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May Meeting – Trip to Saint Vincent

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Hello friends! Our last meeting of the AGO season (September-May) is a very exciting one. Three Guild Chapters, Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and Indiana, will converge at the Saint Vincent Basilica in Latrobe to experience the new Buzard organ.

We have reserved a 56-passenger Lenzner Coach tour bus to carry members to and from Latrobe; so, park your car, and join AGO Chapter friends for a fun, comfortable bus ride to and from Latrobe! The bus departs from the Calvary Episcopal Church (315 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206) parking lot. Members taking the bus will have access to ample parking in the lot. Driving to Latrobe takes about one and a quarter hours, outside of rush hour should you not want to take the bus. Dinner will be at the usual time. 6:00PM Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments on the second floor of Placid Hall followed by a catered dinner at 6:30PM. A 7:45PM recital in the Basilica will be by Father Cyprian Constantine, Basilica organist.

Remember that additional events are offered earlier if you have time. At 2PM there will be an open console for anyone to try out the organ. At 3PM there will be a DVD on the short history of the organ and interactive session with John Buzard, the organ builder, as well as Father Cyprian. At 4PM there will be an organ crawl with a special monitor for those who do not wish to climb the 47 steps. At 5PM Choral Vespers will be sung both by the Monastery Community and Schola Camerata.

Thanks again to the leadership of the three participating chapters as well as our own Reverend Cyril Hurnyak who has continued to work through the logistics of this to make this great experience available for our Chapter members. Looking forward to seeing you at the May meeting on the 25th.

Monday May 23rd Bus Schedule

Time: Bus departs at 4:00 PM
Cost: \$20/person. Payable as you board the bus
Board: Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Avenue,
Pittsburgh, PA 15206 - Parking: available

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza – Recipe For Fun

By Chaz Bowers– Chapter Member

Take 30 school-age kids, add one grand pipe organ, season with several helpings of pizza, stir well, and you have a recipe for the fun-filled interactive learning experience known as *Pedals, Pipes and Pizza*. The program, based on a model developed by the American Guild of Organists, is designed to foster the younger generation's appreciation for the role of the organ in the music of churches by allowing them to personally explore the instrument. (See page 2 for group photo.)

Last month Saint Bernard Parish hosted youngsters ranging in age from 4-14, inviting them to try their hands at coaxing the sounds of principal, flutes, reeds, strings and bells from the massive Casavant organ in the upper church. Director of Music and principal organist Chaz Bowers demonstrated how the various sounds are created and then allowed each child a turn at the controls. There were plenty of "Oh, wow!" and more than a few giggles as the kids first somewhat gingerly touched the keys as well as delighted in making the great organ roar.

While one group was making music on the main floor, another was climbing into the rear loft with its breathtaking view of the church below where Associate Director of Music, organist Aaron Sproul, explained the workings of the antiphonal pipes. The children jumped appreciatively when the organists below trumpeted the "party horns," as organists sometimes call the en-chamade (horizontal) trumpets and high-pressure solo reeds found up in the loft.

The kids were also given a peek into the cabinet which houses the huge ranks of pipes behind the choir stalls and a "bonus" opportunity to try out the recently-installed digital organ in the lower church with organist Jacob Temple.

While the students weren't required to have any musical background many were already members of the Children's Choir or played other musical instruments. They were encouraged try to make sounds of the instruments they played on the organ.

Before the group was served pizza and soft drinks by Music Ministry volunteers, one budding young keyboard player treated his friends to a rendition of "My Favorite Things" from "The Sound of Music". Participants agreed that the program had been one of their favorite things, and the adults present campaigned for a "grown-up" version of Pedals, Pipes, (and Pinot?) in the future.

Noteworthy Events

Please submit new events online. Go to www.pitago.org, select "Noteworthy Events" and then select "Submit An Event".

Day	Date	Time	Event
SA	7-May	7:30pm	I Could Have Danced All Night: Celebrating Dance through Music - Pittsburgh Concert Chorale - You'll be tempted to get up and move to music that's inspired by dance, including the Tango, the Charleston and, yes, even country hoedown! Featuring Bryan Sable on piano, Robert Rawsthorne, percussion, and Justin Bendel on bass. - Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, 384 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA - 15238-2343 - Adults \$20 (\$22 door) Students \$8.00 Children 11 and under free - 412.635.7654 - office@pccsing.org - www.pccsing.org
Su	8-May	4:00pm	I Could Have Danced All Night: Celebrating Dance through Music - Ingomar United Methodist Church, 1501 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, PA - 15237-1664 (See 7-May above for info)
Tu	10-May	7:00pm 7:30pm	Preconcert - Good Samaritan Cello Ensemble, with Younga Reitz directing Concert - All Brahms - Donna Amato, piano; Chris Wu, violin; David Premo, cello - With Amato on the Steinway, the 50-minute trio concert will celebrate the music of Johannes Brahms. A. - dessert reception to meet the artists follows concert. - St. James Catholic Church, 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley, PA - 15143-1529 - Free will offering - 412.741.6650 - s.schaefer@comcast.net - www.stjamesmusic.org
Su	15-May	4:00pm	Organ Concert - Kenneth Danchik - Saint Paul Cathedral, 108 North Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA - 15213-2608 - Suggested donation - 412.621.6082 - donaldfellows@verizon.net - stpaulpgh.org
Su	22-May	4:00pm	Spring Concert - The Academy Chamber Ensemble - Music by Haydn, Respighi, Moricz, and Beethoven - Light refreshments after the concert - Central Presbyterian Church, 305 Allegheny Street, Tarentum, PA - 15084-1924 - Goodwill Offering - 724.224.9220 - centralpresoffice@verizon.net

