

Chiff Chat— Summer Issue

Flag Day - July 4th



See AGO notes for the outline of fall schedule on page 2. The Dean's Message coming soon.

Dean: Larry Picard

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Michael Carney

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Karen Ducharme

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Martha Sienkiewicz, Secretary

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AGO notes 5/30/17 Executive Board Meeting May 30

Larry Picard's House. 6:30 pm Present: Larry Picard, James Barnes, Karen Banta, Martha Sienkiewicz, and Joe DiMarino.

Old Business Thank you notes from Thomas JI O'connor in memory of Becky's husband. Trinity Methodist Church also for Al Isaacson. Christ Church United Methodist of Southwick for Jerry Noble, Sr. The Board voted to donate \$200 each for Organ restoration projects to First Congo of Ashfield, and Orchard Covenant Church of Indian Orchard. Organ Academy has no one right now. Are there organ teachers who would take on new students? Joe DiMarino said he would welcome students. Just give his name and number.

New Business: Banquet. Karen reports 32 reservations and one extra payment. Karen has purchased six bottles of white wine and six bottles of red. Guild will pay for wine and save it for the future events. Louise Ammerman, Charles Page, Peter Beardsley, Lad and Martha will represent past deans. Deans will be invited to speak. Jim asks should we have a Treasurer's report? Yes. 70th Anniversary history.? Martha will try to put something together. (Be there at 5 pm)

Next Year's Program. Grant and Larry are set for Sept. 24 to do an opening event. Program of 3 pianos with Grant and two Larrys. 4 pm. Martha and Jim will do the food. Karen will have the wine.

The Berkshire Chapter is all for a dual event at Tanglewood. Early October. With Bill Czelusniak. What should we do for food? Let Berkshire Chapter decide on a restaurant for the afterglow. Joe DiMarino jrdeanmarino@gmail.com registrar.

Pipe Screams. Larry Picard, host. Food will be taken care of by the Woman who caters at South Church. Guild will pay. Saturday at 4 pm. Oct. 28 (Sat.)

January 27: Organist's Story Slam: Things that went wrong. St. Phillip's Easthampton will host. Donation from the chapter. Snow date: Feb. 3. 11 am to 1:30? Music giveaway. Pizza from across the street. Need to have a sign up for guaranteed presenters.

Handbell Workshop: March 10. Talk to Becky about having another memorable breakfast.... Closing Banquet: June 2 Saturday. Martha will work on restaurants for this. Northampton, Amherst....Deerfield. Monica Czausz is playing at the Kotchmer (Portland ME) on August 1. FoKo.org 7:30. Board members: no luck finding anyone to volunteer to be on the board. Should we reduce the size of our board? Perhaps it would be for the best. Thanks to Larry for hosting at his beautiful home with great appetizers and fine wine..... Meeting adjourned. (8:15)



In preparing for the 70th anniversary banquet, I discovered that there was no published history of the Springfield Chapter of the AGO.

A project for this coming year is to write some sort of history and post it on our website. Anyone who has memories of any fine moments at an AGO event, please write a description and send to martha@sienkiewicz.org

The intent is to collect them all in the next year, organize the blogs and render an online history for those who come after us. Before it is published on our website, a draft will be placed in the Chiff Chat for comments and editing. If you have questions, please call me at [\(413\) 568-8033](tel:4135688033).

Lary Grossman would like to offer our members a \$50 discount to register for the Montréal convention in July. Please contact him at elg@bradygrossman.com.

70th Anniversary Banquet Greenfield, MA













Montreal Organ Festival

Preparations for our 2017 Regional Convention produced collaboratively with the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) and the Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC) are moving at a rapid clip. Please encourage your members to register for the convention and hotel in January, if possible, since our date to adjust the room block with the hotel is January 31st. Thomas Leslie is the coordinator thomas.leslie@ciocm.org

We would like to make it possible for any student who wishes to attend to come to the festival. Anyone or any chapter can sponsor a student for \$750 CAD which is approximately \$563 in today's exchange rate (approx 25% discount) - this included room and convention registration and a small per diem for meals, misc. Student sponsors may choose to meet the student(s) they sponsor and have lunch (on the festival) with the students.

