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The Bombarde

American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



From the Dean

Greetings, colleagues!

Happy New Year! I'm sure you've heard it said many times already, but it certainly feels good to be moving on to 2021, doesn't it?! Despite the challenges of the past year, and even some of the uncertainty that still lies ahead, I continue to be encouraged and excited about the future of our chapter! Although we have had to reschedule most of our programs, we are excited to let you know that many of them are being placed on our calendar for next year, which we look forward to sharing with you when the pandemic finally comes to an end.

In the meantime, please start thinking about students you might invite to apply for our scholarship programs. Additional information can be found on our website, or by contacting our Education Chair, Helen Anthony. This is a vital part of the future of our organization, and one that we are all responsible for.

May you all continue to be blessed richly for your service and ministry.

With my sincerest prayers and best wishes for a healthy 2021,
Justin

From the Sub-Dean

Dear friends,

Happy New Year! Here is hoping for a better year. I have missed getting together with all of you at our different programs and monthly lunches. As always, your Officers are here for you if you need anything. I hope you and your families stay safe and stay well. I am looking forward to the day we can all sit in a church and enjoy a wonderful organ concert together or at Perkins for a delicious lunch and invigorating fellowship!

The Programming Committee and Executive Committee are working on making it possible to have virtual concerts this Spring. We are continuing to monitor the pandemic and will go back to in-person functions when it is safe to do so. Right now, our goal is to get organ music into your homes as that is the safest way to do things. I ask that you be on the lookout for more details to come; email blasts will be sent with the news and how to access the concerts. We would appreciate hearing your feedback after concerts. Stay tuned, and more information is to come.

Again, if you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,
Tyler

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles;
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

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Membership News

Special thanks to Esther Long for her contribution of Chapter related materials to the Archives.

Lunch Bunch

Lunches are still ON-HOLD until further notice. When it is possible to gather again we will announce the plans to resume. If you are interested in attending let Doris Savage know. Email dorisavage@comcast.net or telephone 717-697-4042.

Archivist Report

2004-2005

Officers

Dean, Alan Berlin
Sub Dean, Ellen Hunt
Secretary, Kenneth Walker
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Tony Ciucci, Josephine Freund, Michael Shoemaker
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Education, Robert Lau
Membership, Doris Savage
Editorial Board, Kathy Gates
Professional Concerns, Pierce Getz
Publicity, Mary Jane Nelson
Placement, Timothy Koch
Auditors, Frances Bishop/Brian Rice

Chapter Programs September 2004 - May 2005

August 29. Student/Member Recital - First Lutheran Church, Carlisle



Front row: Ryan Brunkhurst, Elizabeth Jostenski, Joseph Gribb, and Susan Erickson
Back row: Anthony Ciucci and Caleb Sisak

October 9. Organ Crawl to Lancaster

November 6. Workshops: "Conducting from The Console", David Binkley; "Hymn Playing", Pierce Getz; "Easy Improvising", Robert Lau; "Organ/

Piano Repertoire", Lou Ann Potter - Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill



L to R: Chuck Yocum, Robert Lau, David Binkley, Lou Ann Potter, Pierce Getz

February 5. Anthem Sharing Workshop: 40-minute sessions by clinicians Judy Schrack

(seated in front), Timothy Braband, Alan Berlin, and Anthony Hoke - Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill



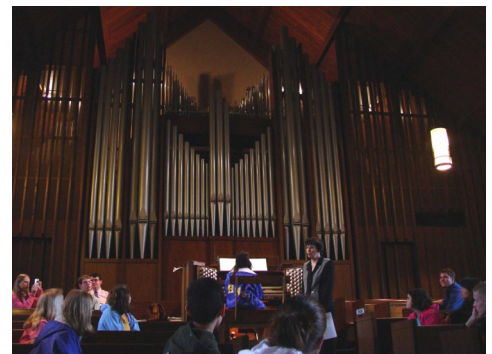
April 17. Student/Member Recital - Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill (location originally planned at St. Stephens Cathedral but later changed)



Front left: Michael Shoemaker Front right: Dick Frey
Back left to right: Tom Tiehel, Steve Middernacht, Brittany Jones, and Greg Doerfler

April 30. "Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" - Lebanon Valley College, Annville

Photo shows Shelly Moorman-Stahlman, LVC Organ Professor, addressing the many attendees.



May 9. Banquet/ Installation of Officers - Radisson/Penn Harris, Harrisburg

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From The Bombarde

This season was the fourth anniversary of the Chapter's monthly luncheons. Doris Savage was the coordinator for these luncheons in the Bridges Café of the Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill.

On Sunday, September 26, David Higgs, Chair of the Organ Department at the Eastman School of Music, presented an organ recital at Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill.

