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From the Dean

Friends,

MANY thanks to Ann Marie Rigler, Keith Benjamin, and Alice Ann Light for a tremendous concert in October. Technical difficulties notwithstanding, I found the evening to be very moving. I expect that many of you did, as well.

November holds not one, but TWO AGO events. Recently added to our schedule is “The Road Home” at Atonement Lutheran, November 11 at 3 pm. Those who attended the National Convention may remember this worship service as having particular power. Something magical happens when we engage many artistic senses at once – music, spoken word, meditations, dance.

The truth about war – which we learned during Ann Marie’s program and will be reminded of again on November 11 – is that no one is untouched by it. No matter how far removed we are, geographically or otherwise, the violence and mistrust that grows out of international conflicts reaches every square inch of the globe, and its repercussions persist even one hundred years later. In order for us to get better at being human, it’s important for us not only to remember, but to reflect: What can be learned? How can we better interact during disagreements? Who do we listen to in these days?

It doesn’t do to look back on events such as World War I and only be mournful. We must mourn, yes, but we have to also press ourselves to find a better way. Every one of us depends on it.

One week later, on Monday, November 19, at Second Baptist in Liberty, we will hear from two of our members: Dale Ramsey and Michael Bauer. Dale will teach us about using Sibelius as a tool for church musicians, and Michael will teach and lead a masterclass on deep practice techniques. Both of these topics plague my daily life, and so I look forward to being enlightened by these two.

November is a funny time – the bustle of September and October has faded away, and yet Advent looms around the corner! Try to find time to pause, if you can – catch your breath and enjoy the fall colors.

Your loving Dean,
Elisa~

This Month's Meeting/Program

Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Members Teaching Members

Second Baptist Church
300 E. Kansas St.
Liberty, MO

Dinner at 6:15 pm

Catered by Sugar & Spice

Dinner Menu

Hand-Carved Roasted Turkey Breast
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Homemade Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Green Beans
Rolls
Assorted Holiday Desserts
Iced Tea, Water, Coffee

Cost: \$10/person

Please call Nancy Ramirez at 816-436-9467 or email reservation@kicago.com by 9:00 pm Wednesday, Nov 14. Nancy will confirm your e-mail reservations. Please call if you don't get a confirmation. Remember, if you have a reservation (permanent or one-time) and miss dinner, you are still obligated to pay for your meal if you have not cancelled by Monday, Nov 19.

***** Please note: "Walk-in" Dinner Price *****

In an effort to assist our new caterer, and encourage timely reservations, the price for unreserved dinners will be **\$15**. If you reserve your meal in advance, the price remains the same at \$10.

REMEMBER

There is no chapter meeting and program scheduled for December.

Pipedreams Program Featuring Convention Performances

Michael Barone's Pipedreams program for the week of 11/5/18 will feature several performances from the 2018 national AGO convention, as part of a commemoration of the centenary of the November 11, 1918 Armistice, including the final worship service from this summer's convention: The Road Home. Although no local radio stations currently broadcast the program, it is available for online streaming at pipedreams.publicradio.org. For a complete listing of the repertoire, see http://pipedreams.publicradio.org/pdf/2018/pipedreams_listings_1118_TAO.pdf.

The Road Home Reprise

On Sunday, November 11, at 3:00 pm, please join the greater Kansas City community at Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS, for a special worship service held on the very day of the 100th anniversary of the armistice ending World War I. This is a reprise of Friday's worship service from the national AGO convention. As the home of the National World War I Museum and Memorial, Kansas City will be a focal point of this commemoration. This service is co-sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, Atonement Lutheran Church, Thrivent Financial, and various private donors. Featuring the renowned Störling Dance Theater, and Te Deum Chamber Choir, the worship service weaves together letters from soldiers on the front written to their loved ones back home, lovely music, powerful dance depicting life at the end of the war, scripture, reflections, and prayer. It will be a moving tribute to the soldiers and civilians who lost their lives in World War I. Plan to arrive by 2:30 get a good seat. Free admission. All are welcome to attend.