Festival website - Book the hotel from the website to be sure to get the convention rate.
<http://www.montrealorganfestival.org>

Hartford POE, July 16-21, 2017

Our 2017 POE is in Hartford, CT, housed at Trinity College, a highly regarded small college with a beautiful campus. Vaughn Mauren is the Coordinator vmauren@gmail.com

Here is a link to their webpage where you can find information, a brochure and register
<http://www.hartfordago.org/poe-2017/>

Regional Nominating Committee

the Regional Convention, the Regional Nominating Committee will be choosing 2 candidates for Regional Councilor for the 2018 elections. If you are interested in having your name put forth, or if you know an ideal candidate, please contact Lars Gjerde, committee chair lars@larsgjerde.com. . Others on the committee are Michael Hey michael.hey@gmail.com, Katelyn Emerson katelyn.emerson@gmail.com, Kevin Walsh krwkrwkrw@aol.com, and Alain Bojarski alain.bojarski@comcast.net

The Organ Academy

One of the stated purposes of the American Guild of organists is " *To improve the proficiency of organists and choral conductors .*" With a desire to further that goal, the Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has established the Organ Academy. Chapter members are able to study with a local teacher, and have the cost of lessons subsidized by the chapter. The current amount available per student is \$250 per year, payable in 10 installments directly to the teacher. For further information and application materials, please contact "Education and Outreach"
Martha Sienkiewicz: martha@sienkiewicz.org

Regional Convention in Montreal – July 2-7, 2017

Get your passports updated!

This regional convention is a special affair because it is being planned jointly with the Royal Canadian College of Organists. Performers include Roomful of Teeth, y Rhodes, Nathan Laube, Olivier Latry, and the choir of Kings College Cambridge which will do evensong each evening of the convention, among many other notable performers.

Our 2017 regional convention coincides with the Montreal Jazz Festival, www.montrealjazzfest.com/default-en.aspx, The 150th Anniversary of Canada,

canada.pch.gc.ca/

eng/1468262573081, and the 375th anniversary of the founding

of Montreal, www.tourisme-montreal.org/blog/montreals-375th-celebrations-2017/. It is sure to be an exciting week.

Registration is now open at

www.Montrealorganfestival.org and the deadline for early registration is March 2, 2017. Today's exchange rate is .7573 American dollars to equal a Canadian dollar, making the member rate before March 2nd \$300.

Also find us on Facebook at Montreal Organ Festival. The Festival is the Regional Convention for the Northeast Region, the National Convention for the RCCO (Royal Canadian College of Organists, and the CIOC (Canadian International Organ Competition)

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\$10 (\$5 Students and Seniors)

Reception following the concert

2pm Sunday June 18, 2017





Sacred Music at the Red Door

Mark your calendar now for
Sacred Music at the Red Door Events 2016-2017

Worship Ancient and Beautiful: Choral Evensong *Free admission, donations accepted*
Experience the beautiful, ancient custom of closing the day with graceful readings, prayer and music.

Selected Last Sundays of the Month, 5:00 p.m.

September 25, 2016: St. James's Choir, West Hartford, Vaughn Mauren, Organist/Choirmaster

October 30, 2016: St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs, Scott Lamlein, Organist/Choirmaster

January 29, 2017: Choir of Center Church, Hartford, William Ness, Organist/Choirmaster

February 26, 2017: St. John's Youth Choir

March 26, 2017: Bishop's Choir School of Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield, David Pulliam,
Organist/Choirmaster

April 30, 2017: St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

*Followed by Choral Festival and Evensong at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York,
Saturday, May 6, 4:00 p.m.*

The Nields – St John's Block Party *Free!*

Local favorite folk duo, The Nields, present a family-friendly and fun concert on our south lawn – join us for great music, food trucks, and more!

Sunday, September 18, 2016, 1:00 p.m. (Block party 12-3 p.m.)

Winners Recital: Albert Schweitzer International Organ Competition *Free!*

Celebrating 25 years of launching the careers of the brightest stars in the pipe organ world, the winners of last year's competition present an inspiring recital.

Saturday, October 1, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols *Free admission, suggested donation \$20*

The St. John's Adult and Youth Choirs

Scott Lamlein, director; Floyd Higgins, organ

Sunday, December 11, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

Gospel at the Red Door: Legacy of Spirituals Singers *Free admission, suggested donation \$20*

An evening of joyful Gospel music, under the direction of Hartford's own G. Ingrid Faniel.

Saturday, March 11, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Celebrity Organ Concert: Chelsea Chen, organist, with Joseph Lee, cello

Free admission, suggested donation \$20

Co-sponsored by the Greater Hartford Chapter, American Guild of Organists

Sunday, June 4, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Pipes Alive! Organ Series – First Sundays in 2017 – 12:30pm *Free admission, donations accepted*

February 5: Scott Lamlein

March 5: Floyd Higgins

April 2: Christa Rakich

May 7: Peter Niedmann

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***Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists
70th Anniversary***

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Dear Members:

If you have e-mail, please consider receiving the monthly Chiff Chat at your e-mail address. It is easy to access. It never gets lost or misplaced and will put some of your yearly dues to another use. We are very happy to mail a Chiff Chat to anyone who is not on the internet and needs a hard copy. You can e-mail Lad Pfeifer or Elizabeth Zellmer if you wish to change from snail mail to e-mail.

Thank you.

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