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The Dean's Column

This has truly been a great year from the Detroit chapter. We began the year with our installation of officers and executive board at the Cathedral of The Blessed Sacrament where we were treated to a recital of organ/violin music prior to the installation of officers. Thanks again to the clergy and staff of the cathedral, especially chapter member Joe Balistreri for the use of that beautiful space.

Later in the fall we had an awesome choral directors' workshop at Birmingham Presbyterian. In January our annual Epiphany Banquet was held at the Cathedral of St. Paul and was enhanced by a beautiful choral evensong led by Jeremy Tarrant. We had an organ crawl at which we were joined by our sister chapter from Windsor. Our annual scholarship auditions yielded two scholarship awards.

Thanks to Royal Oak First United Methodist Church for the use of their facility for the auditions.

We held a workshop this past winter focusing on AGO's national exam and how to prepare for the exam.

In the spring a hymnody workshop led by Michael Burkhardt was held at Birmingham Presbyterian and we wound up our year of programming with the annual scholarship/membership recital.

This last event was a beautiful evening of organ music and was held at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church. This year's recital was in loving memory of Marilyn Mason. We had presentations by our two scholarship awardees and several of our members. A special thanks to Jo Clark for hosting this event at her church.



The Dean's Column, Concluded

I hope I have not left anything out here—it was such a great year of, I would not have wanted to leave anything out. Thanks to all who participated and special thanks to my Sub-Dean, Andrew Herbruck, for putting the programming together.

The only disappointing moment for this year was, once again, the lack of attendance at many of the events. Just a reminder that the events we plan are for you, our members. Make use of the membership and participate with us. Programming for the 2019-2020 year is already underway so please plan to join us again this next year. In line with that, for many of us, it is renewal time. Be sure to renew your AGO dues and I also ask you to consider a donation to the scholarship fund when you renew. Also, consider attending the regional convention in Grand Rapids at the end of June.

Election of officers and new Executive Board members will be happening very soon so watch your e-mails and your regular mail, if you do not have e-mail, and be on the lookout for the ballots. This is another way your membership allows you to participate.

Hope to see you in the coming Fall season. Meanwhile, have a wonderful relaxing summer as we strive to change the world, one stop at a time.

Kindest regards,
George Jonte-Crane, Dean

Chapter News & Events

2019: The 100th Anniversary of the Meadowbrook Hall Aeolian Organ

Coming in the next issue of the MBH magazine is an article on the Organ, which will announce 3 days when the organ will be played while people are touring.

If you would like to be the organist on any of those 3 days (or part of the day) please let me know at ptownsend@comcast.net

The days are:

- Wednesday, June 19
- Wednesday, July 17
- Wednesday, August 21

Times will probably be 11am to 3pm; more info will follow.

Thanks, as always, for volunteering your time.

Pete Townsend



Regional News & Events

AGO Regional in Grand Rapids June 20-July 3, 2019



The Grand Rapids Chapter of the AGO will host the 2019 Great Lakes Regional Convention, with a great lineup of artists and venues. For details and registration, go to the [Regional Website](#)

Member News & Events (“The List”)



Do you have news that you’d like to share with the Chapter? Please send your information by no later than the 15th of the month to Gerald Furi at gerifuri@gmail.com for inclusion in the next issue of The Bombarde.

Tuesday, May 21, 7:30pm
Keun-A Lee and Wei Yu
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
[16 Lake Shore Drive](#) Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Our musical season concludes with an evening of music played by husband and wife musicians Wei Yu and Keun-A Lee. Returning to our series by popular demand, they will present a delightful concert featuring their virtuosic musicality and engaging personalities. Wei Yu is principal cellist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Friday, May 31, 7:30 pm
Music at Cherry Hill presents “sounding light”
Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church
[24110 Cherry Hill St.](#), Dearborn, MI

“sounding light” – the nationally acclaimed chorus under the direction of Tom Trenney

