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The Dean's Corner

Vernon Mouw, Chapter Dean

I have just returned from the annual Presidents Day Organ Festival sponsored by the Los Angeles AGO and again this year, I am very impressed with the performers, the organs and churches and of course the mingling with fellow organists and friends. Probably for me the most interesting was the visit to the Neighborhood Church in Palos Verdes Estates. The history of that church



property is truly amazing. What a remarkable setting for worship, and of course the Glatzer-Gotz organ is very special as well. Our own member, Rebecca Ogle, received a recognition for 40 years of service upon her retirement at the church, and we were privileged to hear another member, Dr. Huynju Hwang, perform at her church, St. Francis Episcopal also in Palos Verdes Estates. We'll be hearing more from her at the Guild Service in May. Approximately 200 persons attended the Festival, on the most beautiful day we have experienced in quite a while.

Our season is winding down, only two events to go; the evening with Robert York at Bay Shore (March 12) Getting Ready for Easter, and the annual Guild Service hosted by Jeannie Cobb and Huynju Hwang at St Francis Episcopal (May 19). Be sure these are on your calendar and make plans to attend.

May each of you be inspired and blessed as you prepare for Holy Week.

Vern Mouw, Dean

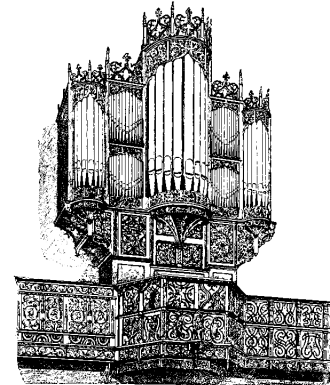
This Month's Meeting

Getting Ready for Easter! Our March meeting will take place Tuesday, March 12th at 8 pm at Bay Shore Community Church, 5100 E The Toledo, Long Beach, CA 90803 Robert York is our host.

A dinner at 6:30 pm will precede the program. The food will be supplied by George's Greek Cafe - Salad, three entrees, side dishes and Baklava for dessert. Please make your reservation with Elaine Elliott by Thursday, March 7th at: bobelaine@bobelaine.com

Please bring your organ shoes and a piece you are working on for Easter to play for the group and get some constructive feedback. If you want to arrange practice ahead of time, please contact Robert York. What will you be playing on Easter Sunday?

The Chapter will not meet in April as many of us will be busy with Holy Week and Easter.



Upcoming Events

Our May Guild Service will take place Sunday, May 19th at 4 pm at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 2200 Via Rosa, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274. Jeannie Cobb, Director of Music, Huynju Hwang, Organist, and the St. Francis Choir will lead us in worship and our Officers will be installed for the next year. St. Francis was one of the venues for the President's Day Organ Festival and the Reuter organ sounds well after extensive work by Sean O'Neal. I believe there will be a couple of other changes to the organ before our May event. Come find out on May 19th!

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Upcoming Events (continued)

Oliver Brett, Organist, will play a concert at Bay Shore Community Church on Friday, March 15th at 7 pm. An offering will be taken. Composers will include Buxtehude, Parry, Rheinberger, Schumann and Widor.

Ty Woodward, Organ, and Grant Hungerford, Trumpet, will present a recital featuring the churches 36 rank Schantz organ installed in 2016. Sunday, March 31 2019, 3 pm at St John Fisher Church, 5448 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes

Althea Waites will perform a faculty Piano recital on May 18th at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Long Beach. Stay tuned for more information.

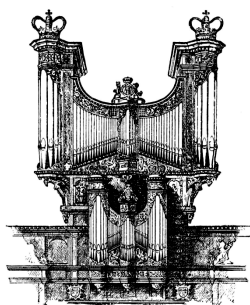
Opportunity to Serve

The nominating committee will soon be considering the roster of candidates for next season. If you would be willing to join the board please let Vern Mouw or Robert York know. We want to include all interested persons.

Question of the Month

Get to know someone you don't know well using this question as a conversation starter. We have much to share with each other. During dinner at Chapter meetings is a great opportunity

What is your favorite organ composition for Easter? What is your favorite Easter hymn? What do you like about them? Do you continue to learn new works or do you play the same pieces from year to year?



AGO 2019 West Region Convention

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The Orange County Chapter is proud to host the 2019 West Region Convention of the American Guild of Organists. We are excited to welcome members and other pipe organ enthusiast to our paradise. Please visit our website for details and for registration materials. Visit <http://www.agowest2019.com>.

From the Press Room

James H. H. Lampert, Typesetting, Printing, and Circulation

(Any opinions expressed in this column are strictly those of the author.)

After hand-correcting the issue number and month on every single printed copy of the February issue, I've taken steps to keep that mistake from happening again.