Please promote this service by clicking on the following links to access the flyers and posters: [The Road Home Poster \(sm\)](#); [The Road Home Poster \(lg\)](#); [The Road Home Flyer 2](#), as well as sharing the following bulletin announcement:

"The Road Home," WWI Armistice Commemoration Worship Service

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The Road Home Choir Information

The final anthem - "Pilgrims' Hymn" by Stephen Paulus will be sung by Te Deum, along with all the members of regional church choirs that we can recruit for this task. Please invite your choir members to join us for this service. We will have a brief choir rehearsal at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday Nov. 11th to sing this all together.

Choir members should:

(1) purchase and print (or use a tablet) an individual copy of the 4-PART VERSION of this piece (see directions below)

(2) learn the piece in advance, either individually or with their choir

(3) arrive by 2 pm on 11/11, ready to sing; no special attire required

Acquiring music: If choir directors do not have the 4-part version of this piece in their library, our hope is that they might purchase the piece for their library or individual singers could purchase a copy themselves. To obtain copies by digital download, go to: stephenpaulus.com, click on music catalogue, go to choral, then to mixed chorus. On page 9 of the mixed chorus repertoire you will find three versions of Pilgrims' Hymn – purchase the 4-part version, which is available for \$1.99. If individual singers cannot do this for any reason, we will purchase copies for them.

RSVP: It would be helpful if we had a head count of singers, along with notations of how many are in each section, and who needs music, by Nov. 4th. Please send this information to Michael Bauer at mbauer@ku.edu.

Members Teaching Members

Upcoming on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm our chapter will host for the monthly program 'Members Teaching Members' at Second Baptist Church, 300 E Kansas St, Liberty, MO.

For this program Dale Ramsey will present "Using Sibelius as a Tool for Church Musicians". Dale will demonstrate: 1) inserting a response or song in a church bulletin 2) quick arrangements for instrumental groups [brass, strings, winds] 3) Transposing hymns, songs, anthems, etc. 4) Adding/creating descants to hymns 5) arranging piano music for organ, such as an accompaniment for a cantata/oratorio movement 6) simplifying a challenging accompaniment.

Michael Bauer will present Deep Practice techniques. Michael will follow his presentation with a masterclass to demonstrate and instill those practice techniques. And we need two more members willing to participate for the masterclass. If you assist us for this, your dinner for that evening will be provided. If you would like to volunteer for the masterclass, please send an email to dean@kicago.com . Below are what Michael needs for the masterclass.

- (1) a player who is in the early stages of learning the notes to a Baroque or Romantic free work - ideally something with sixteenth notes in it, in fact this could be someone who has a page of music fingered but has not yet made a serious attempt at learning the notes to it
- (2) a player who has recently completed learning the notes to a piece
- (3) a player who can bring in a piece that they have played for some time and with which they are comfortable

This will be a great opportunity for chapter members to share with and learn from each other. Be sure to join us for this event.

Ann Posey Retirement Celebration

Fellow musicians and friends of Ann Posey,

It is with bittersweet joy that we at Second Baptist Church in Liberty invite you to a reception in honor of Ann as she prepares to retire as our organist. She has given us gifts of her generosity, humility, creativity, and musicianship for nearly four decades. We will miss her weekly contributions to our worship!

We know that she has shared these gifts with far more than just her church family though, which is why we want to include her extended musical family in this celebration. The reception will follow a program that begins at 5:00 PM in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 2nd, which you are welcome to attend. The program will include our children's choirs and congregational singing of beloved Christmas carols. But we especially hope you can join us at 6:00 for the reception in Ann's honor, which will be held in the Social Room in the basement of the church. Please join us for fellowship, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and reminiscing with Ann and Phil!

Ann Posey Retirement Celebration

Sunday, December 2, 2018 @ 6:00 PM (following program in sanctuary at 5:00)
Second Baptist Church
300 E. Kansas St.
Liberty, MO 64068

Youth AGO

Did you know our chapter is starting a Youth Group? We absolutely are! Geared for youth between age 7 and 17 with an interest in the Pipe Organ. The group will participate in the following activities:

- 1) Field trips to hear various pipe organs around Kansas City
- 2) "Organ crawls" to check out the pipe work which is usually hidden from view
- 3) Gatherings to consume pizza and try playing the organ (Pipes, Pedals and Pizza)
- 4) Assemble and disassemble a model pipe organ that really plays

Please share the following flyer with the youth at your church, school and piano students.

