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The Prelude

January 2016

DEAN'S MESSAGE

It feels a bit funny to say "**HAPPY NEW YEAR**" as I'm writing this a couple days before Christmas! But, the sentiment is just as genuine and heartfelt! Since I'm still putting the final touches on Christmas, I'm not thinking about resolutions yet, although I'm sure there are some I should be making!

As we look toward this new year of 2016, I'm sure we would all hope for peace and good will among our fellow inhabitants of the planet. I also hope for fair play and graciousness among those who hope to run for the presidency of our nation. What do you suppose our chances for that might be?! Hmmmm!



The new year brings a couple of opportunities for AGOers. There is an Advanced Pipe Organ Encounter offered in Cincinnati from July 10 – 15. There is also a Pipe Organ Encounter for teens (13-18) offered in Lexington, Kentucky, from July 17 – 22. Both look to be well-planned events, and I have detailed info on both of them if you're interested. Of course, this is a national convention year and it will be held in Houston, Texas, this year from June 19 – 23. Not to be forgotten, our chapter has a few things to offer to the membership in this new year as well. Stay "tuned in!"

I hope to see many of our members at our January program in Sylvania! Again, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** (Now, back to Christmas!)

Neil Kraft, Dean



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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all who are interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Joan McConnell, Membership Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Please submit articles for the
February *Prelude* by January 25th.
Thank you!**

Melissa Flowers

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At our **January program**, the focus will be on smaller church choirs. Three of our members will each present choral anthems which they have found to be successful for choirs with limited resources. The emphasis will be on 2-part, SAB, and easily accessible SATB anthems. Members are encouraged to invite church choir directors to join us.

The presenters are Neil Kraft, Denise Mathias, and Mark Mathias. Each has had practical experience in this area and have experienced and worked through issues unique to smaller choirs. They will introduce and lead the attendees in reading through the anthems.

Our meeting will be at First United Methodist Church of Sylvania (7000 Erie St., Sylvania) on Monday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. We will have opportunity to use and hear the Schantz pipe organ and see the recent upgrades that have been made to it. Thank you to the church and Rick Napierala (Director of Music) for hosting this event.

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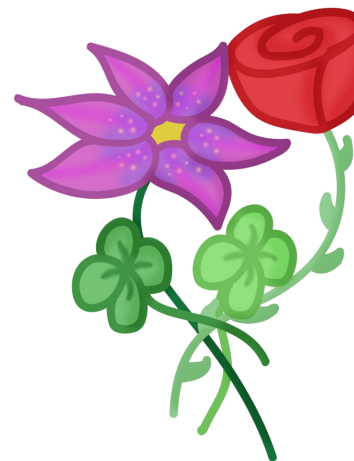
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**Joan Eileen Dougherty Bradner** passed away on November 14, 2015. Joan was born in Galion, Ohio, on May 10, 1929. She showed early musical talent and began playing the organ in her parish church at age eleven.

Joan's desire to study music prompted her to audition at Mary Manse College in Toledo, where she was awarded a scholarship. While a student, she collaborated with a classmate to compose the Mary Manse Alma Mater. She was awarded a bachelor of music degree with honors in 1953. She had a long career as a pianist, choir director and organist at parishes throughout Toledo and hosted musical and cultural gatherings in her home well into her senior years.

Joan was active in her community, serving as President of the Mary Manse Alumni Association and editor of the Alumni News. She was an officer in the Toledo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and served on the Board of the Toledo Botanical Garden.

In addition to her passion for music, Joan had a successful second career as a licensed realtor. She enjoyed politics and was a frequent contributor to The Toledo Blade Readers' Forum, Catholic Chronicle and other periodicals. She was proud of her Irish heritage and seemingly always organizing some type of celebration for family, friends and classmates.



Rest in Peace

## JOB POSTING...



### ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST:

position open at **Olivet Lutheran Church**, Sylvania, OH. Responsible for Sunday 9:00am traditional services and church holiday services on an Allen 3 manual console, and Wednesday 6:45pm Chapel service on a Clavinova. Adult and children choirs also rehearse on Wednesday evenings, with service anthems accompanied on grand pianos, occasionally combined with bell choirs. Weddings and funerals (not obligated) compensated in addition to base salary.

