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CLEARWATER AGO 2013-2014

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*Board Meetings are held at
St. Alfred's Episcopal Church,
1601 Curlew Road Palm Harbor.*

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2013 9:30 a.m.

GROM EDUCATION FUND

Tom Huffman, Chair
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Dean's Message

I hope as the summer winds down and the school year approaches that you have found some time to relax, recharge, and learn something new. Many of us attended some form of continuing education event, conference or convention and perhaps you took that opportunity as well. One of my two weeks away was at The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts biennial convocation in Pittsburgh PA. It is always an inspiration to experience organ playing, worship and choral singing at the highest level as was to be expected with two of the primary leaders of the week. David Cherwien, organist at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and Anton Armstrong, choral director at St. Olaf College, had much to offer the group. My point in sharing this is to say that I never come away from these events thinking 'I could never play like that,' or 'my choir will never sound that good.' It is instead an uplifting of the spirit, and an inspiration to reach new heights.

Your board has been working through the summer to produce exceptional programs for the coming year (see the listing on the inside page). We hope that early publication of the year's events and dates will allow you to give high priority to AGO events on your calendar.

Finally, with sadness we share in the loss of two friends and colleagues who were long-time members and officers of the Clearwater Chapter. Elizabeth Brodeen died July 19, 2013 and Jim Biggers died July 30, 2013. Jim was currently serving as an Executive Board member of the Chapter. Our sincere condolences to Elizabeth's family and husband, Gene (who served several terms as Clearwater Chapter's chaplain) and to Jim's family and wife, Cornelia.

See you in September!

Tom Huffman, Dean



From the

AGO REGION IV CONVENTION Columbia, S.C.

As a part of my annual Continuing Education offered by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church I was able to attend the Region IV Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Columbia, the capitol city of South Carolina during the first week of July.

The highlights for me were the beginning convocation at St. Mary's Catholic Church with their professional choirs (both children's and adults) under the direction of Mark Husey, which included commissioned works; and the closing Evensong at Trinity Cathedral (Episcopal) with choirs under the direction of Jared Johnson and Christopher Jacobson (formerly of the National Cathedral in Washington, DC).

Interestingly, when I spoke with Mr. Johnson the following morning with my compliments his response was that it was equally as thrilling for them to have the cathedral packed with such boisterous singing! Of course, there were the usual workshops and recitals which concluded with a post-convention concert with Christopher Houlihan at Winthrop University on the gorgeous G. Donald Harrison signature organ.

There were several attendees from FL including Laura Ellis, Councilor for our Region IV. Get ready for the National Convention next summer in Boston!

Don Rolander, past dean



Mark Your Calendars

Dinner & Anthem Sharing Session



Sunday, September 15, 2013

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
455 Missouri Ave.
Largo, FL

6:00 pm: Social Hour
6:30 pm: Dinner (Roast Beef)
7:30 pm: Anthem Sharing/Reading Session

Cost: \$12.00 per person

Deadline for sending in your reservation is
Wednesday September 11, 2013.

Please mail your check payable to the Clearwater
Chapter AGO to:

Kevin Johnson, Treasurer
2164 Clover Hill Road
Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Treasurer's Report for Period Ending July 31, 2013

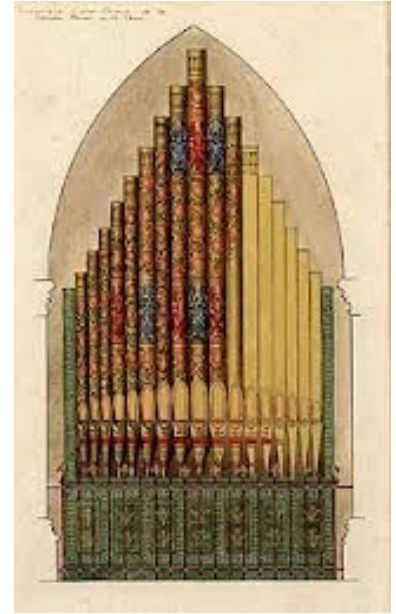
Bank Balance as of 5-31-2013 (Education & Operating Funds).....	\$6014.06
Combined Education Funds Balance (7-31-13).....	\$4656.94
Chapter Operating Funds (5-31-13).....	\$1394.12
Operating Income	\$2117.00
Total Operating Funds (7-31-13).....	\$3511.12
Total Operating Expenses	\$1956.10
Operating Fund Balance (7-31-13).....	\$1555.02
Bank Balance as of 7-31-13 (Education & Operating Funds)	\$6211.96



For submitting your
2013-2014 Annual
Dues!

