organ with Dr. James Higdon, choral conducting with Dr. Michael Bauer, and improvisation with Dr. Kevin Vogt.



While at the University of Florida, Shawn served as associate organist and music intern at First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville. During that time, he performed the world premiere of Aaron David Miller's Chorale Fantasy on "Ein Feste Burg," commissioned in honor of the tenth anniversary of the C.B. Fisk pipe organ, op. 119. Shawn comes from First Congregational Church in Topeka, KS, where he served as organist and director of music at First Congregational Church, as well as organist at First Christian Church, Topeka.

REFER A NEW MEMBER!



2016 — 2017 Concert Series

110 S Fort Harrison Avenue - Clearwater, FL 33756

October 9, 2016 - "Majesty of Brahms" We open our season series with a classical concert featuring two complex and exciting piano quartets by Johannes Brahms. This music has moments of great power and also of great tenderness and intimacy. World class players Mikhail Kopelman, violin; Carol Rodland, viola; Scott Kluksdahl, cello; and Rebecca Penneys will mine the depths of these great works.

November 13, 2016 - "From Swing to Jazz Samba" Frequent performers at the Palladium's Side Door Jazz Club, the vibrant Nate Najar Trio brings us a delightful program of swinging tunes with a Latin flare. The Clearwater Jazz Classic helped us book these artists and all attendees will be offered discounted tickets to the Jazz Classic hosted on Clearwater Beach the following weekend.

December 11, 2016 - "Merry Christmas from St. Petersburg (Russia)" Coming to us all the way from Russia, the dramatic ChoRuss Vocal Ensemble will treat us to their rich voices and stir your holiday spirits. Their program will feature Russian classics by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff and more, plus delightful folk tunes.

January 15, 2017 - "Gospel Voices" With forty young, strong voices, the Bethune-Cookman College Chorale will inspire us with an uplifting and varied vocal program. Their wonderful renditions of gospel and classical melodies will make for a perfect celebration of the Martin Luther King holiday.

February 12, 2017 - "Pipe Organ: Robust Romantics" Peace Memorial's magnificent Cassavant pipe organ will be put through its full paces by Dwight Thomas, Director of Music and Organist at St. Peter's Cathedral. With a Masters in Music from Indiana University, Mr. Thomas will present a lovely and varied program emphasizing works from Romantic composers, including Mendelssohn, Brahms, Widor, and Vierne.

March 12, 2017 - "Young Genius of the Piano" Just in time to brighten our Spring, award winning teenage concert pianist Noah Waddell will bring us classical masterworks from Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, and more. Noah hales from Ft. Myers and has been wowing audiences since he started performing concerts at the tender age of ten.

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS ELECTS 2016–2018 NATIONAL COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCILLORS

AGO National Election Results Announced at AGO National Convention

NEW YORK CITY—Today, July 1, 2016, four newly elected officers, three national councillors with portfolio, and seven regional councillors begin their two-year term of leadership on the National Council and Board of Regional Councillors of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). Election results were reported and councillors were installed on Wednesday, June 22, during the AGO Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the AGO National Convention in Houston, Tex. In addition, in accordance with AGO Bylaws, AGO Past President John Walker will remain on the Council as a non-voting member for a period of one year. The non-voting AGO Executive Director also serves as an ex officio member of Council. Election results follow:

NATIONAL COUNCIL

President

Michael Bedford, AAGO, ChM (Tulsa, Okla.)

Vice President / Councillor for Competitions and New Music

Eileen Hunt, AAGO (Salem, Mass.)

Secretary / Councillor for Communications

Mary V. Stutz (Williamsburg, Va.)

Treasurer / Councillor for Finance and Development

Barbara Adler, SPC (Ithaca, N.Y.)

Councillor for Conventions

Michael Velting (Nashville, Tenn.)

Councillor for Education

Don Cook, AAGO (Provo, Utah)

Councillor for Membership

David K. Lamb, CAGO (Clarksville, Ind.)

Non-Voting (Ex officio) Members of the AGO National Council

AGO Past President

John Walker, FAGO (Baltimore, Md.)

AGO Executive Director

James E. Thomashower, CAE (New York, N.Y.)

Seven regional councillors were also elected during the national election. In accordance with the Guild's new organizational structure, the regional councillors will be represented on the National Council through the Chair of the Board of Regional Councillors. During the AGO National Convention in Houston, Matthew Burt (West Regional Councillor) was elected to serve in this capacity.

BOARD OF REGIONAL COUNCILLORS

Northeast Region

Cheryl Duerr, AAGO (Attleboro, Mass.)

Mid-Atlantic Region

Glenn L. Rodgers, AAGO (Delran, N.J.)

Southeast Region

Homer Ferguson III (Pinehurst, N.C.)

Great Lakes Region

Karl Bruhn (Batavia, Ill.)

North Central Region

Marilyn Schempp, SPC (Sioux Falls, S.Dak.)

Southwest Region

Vicki Schaeffer (Norman, Okla.)

West Region

Matthew Burt, SPC (Palo Alto, Calif.)

