



MONTRE

Newsletter of the Sarasota-Manatee Chapter
of the American Guild of Organists

OCTOBER 2017

— Celebrating Our 60th Year —

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FROM THE DEAN

Robert Burns said it best – “The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry...”

Yes, an uninvited and unwelcome visitor to Sarasota and Manatee Counties certainly disrupted our plans for our September anniversary gala. We might have thought we had all the bases covered, but Irma decided to pay a visit and that was a contingency we couldn't control.

Details regarding our rescheduled anniversary gala can be found in the “A Blast from the Past” article in the column to the right.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Dwane Grace, Dean

HISTORICAL VIGNETTES

Our Beginnings ■

On June 2, 1952 a group of church organists met at the First Presbyterian Church, Bradenton, to organize a chapter of The American Guild of Organists. Mrs. Ann Ault, Florida State Chairman was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Tommy (Katherine) Thompson was elected as the first Dean.

Initially the Chapter was to be known as the West Coast Chapter, AGO, but at a July meeting the group formally adopted the appellation of Manatee Chapter AGO. A charter was granted by National on July 30, 1952.

On July 30, 1952 the Chapter gave its first program — a public recital at First Presbyterian by Chapter member Miss Leonora Stewart.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

You won't want to miss our **rescheduled** celebration of the 50th and 60th anniversaries of our AGO Chapter on Friday, October 13.

In order to provide for lunch, we **NEED YOU** to make a reservation by **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8** by calling Susan Crumpler at 941.792.3437 or by emailing her at agosaramana@gmail.com.

We will meet in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 2050 Oak Street, Sarasota at 11:30 am for a 20 minute demonstration of the new pipe organ

MONTRE CONTENT DEADLINE

Content for the November 2017 issue of Montre is due to Michael Trezise (mwtrezise@gmail.com) no later than October 25, 2017.

by member Mary Mozell.

Afterwards, we'll enjoy a noon luncheon of sandwich wraps, fruit, vegetables, and anniversary cake in the fellowship hall – all for \$7.00. You'll also be able to look at memorabilia of our Chapter, peruse used music for sale, listen to anecdotes and short stories from some of our longtime members — and share your own stories with those present.

This promises to be a historic event for our Chapter — one we're sure you'll want to be a part of.

Keep your fingers crossed that the hurricane gods behave themselves this time around!

IN MEMORY

We are saddened to learn of the death of former Chapter member Channing P. Baxter, 89, Venice. His primary career was in banking, brokerage, life insurance and data processing. He earned an Associate in Organ degree from Trinity College, London, and had a side career as a church organist and choirmaster serving churches and temples in New Jersey and Florida.

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Please extend a big thank you to our Events Committee members who have worked thoughtfully and diligently to present our 2017-18 programs to you. They are: Dick Benedum, Greg Chestnut, Dwane Grace and Jim Hawkinson.

Nancy Siebecker, Sub-Dean

Messiah: A Masterpiece in 22 Days ■

Dick Benedum's interesting presentation on Handel's Messiah

Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

First Church

104 S. Pineapple Ave, Sarasota

Sarasota Young Voices ■

Private co-sponsor from a member of our chapter

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Christ Church

4030 Manatee Ave. West, Bradenton

Twelfth Night Social ■

Includes music trivia, treats, and coffee

Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

1031 S. Euclid Ave, Sarasota

Marilyn Keiser ■

A noon lunch with Marilyn Keiser

Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Noon

St. Boniface Episcopal Church

5616 Midnight Pass Rd, Sarasota.

Craig Cramer Luncheon ■

A noon lunch with Craig Cramer

Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Noon

Christ Church

4030 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton

Craig Cramer Concert ■

Co-sponsored with Christ Church

Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Christ Church

4030 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton

Katelyn Emerson Concert ■

2016 National AGO Winner

Co-sponsored with Siesta Key Chapel

Time and details to follow

Thursday, April 26

Siesta Key Chapel

4615 Gleason Ave. at Ocean Blvd, Sarasota

Annual Chapter Banquet ■

Banquet and Installation Service

Tuesday, May 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church,

7750 S. Beneva Rd, Sarasota

FOR SALE

Reed Organ ■

1895 Story and Clark reed organ. Perfect condition. Photo and details on Chapter website (agosm.org) under Classified Ads.