2013-2014 Programs

- September 15, 2013: **Dinner and Choral Anthem Sharing Session**
6:00 pm Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo
- October 12, 2013: **Organ Expo**
10:00 am Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
- October 25, 2013 **Pipe Screams Concert**
7:00 pm First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin
- November 2-3, 2013: **AGO Choir Festival & Concert**
Saturday: 9:30 to Noon—Rehearsal
Sunday: 4:00 pm—Concert
First Methodist Church, Clearwater
Dr. James K. Bass, Clinician
- December 2, 2013: **Advent/Christmas Gathering: Cookies and Carols**
7:30 pm Home of Bob Booth
- January 12, 2014: **Organ Recital**, Tristan Rhodes, Organist
Time: TBA Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
- February 10, 2014; **Music for Weddings**
7:30 pm St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Largo
- March 16, 2014: **Early Music Festival**
3:00 pm Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
- April 6, 2014: **Organ Recital**, Mary Mozelle, Organist
4:00 pm Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
- May 18, 2014 : **Spring Banquet** Time: 6:00 pm - more information to follow



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 **Harryette Williams** by calling **727-596-5968** or emailing her at **hwilliams79@tampabay.rr.com**. 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.*

Janice Beach	727-391-3145	O - (temporary only)	Roberta Hoopes	727-442-8333	CD
Dorothy Olsen	727-784-8620	O - (Winter Resident)	Peggy BeVillie	727-726-8457	O - (Cell: 727-403-8166)
Dr. Linda Pointer	727-441-1099	O or O/D	Cheryl Brouette	727-785-8081	O
Dr. Sandra Rogers	727-937-9780	O or O/D	Edi Evans	727-446-3739	O or O/D
Grayce Hillman	727-642-7322	O or O/D			

SUBSTITUTE ORGANISTS FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

(Other than Sunday mornings)

Stephen Allen	813-968-7095	Robert Kirchner	727-674-5118	Grayce Hillman	727-642-7322
Cheryl Brouette	727-785-8081	Edi Evans	727-446-3739		
Dr. Linda Pointer	727-441-1099	Tom Huffman	727-409-8726		

POSITIONS AVAILABLE (Most Current Postings First)

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Haines City, FL is seeking a part-time Director of Music. Lamb of God is known for its strong music program which includes: a Fine Arts Program, a large Choir (40+ at peak season) and an Adult Handbell Choir. Salary in accordance with AGO Guidelines plus \$750 Medical Reimbursement. For more information about this position, please contact Pr. Joe Conner at (863)421-2811 or jconner@lambogodhainescity.com. Resumes, with cover letter and references, may be sent either via email or by regular mail to Lamb of God Lutheran Church, 901 Scenic Hwy., Haines City, FL 33844-8597. Deadline: August 15, 2013. (08-13)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, ELCA, 501 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33609, 2/3 time; **Salary:** \$30,000, 2 week's vacation, coordinated with the Pastor. **Position Summary:** Liturgical church seeks a musician who is a self starter, self disciplined, talented, eager, works well with children and people with varying musical abilities, understands music as a ministry of the church and as outreach into the community, and able to work in a variety of musical styles. Requires Bachelor's degree in music, music education, or church music and demonstrated knowledge of Lutheran Liturgy, liturgical practice and use of music in worship. Responsible for all aspects of Music program including Adult Choir, Children's Choir, and Handbell Choir; budget planning, concert series. Choirs include paid section leaders. For more information, submit resume and performance examples to the address above or by email to GSChurchOffice@gmail.com (08-13)

Grace Episcopal Church, 15102 Amberly Drive, Tampa is seeking a Music Director to oversee all aspects of the musical life at the Church. Salary commensurate with experience. For more information, contact Fr. Benjamin Twinamaani at 813-500-0970, canontwin@yahoo.com, resume appreciated. (08-13)