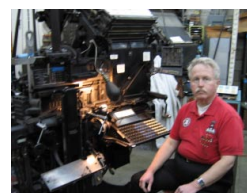
I'll give my answer to the Question of the Week, to get the ball rolling: *Hail Thee, Festival Day*. Years ago, I was introduced to the thrill of that hymn with organ, brass, percussion, choir, and congregation, all at full belt, as a processional hymn for the "big" Easter service. Now, I make do, while driving between Easter services (and driving home from the third or fourth of the day) by listening to (and singing along with) the only known choral recording of the hymn (track 9 of *A Vaughan Williams Hymnal*, on Sony Essential Masterworks). It's not quite the same, but it's enough.

At the Printing Museum, we finally got the "new" Windmill (a 1960s model, replacing the 1950s model on which I printed the current batch of masthead sheets) operational, and I've already run two jobs on it. Of course, given that we've barely started on the current batch of masthead sheets, it will probably be 2021 before we have to run more.

While I didn't make it to the Presidents' Day Organ Festival (being nether a civil servant nor an academic, I had to work), I did make it, along with a few Chapter Members, to Adam Brakel's recital the previous afternoon, and found myself having to pick my jaw up off the floor after his performance of the Demessieux "Repeated Notes" etude.

As Russ said, no Chapter event in April; there are, however, a few April events in the Tri-Chapter Calendar, including Cameron Carpenter at Disney Hall.

James Lampert, Typesetter and Printer



Note: This month's Tri-Chapter Calendar is meant as a supplement to last month's Events already mentioned in last month's calendar are severely cut, in order to fit March and April onto a single page. And as always, go to the LAAGO web site for the most up to date listings.

<https://www.laago.org/calendar>

Southern California AGO Tri-Chapter Calendar

Sun Mar 3, 2019

5:00 pm Choral Evensong

Where: All Saints' Episcopal Church, 3202, 504 N Camden Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Sat Mar 9, 2019

4:00 pm Gedymin Grubba, Organist

Where: Glendale City Church 610 E California Avenue Glendale, CA 91206
Freewill donation.

4:00 pm Grace Chung, Organist

Where: Lake Avenue Church 393 N Lake Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101
FWO. Contact worship@lakeave.org or call 626 844-4721.

Sun Mar 10, 2019

2:00 pm Gedymin Grubba, Organist

Where: Stan's Music Parlor
To receive an invitation with address, please send your email address to seh52@yahoo.com. Donation

4:30 pm Solemn Evensong

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010. Free.

6:00 pm David Higgs, Organist [LAAGO]

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010. Free.

Tue Mar 12, 2019

8:00 pm Getting Ready for Easter - Assistance with Organ Music for the Easter Season

Where: Bay Shore Community Congregational Church, 5100 E The Toledo, Long Beach, CA 90803
Free. Robert York, Host.

Sun Mar 17, 2019

3:00 pm Dancing With a Pipe Organ

Where: 631 N Euclid St, La Habra, CA 90631. FWO.

4:00 pm Thomas Mellan, Organist

Where: St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 1175 S San Gabriel Blvd, San Marino, CA 91108
All Liszt program. FWO.

5:00 pm Craig Phillips, Organist and Composer

Where: All Saints' Episcopal Church, 3202, 504 N Camden Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
www.allsaintsbh.org
Suggested donation \$20

Sun Mar 24, 2019

4:00 pm Choral Evensong

Where: St Mary of the Angels Church, 4510 Finley Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90017

The Evensong for the Eve of the Annunciation will include anthems for that Feast by Biebl, Hassler, Schalk and Handel, sung by St. Mary's Choir under the direction of James Vail, organist-choirmaster. The Magnificat and Nunc dimittis will be a plainsong-

Healey Willan setting. Free parking is available in the lot behind the church. Entrance on Hillhurst (west side) just south of Finley. Free.

7:30 pm Compline

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Schola Cantorum of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free.

Sat Mar 30, 2019

7:00 pm Bach Vespers, Don Brinegar, Conductor

Where: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1020 N Brand Blvd, Glendale, CA 91202
Free will offering.

Sun Mar 31, 2019

4:00 pm Organ and Trumpet Recital

Where: Fullerton First Lutheran Church 215 N Lemon St, Fullerton, CA 92832
Performers: James Tyler, MA Mus Organ, Michael Cartwright

Wed Apr 3, 2019

7:30 pm The Tallis Scholars, London

Where: Christ Cathedral Arboretum, 13280 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Sun Apr 7, 2019

7:30 pm Cameron Carpenter, Organist

Where: Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S Grand Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Program to be announced. \$31 to \$60

Sun Apr 14, 2019

4:30 pm Solemn Evensong

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Free.

6:00 pm Tom Mueller, Organist

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Free.

Tue Apr 23, 2019

7:30 pm Thomas Mellan, Organist

Where: Stan's Music Parlor
Mr. Mellan plays Couperin and Vierne on French Hauptwerk virtual pipe organs. To receive an invitation, please send your email address to seh52@yahoo.com.

Mon Apr 29, 2019

7:30 pm Thomas Mellan, Organist and Friends

Where: Stan's Music Parlor
Mr. Mellan performs bird-song related organ plus ensemble music on Hauptwerk virtual pipe organs. Donation. Private residence. To receive an invitation, please send your email address to seh52@yahoo.com.

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