



Letter from our Dean

As another season draws to a close, I want to thank the board members for their hard work in planning and executing our events and to thank all of you who participated. I admit that I had initial skepticism about having a discussion of technology after our potluck meal at the opening meeting, but actually we had a very stimulating discussion about tools of great value to our members. Thanks to Steve Patchel and Chad Fothergill for leading the discussion and to Melissa Heieie for hosting our meeting. David Schelat's program about the life and works of Wilbur Held was informative and gave us a chance to sample a variety of works by this prolific composer, as well as to hear a number of our members perform. The anthem reading session in March, led by Joanne Hench, Mike Bareham, and Steve Patchel, introduced us to a wonderful selection of anthems of varying difficulty levels, including some very good ones for those bad weather Sundays that require a last-minute change. As a chapter we contributed to the January Jumpstart, entitling our members to a reduced registration fee. Two Saturday morning brunches were enjoyable times to visit with friends in a relaxed setting.

All of this of course brings me to the season-ending banquet on June 2 at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Please make your reservation by contacting Twyla Evitts (tje2462@gmail.com). I urge you to attend the Choral Evensong service that begins at 4:30 with a half-hour organ prelude by Sonya Subbayya Sutton and to stay to hear the director of the Organ Historical Society, Ed McCall, between dinner and dessert.

A program planning committee is hard at work planning next season's activities. You can go ahead and enter on your calendar Saturday, September 14 as the date of our meeting to open the 2019-2020 season. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Hanover Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, and we will have our regional councillor, Wayne Wold, as our guest.

If you did not renew your membership before ONCARD was retired, I hope you will do so soon.

I look forward to seeing you on June 2. Best wishes for the summer.

—Bill Robinson

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Chapter Event Dates
Details inside...

September 22, 6:00 pm
 Silverside Church

November 10, 10:00 am
 First & Central Presbyterian

January 12, 8:30-3:00
 Bryn Mawr Presbyterian

March 16, 10:00 am
 First Presbyterian Newark

June 2, 6:00pm
 Christ Church Greenville

Letter from our Sub-dean

The Organ Historical Society (OHS) has recently relocated to our neck of the woods, and now has its headquarters and library all in one location in Villanova, Pennsylvania. The organization was given a large – well, really quite grand and amazing – home there, called Stoneleigh, and has renovated, restored, and reconfigured it to suit the organization's needs.

But what is OHS? What does it do? Might its activities be interesting to me? May I avail myself of its library (the largest collection of organ-related holdings in the world)?

These questions and many more will be answered at our June 2 banquet at Christ Church, Christiana Hundred by OHS's new CEO, Edward McCall, when he is our guest at this dinner and talk.

Come, enjoy a lovely dinner together (details later), and learn about OHS from Ed. Perhaps this is an organization with which you'd like to be involved.

—David Schelat

FINAL 2018-19 DELAWARE CHAPTER PROGRAM

Sun. 2 June
6:00 PM
Christ Church,
Christiana Hundred

The Annual banquet will feature guest speaker Edward McCall, the new CEO of the Organ Historical Society.
4:30 Prelude by Sonya Subbayya Sutton
5:00 Choral Evensong
6:00 Banquet and Presentation

NOTABLE CONCERTS & EVENTS

JUNE

Sunday 2 June 4:30 PM
Sonya Subbayya Sutton, Organ
Followed by 5:00 Evensong
Christ Church Christiana Hundred

Sunday 9 June 4:00 PM
Aaron Patterson (Curtis Institute)
with the SsAM Adult Choir
David Christopher, Conductor
Bach: Leipzig Chorale Preludes

Saturday June 15 11:00-5:00
Organ Day at the Kimmel Center
Kimmelcenter.org

Saturday 15 June 7:30 PM
Ken Double, theater organist
Dickinson Theater Organ Society
1801 Milltown Road

June 18–22
Longwood Garden International Organ Competition. Tickets available for preliminary rounds.
Longwoodgardens.org/events

Friday 21 June 7:00 PM
Saturday 22 June 4:00 PM
Summer Concert: "What a Wonderful World" - music of creation and the rainbow, with community choir and orchestra.
St. Paul's Lutheran, Newark