Positions (substitutes or placement @pitago.org)



By Nicholas Will - Coordinator 814.460.1446

Positions Open: as of May 2016

O/D - Part-time Organist/Director of Music Ministries - Sewickley United Methodist Church, 337 Broad Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 - 1910 Moller organ, with console enlarged by Steiner & Murphy Organ Company in 2014

to include 3 manuals with 37 ranks (33 stops). 11AM traditional service. Direct adult choir. Assist/accompany children/youth choirs on organ or piano. Coordinate with leaders of handbell/handchime choir/contemporary music team for occasional combined play. Compensation negotiated. Contact Rev. Russel Shuluga at pastor@sewickleyumc.org

O/D - Director of Music/Organist - Zion Lutheran Church, Penn Hills - Director of Music Ministries to develop, lead and coordinate the music. 20-25 hrs/wk for an organist/choir director, including Sunday morning worship. www.zionpennhills.org
Rev. Melissa L. Stoller at pastormelissa@zionpennhills.org

O/D - Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, 3281 Wexford Rd, Gibsonia, PA 15044. Salaried part-time, long-term position for an organist and choir director with an ability to play with other musicians and an eclectic taste for music: traditional, gospel, and contemporary praise music. The candidate should be familiar with the Allen Organ and electric pianos. Visit our website, www.crossroadsgibsonia.org or call the church at 724.935.3636. Resumes may be sent to personnel@crossroadsgibsonia.org or mailed..

D - Traditional Music - Direct Senior Choir, Adult Bell Choir, Children's Choirs in traditional worship. Part-time 20 hours/week, starts in June, 2016. Full job description www.churchstaffing.com/job/203273, resume to: Traditional Music, Central Presbyterian Church. 40 Lincoln Way West, Chambersburg, PA 17201

Only current members of the AGO may be on the substitute list.

AGO assumes no responsibility for the musicianship, reliability, or conduct of substitute organists. Background checks are the responsibility of the employer. Churches may contact organists directly or ask the coordinator for assistance.

Pedal Pipes and Pizza photo from Page 1 article.



DINNER RESERVATION

Combined Pittsburgh, Greensburg and Seton Hill Chapters at Saint Vincent

Monday, May 23rd 2:00pm optional program, 6:00pm meet and socialize, 6:30pm dinner, 7:45pm program

Saint Vincent Basilica • 300 Fraser Purchase Road • Latrobe, PA 15650-2667 • 724.539.8629

Name _____

Guests _____

Amount enclosed (\$18 per person) _____

I have included \$_____ to underwrite a student dinner. (\$18 underwrites one dinner)

Reservations to:

Ed Halo • 3574 McClure Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15212-2172 • 412.335.9695 or reservations@pitago.org



Dean's Notes

By Edward Alan Moore, DMA - Dean (dean@pitago.org)

Summertime is convention time!

If April showers bring May flowers, then what is all this snow going to bring that I am watching from my window as I type this in early April? Snow or not, May is almost here. This brings our final Guild meeting of the season (See you in Latrobe!) as well the end of another great season of choirs and concerts at our schools and churches.

Our membership works hard throughout the year bringing congregations and audiences great joy through our music. Summertime gives a brief respite from that for some.

Last year at this time, the Pittsburgh Chapter was in the final preparation stages for our Regional Convention. It is hard to believe that almost a year has passed since that fantastic event! But this year will be a return to the more relaxed summer flow.

The Houston AGO Chapter is busy putting the final touches on the National Convention there from June 19th to 23rd. Are you going to the convention? I will be there, and I know of several other Pittsburgh Chapter members who will be attending as well. One of our members, Sarah Wanamaker, is one of the workshop presenters during the convention! Her workshop, *The Intersection of Politics and Organ Music in Mid-Century Germany*, is on Tuesday, June 21, at 10:30AM in Meeting Room 337.A-B. Let's have a good Pittsburgh showing there to support her!

I would like to propose that all the Pittsburgh members going to Houston meet at 10:30PM on opening night, June, 19, in the exhibits area for a group photo. Exact location for the photo is to be determined.

Please e-mail me (dean@pitago.org) and let me know if you will be attending the convention and I will be in touch about where to meet.

As this program year comes to a close, I wish you all the best for wonderful summer. Thank you for your continued support that makes the Pittsburgh Chapter one of the strongest in the Guild. Stay tuned for the announcement this summer of our 2016-2017 season lineup!

Summer Deadline!

The Summer newsletter deadline is 10-May! Be sure to have any articles and events submitted by then for June through August events and news.

Also in the news.... Two Pittsburgh Chapter members, Benjamin Cornelius Bates and Joyce Moon Strobel, have had compositions accepted for inclusion in the AGO Houston National Convention. This convention is creating a *Bayoubuchlein* (Houston being situated on a bayou), a collection of chorale preludes based on modern hymn tunes (Nothing composed before 1960). Both Joyce and Benjamin had two pieces accepted for the book; and each will have one performed during the Thursday evening concert. The collection of all pieces accepted will be published by Selah publishing. Pittsburgh is being well represented at this coming Summer National Convention.

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