If your organ/piano skills can enhance a strongly-devoted music/worship team, please email resume/references to:

[operations@olivetsylvania.org](mailto:operations@olivetsylvania.org)

(subj: **Organist Search Committee**),

or call **419-882-2077**.

## The American Guild of Organists

**announces** the start of the application period for the 2016-2017 Ronald G. Pogorzelski and Lester D. Yankee Memorial Scholarships. These are the largest monetary scholarships awarded by the Guild each year to individual organ students. They are made possible by the generosity and vision of the late Messrs. Ronald G. Pogorzelski and Lester D. Yankee. The scholarships support the education of talented young organists who are dedicated to making significant contributions to the field of organ playing. Applicants are expected to have existing talent and be able to demonstrate achievements in the field of organ playing along with an expressed commitment to post graduation teaching, performing, or other serious endeavor with respect to the organ. Each student applicant must also demonstrate a verifiable financial need to be eligible to receive a scholarship.

Six scholarships are presently awarded each year with a total distribution of \$60,000 in scholarship funds annually. Four scholarship awards of \$7,500 each are awarded to an incoming college freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior, as well as two graduate awards of \$15,000 each, one for a student beginning a master's degree program and one for a student in the second year of a master's degree program. The scholarships are renewable annually if requirements are met.

For the 2016–2017 academic year, the AGO will begin accepting online scholarship applications on January 1, 2016 from qualified students entering their freshman year in college and starting their first year of graduate study. Complete details of the Pogorzelski-Yankee Memorial Scholarships can be found on the AGO website, <https://www.agohq.org/education/pogorzelski-yankee-memorial-scholarships>.

For more information, contact Harold Calhoun at [hc@agohq.org](mailto:hc@agohq.org) or 212-870-2311, ext. 4318.

# TOLEDO CHAPTER AGO

## Programming for 2015-2016

### **Monday, January 25, 2016 – MEMBERS SHARING RESOURCES**

7 PM— First United Methodist Church, Sylvania – (Schantz organ)

### **Saturday, February 20, 2016 – SILENT MOVIE NIGHT – Aaron David Miller, organ**

7:00 PM – Collaborating with Church Concert Series

Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Whitehouse, Ohio, Finzel at Dutch Roads (Reuter organ)

### **Sunday, March 6, 2016 – ANNUAL STUDENT RECITAL – Scholarship Awards**

3 PM—Christ Presbyterian Church, Sylvania Avenue, Toledo (Casavant organ)

### **Friday, April 15, 2016 – ORGAN EXCURSION led by Mark Muller**

Visiting Muller Organ projects in Detroit suburbs and Southern Michigan

Lunch along the way -Van transportation provided – Costs and details coming later!

### **Sunday, May 22, 2016 – SPRING CONCERT AND POTLUCK – Jacob Taylor, organist**

4 PM – Organ recital at Trinity Episcopal Church, downtown Toledo (Skinner/Casavant organ)

Chapter potluck dinner to follow in church social room —Chapter will furnish entrée and beverages





**Saturday,  
February 20, 2016  
7pm**

# CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN THE GOLD RUSH

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**AGO TOLEDO MEMBERS' DIRECTORY FOR 2015-16**

I just have two corrections this time. Please make these changes in your copy of the *Membership Directory*. I will also update the online directory this month.

**Frederick Honemann's** office phone number is 419-274-2281.

Remove the email address for **John Behm**.

USPS delivery: If you (or someone you know) would prefer to receive the monthly *Prelude* by US mail, please notify Anne Doerfler (419-385-4632), who takes care of mailings. Or you can let me know, and I'll pass it along to her.

Thanks, everyone! Keep those corrections coming as you find errors!

*Joan McConnell*

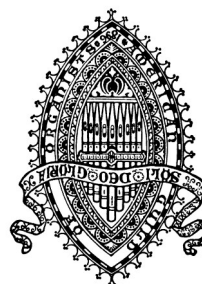
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