

APRIL 2014

(THE) SPRING HAS SPRUNG
Instrument Maintenance in a Pinch

Monday 7 April at 7 p.m.
Milwood United Methodist Kalamazoo
3919 Portage Rd 49001

How do we handle repair issues that come up at the last minute when there is no time to call in the organ technician?

What do some of our “seasoned” chapter members do when confronted with these situations?

What should – or more importantly what **not** should we do – when things like this happen?

Via an informal panel process, this is what we have planned for our gathering on Monday, April 7. We will have at least two technicians with us including Stephen Warner and Ken Holden. Al Bolitho and John Ourensma have agreed to join them, and we can probably expect many others present to share some of their favorite stories. The fellowship will continue with refreshments.

Milwood United Methodist is conveniently located one-half mile north of I-94 at airport Exit 78 (Portage and Kilgore Roads). We hope many of you will decide to join us!

BACH AROUND THE BLOCK NEXT
“The OK Chorale”

Coordinated by Tom Fielding, our 27th annual Bach Around the Block program will be a program of chorale preludes. The date is Monday, May 19. Watch next month’s issue for a list of performers and works!

In Memoriam

Connie M. Utrecht

October 1, 1937 – February 24, 2014

*Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine.
Requiescat in pace.*

New Membership Renewal Process
Announced by National AGO

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DEANLY PARAGRAPHS

Dr. Mark Wells

“Food for Thought”

Since our Convention last summer I have been thinking about the future of the funds we successfully realized. I would like to share one idea I have been perusing, concerning its possible use.

One of our missions as an organization is outreach and education to the communities in our chapter area. Several years ago in Battle Creek, some of our members gave a demonstration of the organ at W. K. Kellogg Auditorium for school-age children; it was presented in much the same way that an orchestra program for school-age children is often done. I would like to see such programs occurring regularly (as in annually), with our chapter presenting the program for children. One of the reasons, perhaps, that we have not been in a position to pursue this is the lack of funds in order to finance this (rental of halls with organs, publicity, etc.). I would like to see a new fund established, to be invested, in much the same way the Katy Loew Fund has been established, with the express purpose of education and outreach. I would also propose that the fund be named after our former dean, the late Dr. David Sly. Throughout Dr. Sly’s career, he showed a keen interest in education. This would be a fitting tribute to Dr. Sly’s work.

As the fund grows, the interest of this fund would be used for the purpose of such education and outreach. I would hope that this would be a useful tool to help young people to have the experience, as many of us have had, of seeing and hearing the wonderful sounds that the organ possesses.

Further details have yet to be ironed out, but this is the idea that we should be discussing. If you have any thoughts or comments, please feel free to pass them along. Thanks.

Have a blessed Spring and Holy Week

NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SYSTEM *from Registrar Steven Lieberman*

After several years of development and testing, the National AGO is launching a new online membership renewal system. Around March 18 you should have received a preliminary email announcement from ONCARD@agohq.org. While it is not yet time to actually renew your membership, you have been invited to access ONCARD to review and update your personal information – especially your email address. Using the March 18 email makes it very easy to do this, as the message includes several ONCARD links.

ONCARD stands for

Online National Collection and Remittal of Dues

When you do login to ONCARD, you will be asked for a username and password. Your username is your first initial plus your last name (e.g. slieberman); your password will be your Member ID number. For those who receive the TAO, that five-digit number is on your mailing label. Those who don't receive the TAO (e.g. chapter friends) can use a "click [here](#)" link to retrieve your password. For those who do use computers/email, it would be a good preparatory exercise for you to use this March 18 email message to login into your account and make the updates.

All those with active email addresses will eventually receive an invoice for renewing their memberships. Those without email addresses will receive the invoice through the U.S. mail. In both cases, you will now be sending your renewal directly to the National AGO. Our chapter will then receive its usual portion of your member dues from national headquarters.