Contact Dwane Grace at 941.484.4198.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wayne and Friends ■

Wayne Fisher, Organist; Linda Bento-Rei, Flute; Carlann Evans, Violin; Cheeko Matsusaka, Cello; Gary Reinstrom; French Horn; Michelle Nicholette, Flute
Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Pine Shores Presbyterian Church
6116 Crestwood Ave, Sarasota

Chuck Seipp, Trumpet

Mary Mozelle, Organ

Friday, October 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
2050 Oak St., Sarasota

SANCTUARY SERIES 2017-18

*A riveting and masterful concert
with*

Chuck Seipp, trumpet | Mary Mozelle, organ

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 • 7:30 PM



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2050 OAK STREET (DOWNTOWN)

941.955.8119 www.firstpressarasota.org

Free Admission • Ample Parking • Reception to Follow

Solemn Evensong

Hymn to the Creator of Light, John Rutter
Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.
Church of the Redeemer
222 South Palm Ave., Sarasota

Key Chorale Chamber Series Concert

Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
Church of the Redeemer
222 South Palm Ave., Sarasota

Hallowe'en

Jim Culver
Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
603-11th St. West, Bradenton

Oktoberfest

Arts Alliance—Inspire Sarasota
Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Church of the Redeemer
222 South Palm Ave., Sarasota

BachFest Sarasota: Organ Recital

Richard Benedum, Cynthia Roberts-Greene, and Ann Stephenson-Moe
Sunday, November 17, 2017 at 12 Noon
Church of the Redeemer
222 South Palm Ave., Sarasota

BachFest Sarasota: Mass in B Minor

Dr. Joseph Holt, Conductor
Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
Church of the Redeemer
222 South Palm Ave., Sarasota

Chorus of the Keys

Sunday November 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
603-11th Street West, Bradenton

Solomon Eichner, Pianist

Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
Christ Church
4030 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton

The Bethune Cookman University Chorale

Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Pine Shores Presbyterian Church

6116 Crestwood Ave, Sarasota

Solemn Evensong

Treble Voices

Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer

222 South Palm Ave., Sarasota

AGO HEADQUARTERS NEWS**TAO Now Online ■**

The October issue of The American Organist is now online. The current issue features the 1890 Carl Barckhoff pipe organ at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Auburn, New York.

More at <https://www.agohq.org/current-issue>

Membership Renewal ■

If the expiration date on your TAO Magazine mailing label is on or before 8/1/2017 and you have not renewed your membership within the last 30 days, then your membership has lapsed. To avoid disruption of membership benefits and TAO Magazine, renew online by visiting the AGO website and accessing ONCARD via the MEMBER Login, or by calling the AGO Headquarters staff at 212-870-2310 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern Time); 212-870-2311, ext. 7512 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pacific Time); or e-mail members@agohq.org.

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Annual Fund ■

August 31 is the deadline to contribute to the 2016-2017 Annual Fund and have your name included on our donor report in the December issue of TAO Magazine. Please support the educational and outreach programs of the AGO by making a tax-deductible contribution today.

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Pedagogy Conference ■

Have you ever wondered what it is like to study in a French Conservatory? Join us for the AGO National Conference on Organ Pedagogy at the

University of Kansas, October 18-21. The conference is entitled "Organ and Improvisation Study in the French Conservatory System." It features recitals, master classes, lectures, and panel discussions by many of the leading lights in the French organ world.

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CHAPTER INFORMATION

Website ■ agosm.org

Here you'll find the full chapter calendar of events the Deans' message, as well as the other concerts and events of interest planned for the wider Manatee and Sarasota county areas.

We have added links to a map of all the posted event sites for the convenience of our members and guests. Just click on the address link below the event description and Google Maps will take you there. Once the map software takes you there you can easily get directions to the event site by typing in your address. I encourage you to take time to explore all it has to offer.

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