Tom Tiehel was named to chair the Violet Cassel Scholarship competition. Bach's "E-minor (Cathedral) Prelude and Fugue" was the required piece to be played by the contestants. The competition was scheduled for February 26 at St. Stephen Episcopal Cathedral in Harrisburg. The location was later changed to Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill. Unfortunately, we did not have enough applicants for this competition; therefore, it was necessary to cancel the event.

The Bombarde was offered via Email to Chapter members. This would save the Chapter \$13.79 each year for each member accepting this offer. This was announced by Shawn Gingrich.

The Dean drafted a letter to funeral directors stating the present fees for organist services at funerals and encouraging the funeral directors to follow the guidelines.

Doris Savage, Membership Committee Chair, reported that 134 memberships had been received as of December for this season. Mid-year membership dues were set and approved by the Board. It was decided that the format for The Directory for next year would be changed to a booklet and ads would not be included.

Plans were made for a bus trip for June 11 to the Wannamaker Organ Grand Court Day.

Tim Koch, David Binkley and Frances Bishop were appointed tellers to count the ballots for the election of new Board members at the annual banquet in May. Their report recorded that the following were elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term: Richard Frey, Mary Jane Nelson and Walt Stiller. Board members were installed by Msgr. Thomas Smith, Chapter Chaplain.

Ken Walker,
Archivist

Position Available

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church is searching for a versatile and vibrant Director of Music. The candidate will possess strong musical skills playing the organ and piano, as well as leading and coordinating our handbell and vocal choirs. Please see the church's website www.camphillpres.org for more information about the position, the church, and job description. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis, with all applications due by February 1, 2021. The Church may fill the position before that date should circumstances warrant. The position is 30 hours per week.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA 17111, is seeking a part-time Director of Music/Organist (10-15 hours per week). The sanctuary instruments include a recently renovated Möller three-manual pipe organ with Walker digital additions (36-rank total) and a Pearl River baby grand piano. Responsibilities include the following: choosing hymns in consultation with the pastor, playing for

two Sunday morning services as well as a limited number of additional worship services (Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent and possibly other special services), providing appropriate prelude and postlude music for worship services, and rehearsing and scheduling cantors, choir, and other instrumentalists for worship services. Compensation is commensurate with experience. The church is looking to fill this position very soon. If interested, please send your resume to goodshepherdpastor@gmail.com.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Enola, is seeking an organist. The successful candidate will be paid \$125 with the expectation that they would play a prelude, postlude, and accompany a soloist (music provide by the soloist). When we are able to return to indoor choir rehearsals on a Wednesday evening and it would pay an additional \$50 for each rehearsal. This contracted position will become a salaried staff position once a relative degree of normalcy returns. A more detailed job description will be available once that transition is made. Interested candidates should contact Nicholas Cekovich 717-756-7487 8 Briarwood Ct, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Finance Report

Balance in Checking as of 10/1/2020	\$5,042.53
Expenses ¹	\$1,501.66
Deposits & Credits:	\$555.67
Balance in Checking as of 12/31/2020	\$4,096.54
Invested Funds as of 10/1/2020	
Harrisburg AGO Savings ²	\$52,030.68
Frances Bishop Fund	\$136,312.29
Total	\$188,342.97
Invested Funds as of 12/31/2020	
Harrisburg AGO Savings ³	\$52,461.89
Frances Bishop Fund	\$149,697.55
Total	\$201,909.44

NOTES:

¹Expenses include Oct. program, Website redesign

²Harrisburg AGO Savings Detail as of 10/1/2020:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,367.59
Clapper-Frysinger Bequests	\$4,470.98
Reserve Savings	\$23,573.24
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$3,050.69
Stahle Savings	\$746.30
Throne Fund	\$8,206.86
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,615.02

³Harrisburg AGO Savings Detail as of 12/31/2020:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,382.80
Clapper-Frysinger Bequests	\$4,486.56
Reserve Savings	\$23,655.32
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$3,061.31
Stahle Savings	\$748.91
Throne Fund	\$8,235.44
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,641.55
McAnney Memorials	\$250.00

Shawn Gingrich, Treasurer

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ELECTED

Officers

Dean	Justin Myers
SubDean	Tyler Canonico
Secretary	Justin Pechulis
Treasurer	Shawn Gingrich

Members at Large

2018—2022	Phyllis Conrad, Daniel Dorty, Chris Mirocco
2020—2024	Deb Dillane, Robert Lau, Dan Stokes

APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Archivist / Historian	Kenneth Walker
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Placement	Ellen Hunt
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Submission to The Bombarde

The deadline for *The Bombarde* is the fifteenth of Dec, Mar, Jun, Sep for the following quarter's edition unless otherwise noted. Whenever possible, please submit your items in electronic format. For area events, please follow the format.



Deadline for inclusion in the second quarter 2021 newsletter is March 15, 2021.

Please send **all** submissions to:
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