Youth AGO Flyer

Upcoming Concerts/Events of Interest

Organ Concert

Performed by Rev. Paul Turner, Pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here in Kansas City. Works featuring Bach, Elgar, Franck and more.

Sunday, November 4th @ 3pm

St. Paul Episcopal Church

1300 N 18th St.

Kansas City, MO 66102

Free will offering. Reception afterwards.

Organ Dedication Concert

Performed by Dr. David Pickering on St. Joseph Catholic Church's new custom Three-Manual Allen Organ in their newly remodeled sanctuary. This event is in celebration of the parish's 150th anniversary.

Sunday, November 18th @ 3pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church

11311 Johnson Dr.

Shawnee, KS 66203

Reception to follow performance.

The Annual St. Cecilia Music Festival

A festival of choirs and hymns

Sunday, November 18 at 3pm

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

On the Corner of Broadway and 12th.

Substitutes Available for You

Substitutes listed are members of the local organ guild. The people who hold AGO certificates have passed requirements of the National American Guild of Organists for various levels of service playing and choral conducting. However, the GKCAGO is not an endorsement agency for service provided by the persons listed here. To learn proficiency of substitutes, feel free to ask them for references. Feedback regarding the hiring of GKCAGO substitutes is welcome and encouraged. Please send feedback to John Schaefer canonjohn40@gmail.com.

These substitutes have passed various levels of AGO certification requirements:

Mary Bronaugh Davis, MA, CAGO org	(816) 436-1419 (c) (816) 456-0343
Nancy Custead, CAGO, B.S. Music Ed org, piano	(816) 590-9414 nancustead@gmail.com
Barbara Eichenberger, BM, CAGO org, piano	(816) 803-2516 musicaltouch36@gmail.com
Stephen Kucera, CAGO, BM org, piano	(913) 568-3873 skkansas@gmail.com
Linda Mann, BME, SPC org, piano (Weddings/Funerals only)	(816) 353-4826 (c) (816) 289-9760
Marjorie O’Konski, MM, MME, SPC org, piano	(785) 766-2545 mjokonski@hotmail.com
John Pitchford, MM, SPC org	(913) 663-3768 johnpitchford@kc.rr.com
John Schaefer, AAGO, ChM org, dir, lit	(816) 520-2084
Claudette Schiratti, MM AAGO org, dir, lit	(c) (913) 530-0960 cschiratti1@gmail.com
Jerrold Tidwell, BM, MM, CAGO org, piano, dir, lit	(c) (301) 714-8030 jerrold.tidwell@gmail.com

SPC = service playing certificate | CAGO = Colleague certification | AAGO = Associate certification | FAGO = Fellow certification
org = organist | lit = liturgical worship | dir = choral director | piano = pianist

The following have various degrees in organ or church music at the college or postgraduate level:

Joyce Berg, MM org	(816) 741-7388 joyberg74@gmail.com
John Deahl, MM org, dir, lit, bass soloist	(785) 250-4141 johnldeahl@gmail.com
Stephanie Henry, DMA Choral Music org, piano, dir.	(816) 678-6372 shenry24@kc.rr.com
Sharon Hettinger, DMA org, lit, dir, handbell	(785) 842-2053 slhett.sunflower.2016@gmail.com
Ronald Krebs, BM, MM org, lit	(785) 843-2622 rkrebs@reuterorgan.com
Sarah Lyons, DMA org, piano, lit, dir	(309) 333-8745 Sarah.orr.lyons@gmail.com
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Ann Marie Rigler, DMA org, lit	(816) 415-3792 (816) 415-7533
Nancy Stankiewicz, BA org, lit	(913) 642-8642

The following also offer their services:

Boyd Ahrens org, lit	(816) 453-8406 boydlee@aol.com
Betty Bauer org, lit	(913) 814-9021 hababab@earthlink.net
Doris Daniels org, lit	(816) 431-3244
Phillip Grubbs org	(816) 721-2325 pgrubbs@embassylandscape.com
Edward Poston – KU student org	edward.rposton@gmail.com
Marilyn VanderLinden org, lit	(816) 665-4441
Margaret Werth Org	(785) 478-0256

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The absolute deadline for submissions to the Bombarde editor is the 20th of each month. Please email your information to bombarde@kicago.com.