Hyde Park United Methodist Church, 500 W. Platt St., Tampa is seeking an Organist / Choir Accompanist. Two Sunday Services and Rehearsals. 49 Rank Reuter (3 manual) and 5 Rank Heissler (2 manual). For information contact Stephanie at: snichols@hydeparkumc.org, 813-253-5388 x 252. (08-13)

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Hudson FL is looking for a Music Director/Organist to begin as soon as possible. Church was newly remodeled 5 years ago, and new Allen Organ installed. Responsibilities are for 2 Sunday liturgies, 8 AM, and 11AM; one rehearsal during the week. 3 Manual Allen Organ. There are some extra contacts during Lent and Christmas. Wedding and funeral stipends are separate from salary. Please contact Henry Elan (727)255-4862, or email address is: henryelamgroup@yahoo.com (6/13)

United Methodist Church in South Tampa: Organist: Traditional Classical Worship, Annual Salary : \$16,100, Weddings: \$200 (Includes attending rehearsals) 16 weddings in 2013., Funerals: \$150, Special Services: \$100 (Ash Wednesday, Christmas Eve, Choir shows). Please email inquiries and resumes to Reverend Bruce Toms at bruce.toms@palmaceiaumc.org (6/13)

Faith Family United Church of Christ, Tampa—Keyboardist: Meets Sunday mornings at 10:30 and is in need of a keyboardist as of July 7th. Digital piano, "blended service" of contemporary praise, hymns from our UCC inclusive hymnal, *The New Century Hymnal*, music from Catholic and Protestant hymnals and music books from the '80s/'90s/'00s, classical pieces and other music ("The Prayer," Leonard Cohen's "Broken Hallelujah" and "You Raise Me Up") to enhance our worship each Sunday. We are a congregation that loves to sing, and we have a small music team that leads our music at service. A progressive congregation and denomination, and Faith Family is an open and affirming church community. For information, contact (Rev. Dr.) Kathy Rooke [813-482-2804](tel:813-482-2804) krooke@verizon.net (6/13)

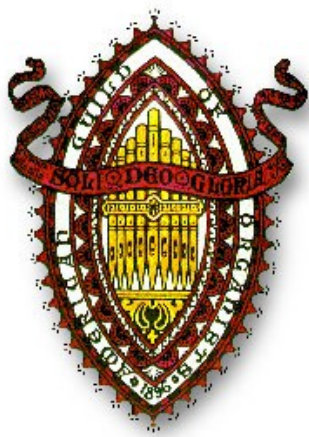


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American Guild of Organists

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

Thomas D. Huffman, Dean

July 3, 2013

The Clearwater Chapter of AGO is sponsoring a Choral Festival with area choirs November 2-3, 2013 with guest conductor Dr. James Bass, the artistic director of the Master Chorale of Tampa Bay. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Clearwater.

Our goal is to offer our church choirs the opportunity to sing with a relatively large choral group and to experience working with and learning from Dr. Bass. The plan is to rehearse on Saturday morning, probably 9:30-Noon, and then meet back on Sunday afternoon for a public concert of the five or six pieces we rehearsed along with several congregational hymns.

We are also aware that music budgets are stretched so that this needs to be produced economically and without great expense to our choirs.

You could help at this point with your response to three points:

- Affirm that this is valuable to you and your singers and that the chosen dates of the first weekend in November fit your calendar.
- Send me two anthem titles with composer that you would like us to consider doing. Some factors in the choice should be length of 3-4 minutes, pieces that you already have in your library would be a plus or that might be common in other church's libraries, and something not extremely difficult since massed rehearsal time for each work will be 20-25 minutes.
- Give a rough estimate of the number of singers in each part you might have attending.

I am very excited about this whole idea and the end result. We will, of course, open this to all chapter members and their churches, however this letter is just to ten of you that we thought would probably be interested.

I know some of you are vacationing or on study leave, however if you could respond before our next chapter board meeting on August 7 that would be helpful. Contact information:

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Thanks,

Tom Huffman
Chapter Dean