"The process of nominating 14 candidates to serve on the National Council and an equal number of candidates for the seven Regional Councillor positions is a major undertaking," reported AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. "It requires a conscientious effort among seven Regional Nominating Committees and the AGO's National Nominating Committee. More than 40 volunteers are involved in finding two highly qualified nominees for each office. We thank all of the nominees for their willingness to serve in these volunteer positions."

The election was held from April 1–30 and managed by Intelliscan Inc., an independent election management firm engaged by the AGO to administer the election, receive the ballots, and tabulate the results. The total number of ballots cast was 5,514, representing responses from approximately 35% of the Guild's membership. "The ability to vote and elect the Guild's leaders is both a benefit and a responsibility of membership," added Thomashower. "With so many outstanding candidates, members were faced with many hard choices. As is often the case, some of the races were not decided until the final ballots were cast. I extend my sincere thanks to all members who took part in the election. Our organization's future will be shaped by the leaders you have selected."

Detailed election results can be found in the July issue of The American Organist Magazine, p.7.

Sincerely yours,



F. Anthony Thurman

Director of Development and Communications



ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



It's Time to Renew Your AGO Membership

Benefits for members on the traditional July 1 — June 30 membership year will end soon for those who have not renewed for the 2016-2017 year. To avoid interruption of your AGO membership benefits, including your monthly TAO subscription, please send your renewal payment as soon as possible.

You may use **ONCARD** to quickly and securely renew online with a credit card or to print out your invoice and pay by check.

Membership in the Guild comes with many benefits, including the following:

- connect with other organists
- enhance your skills as an organist and choral conductor
- celebrate the organ in historic and evolving contexts
- discover news of the organ and choral world online and in *The American Organist*
- nurture new organists of all ages
- share knowledge and expertise
- enjoy camaraderie at chapter events and conventions
- find inspiration and challenge
- receive encouragement from colleagues
- experience great organs and organists
- access career opportunities and job listings
- earn professional credentials through AGO certification

Renew your membership today.

<https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>

DUNDIN COMMUNITY CHORUS NAMES

STEPHEN ALLEN AS NEW DIRECTOR

AND BEGINS ACCOMPANIST SEARCH!

The City of Dunedin Parks and Recreation Department has selected Stephen L. Allen to lead its Dunedin Community Chorus...a 70+ member chorus with 44 years of history and tradition in the Dunedin community and beyond. The chorus meets at the Dunedin Community Center located at 1920 Pinehurst Road in Dunedin, FL 34698.

Born in Winston-Salem, NC, Stephen had his musical training at the NC School of the Arts, Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, NC, Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, NC, and at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN. He has been active in the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and the American Guild of Organists his entire career, holding offices in each.

As the chorus prepares for its upcoming season, **an accompanist is needed for rehearsals, concerts, and special performances.** Rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Dunedin Community Center. **For more information, please contact Stephen Allen directly via email at: slafl@aol.com, by home phone at (813) 968-7095, or by cell phone at (813) 997-7859.**



SUBSTITUTE ORGANISTS / DIRECTORS / ACCOMPANISTS / VOCALISTS

(O = Organist, O/D = Organist/Director, CD = Choir Director, V = Vocalist)

Please send updates or corrections for this list to Placement Coordinator **Priscilla Ortoski** by calling (727) 845-4745 or emailing her at tap.tortoski1@verizon.net. Note: *Inclusion in the two lists below does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills, and thus it encourages interviews with all prospective substitutes.*

Roberta Hoopes	727-442-8333	CD
Peggy BeVille	727-726-8457	O - (Cell 727-403-8166)
Dr. Linda Pointer	727-441-1099	O or O/D
Mark Prater	727-536-2698	O or O/D
Dr. Sandra Rogers	727-560-2376	O or O/D or V
Cheryl Brouette	727-453-0317	O
Grayce Hillman	727-642-7322	O or O/D or V

SUBSTITUTE ORGANISTS FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

(Other than Sunday mornings)

Stephen Allen	813-968-7095
Grayce Hillman	727-642-7322
Tom Huffman	727-409-8726
Dr. Linda Pointer	727-441-1099

Mark Prater	727-536-2698
Cheryl Brouette	727-453-0317
Dr. Sandra Rogers	727-560-2376

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Full job descriptions are available on the chapter website under "Available Positions"
(Positions are listed for three month periods. Please contact the editor to extend the listing.)

Crescendo: The Tampa Bay Women's Chorus BEGINS ACCOMPANIST SEARCH!

September will mark the beginning of Crescendo's 2nd year under the artistic direction of Linda Ruescher.

Crescendo was started in 1992 by founding artistic director, Sunny Hall. During the choruses 25 years of performing, they have not only entertained local audiences in the Tampa Bay area and around the state of Florida, but they have also traveled to participate in choral festivals in San Jose, Montreal, Chicago, New York City and Denver.

As the chorus prepares for its upcoming season, **an accompanist is needed for rehearsals, concerts, and special performances.** Rehearsals are held on Sunday evenings from 5:30 – 7:45 pm, alternating between Tampa and St Petersburg. **For more information, please contact Kathie Michael, General Manager via email at: info@crescendosings.org, or by cell phone at 813-990-9482.**



Note: Notices are printed exactly as received. There are no editorial changes with regard to content or grammar.