Sunday 30 June – 12:00 noon
A celebration of Joanne Hench's retirement.
Short organ concert, food, fun.
First Presbyterian Church, Newark

Banquet Menu

Summer Gazpacho

Peach BBQ chicken
summery sauce of peaches with a little BBQ tang

Long grain brown rice
cooked in homemade chicken stock

Broccoli stems
in a light Asian glaze of soy and ginger

Piña colada bread pudding
red wine, white wine, sparkling water



JULY

June 30-July 3
THE 2019 AGO MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONVENTION
www.agosouthjersey2019.org

Monday 1 July 8:00 PM
Quimby Competition Concert
Eric Plutz
Eric and Anna Meyer
Istvan Ruppert
Alan Morrison

Tuesday 2 July
Monica Czausz
Philadelphia Organ Quartet
Daniel Roth

Wednesday 3 July
Carol Williams
Nathan Avakian
Monte Maxwell

The **TOP 10 REASONS** you should attend the 2019 AGO Mid-Atlantic Convention in South Jersey

- Performers include a spate of **national and international STARS**, including **Daniel Roth** from St. Sulpice in Paris, France, and **Istvan Ruppert**, organ professor at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest.
- Haddonfield was recently chosen the **Best Historic Small Town in the Country**," by *USA Today*, and *Reader's Digest* named it "**The Most Charming Small Town in New Jersey**."
- You'll hear the **World's Largest Pipe Organ** in Atlantic City. With 7 manuals and 33,112 pipes, With **Carol Williams** at the console, its sound will astound and thrill you!
- The **Philadelphia Organ Quartet** will perform a recital on four organs. The organists are **Peter Richard Conte**, Wanamaker Grand Court Organist; **Rudy Lucente**, Assistant Organist of the Wanamaker Organ; **Colin Howland**, Music Director of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia; and **Monte Maxwell**, Chapel Organist of the Naval Academy in Annapolis.
- Outstanding **STARS** from the USA will include **Alan Morrison**, organ professor at The Curtis Institute; **Eric Plutz**, Princeton University Organist; **Monica Czausz**, rising superstar; **Carol Williams**, who will premiere a toccata she has written for the Boardwalk Hall Organ; **Nathan Avakian**, renowned Theatre Organist; and **Erik and Anna Meyer**, an outstanding organ - flute duo from St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church in Philadelphia.
- A moving service about slave life and spirituals will be held in the historic Haddonfield Quaker Meeting House, which was actively involved in the Underground Railroad. Leading the service will be **Dr. Eileen Guenther**, and **Metropolitan Opera Mezzo-Soprano Barbara Dever** will sing spirituals, accompanied by **Eric Plutz**.
- Two commissioned pieces will be performed: **Evelyn Larter** has written an anthem, "Glory to the Righteous One," for SATB, optional mezzo-soprano solo, optional brass quintet, and organ; and **Dan Locklair** will be on hand for the premiere of his work, "Angels," Two Short Tone Poems for Organ.
- Superb workshop presenters, including **Dr. Christopher Daly**, "Bach and the Reformation"; **Dr. Eileen Guenther**, "Code Songs and the Underground Railroad"; **Dr. Deborah Simpkin King**, Morningstar Choral Reading Session; **Dr. Ann Labounsky**, "Jean Langlais: A 28-Year Perspective on His Life, Legacy and Music"; **Alan Morrison**, "Practicing with Efficiency and Creativity"; **Dr. Istvan Ruppert**, "Liszt and Hungarian Organ Music"; **Glenn Rodgers**, "The FTC Ruling"; **Marvin Mills**, Organ Repertoire for Worship"; and **Victoria Sirota**, "Clergy and Musicians Working Together in God's Holy House."
- Special services will include choral music performed by the MasterChorale from First United Methodist Church of Haddonfield and the Youth Choir of First Presbyterian Church in Moorestown.
- **It will be a thrilling, inspiring convention!**



POSITION AVAILABLE

St. John's Lutheran Church, Dover seeking pianist/organist for Sunday services.
Contact Roger Hazzard rhazzard2@comcast.net; phone (302) 697-9661

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