As registrar, I will be our chapter's contact person for this new system. While you can email questions directly to the National AGO, I also hope to be helpful as we get comfortable with this new system.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I accessed ONCARD to check my personal information (some of which was, indeed, out of date) and ran into a snag which prevented me from finishing the task. I communicated that problem via a REPLY to the email message, and I received a response from AGO's Bill Valentine the very next day. The problem I described was fixed immediately, and I have now completed my update.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

New phone number for **Marcia Tuinstra**
(269) 491-0518

POSITION POSTINGS

Minister of Music needed for Trinity Lutheran Church in Paw Paw, Michigan. The part time position includes overall responsibilities for the music program. Interested candidate should contact Pastor Eric Gledhill at 269 290-5464 or Kathy Roedel at 269 998-4187 or kathyroedel@yahoo.com. *New listing.*

St. Philip Catholic Battle Creek is seeking a full-time musician to serve as both part-time Music Associate for St. Philip Church and part-time Director of Choral Activities at St. Philip High School. The choral program at the high school has been in abeyance for several years; this position should be seen as an opportunity to create a program from its inception. A practicing Christian faith tradition, as well as a strong knowledge of liturgy, chant, and Catholic music traditions is essential. The organ is E. M. Skinner's Opus 787. A full job description and details on the application process can be found online at www.stphilipbc.org (go to Contact Us / Forms). Also feel free to contact mwells@stphilipchurch-bc.org. *Second listing.*

KATY LOEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM *Applications now being accepted*

As noted earlier, we have established an ongoing application process based on our quarterly meetings. The first day of each meeting month will become an application deadline. Action on applications which come in after the deadline (but before we have that month's meeting) will be postponed to the following quarterly meeting. The next application deadline is May 1. We hope this procedure creates a more orderly application process as well as more applications.

ORGANizer CALENDAR

Please send entries to cdayday@chartermi.net as early as you wish. They will be entered in a master calendar and shared in each issue as space permits.

Colin Knapp Organ Recital on Thursday, April 3, at noon in First United Methodist Kalamazoo. A dual member of our chapter, Colin is organist at First Presbyterian Ypsilanti. The recital continues the church's Lenten Organ Recital Series. Free will offering.

University Chorale Concert on Sunday, April 6, at 3 p.m. in Milwood United Methodist Kalamazoo (3919 Portage St 49001). Under the direction of Dr. Kimberly Dunn Adams, Western Michigan University's premier choral ensemble will preview its spring concert tour program. Free will offering.

Choral Evensong on Sunday, April 6, at 5 p.m. in St Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (16 E Van Buren St 49017). Sung by the St Thomas Schola Cantorum: Introit by John Blow, responses by Graham Keitch (world premiere), canticles from Short Service in a Neo-Tudor Style by Eoghan Desmond (American premiere). Free will offering.

Bernie Foulk Organ Recital on Thursday, April 10, at noon in First United Methodist Kalamazoo. Bernie is the church's resident organist. His recital concludes this year's Lenten Organ Recital Series. Free will offering.

The Laughing Waters Piano Quartet presents their debut performance on Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. at Richland Presbyterian (on the village square). The program is part of the church's Village Green Arts series. Post performance reception with refreshments. Freewill offering.

Sacred Music at the Cathedral on Palm Sunday, April 13, at 5 p.m. in St Augustine Cathedral Kalamazoo (542 W Michigan Ave 49007). Program includes Bach's *Widerstehe doch der Sünde* and Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* with strings and organ. Soloists will be soprano Corlyn Longer-Schreck, alto Sara Miller-Schulte, and counter-tenor Mark Wells. \$10 donation suggested.

Grand Music on Sunday, May 4, at 4 p.m. in First United Methodist Saint Joseph (2001 Niles Ave 49085). Part of the Twin Cities Organ Concert Series, the program will include 12 soloists, 18 instrumentalists, chorus, 2 organists and conductor Dr. Philip Peter. The cantata *Blessed are the Peacemakers* by Georgeann Weaver will be featured. \$10 suggested donation.

Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 4, at 5 p.m. in St Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (16 E Van Buren St 49017). Sung by the St Thomas Choral Scholars. Free will offering.

Visitatio Sepulchri by Early Music Michigan on Saturday, May 10, at 10 a.m. in Western Michigan University's Kanley Chapel. The performance is part of the 49th annual International Congress on Medieval Studies. No information was available re: public attendance.

Kalamazoo Ringers Spring Concert on Sunday, May 18, at 4 p.m. in Westwood Church of God Kalamazoo (711 Gorham Ln 49006). Free will offering.

Violin and Piano Recital on Sunday, May 18, at 4 p.m. in Central Reformed Grand Rapids (10 College Ave NE 49503). The Barker Series program features Jennifer Walvoord, violin, and Andrew Le, Piano. Free.

Colin Knapp Organ Recital on Sunday, May 18, at 5 p.m. in St Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (16 E Van Buren St 49017). Free will offering.

Year End Summer Concert for the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys with Martin Neary on Friday/Saturday, June 6/7, at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral of St Andrew Grand Rapids (301 Sheldon Blvd SE 49503). Free will offering.