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ATLANTA CHAPTER AGO
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO
AN ELEGANT POST CHRISTMAS PARTY
at the residence of
John Whitney
3463 Valley Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30305
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
7 to 10 PM
A Full Gourmet Menu
may be viewed on page two
Reservations at \$25 per person being accepted now
AGOAtlanta_reservations@charter.net
Deadline is December 16th

Fa, la, la, la, la!

December 28th Party Menu:

Hot Crab & Artichoke Dip
 served w/ toast points & rounds,
 Imported & Domestic Cheese,
 Caramelized Brie w/ assorted crackers,
 Vegetable Crudite
 Sliced Beef Loin (served hot)
 Potato Bar
 White Mashed Potatoes
 Sweet Whipped Potatoes
 with all fixings on the side
 Mini - Chicken Salad
 Stuffed Croissants
 Assorted Desserts and Sweets
 Hot Cider
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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN ~

My heartfelt thanks goes out to Jeff Bush, Arthur Schlueter III and the A. E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company for co-sponsoring our program featuring concert organist Cherry Rhodes at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church on Tuesday evening, November 9. Thank you also to Sub Dean Tim Young and chapter member Charlotte Bellamy for assisting Ms. Rhodes during her stay in Atlanta.

Ms. Rhodes played an outstanding recital to a large crowd. Many have commented on her virtuosic technique and colorful programming. It was wonderful to have so many of our chapter members present for both the dinner and the concert. It was even better to see so many parishioners of the church in attendance at the program, including quite a few "young people!"

We have an amazing post-Christmas party planned for Tuesday evening, **December 28** at the Whitney residence in Buckhead. Our chapter enjoyed the Whitneys' hospitality a few years back and they have once again graciously consented to welcome us into their lovely home. I sure you will agree that John has one of the most stunning residence pipe organ installations to be found. There will be plenty of open console time - bring your organ shoes and some music to share! We have a festive menu planned to celebrate the culmination of what is perhaps the busiest season of the year for church musicians.

Looking ahead to the new year, we will be helping to host a *Pedals, Pipes and Pizza* event on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville. Mike Henry, the church's Director of Music, has done a remarkable job of involving the children and youth of his congregation in their recent organ project. Make plans now to join us - and bring along a young person to get an up close look at the King of Instruments!

And as we enter into this highly stressful season, I would like to encourage you to take some time to tend to your own spiritual, physical and emotional needs. We tend to get so wrapped up in bringing joy to our congregations that we often fail to enjoy the beauty of the season ourselves. Set aside some time in your schedule for rest and rejuvenation. Attend some programs presented by your AGO colleagues for inspiration. May hope, peace, joy and love surround you this holiday season and all the year through!

Best wishes,
Jeff Harbin, Dean



A Note from David Barber

Let me encourage you to make your reservations for our annual Christmas party early. Due to the holiday and busy-ness of the season, the caterer needs our final count earlier than I had anticipated. Please make sure your reservations, including payment, reach me by **Thursday, December 16**. There will be no reservations via email, though I will be happy to send you an email to let you know I have received your reservation form and payment. Just add a note at the bottom if you'd like to hear back from me. Here are the basics...please know that more specific info will be coming (info on the organ, etc.)

1. Date: Tuesday, December 28, 2010, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
2. Location: Home of Mr. & Mrs. John Whitney
3463 Valley Road, Atlanta, GA 30205
3. Cost: \$25.00 per person
4. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, December 16
5. Reservation form should be mailed to David Barber at
317 Noel Way, Hampton, GA 30228-6011

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DECEMBER 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>\$</u>
Wednesday	12/1	5:55 PM	Choral Evensong. Evensong Choir	St. Bartholomew Episcopal	
		7:30 PM	Daniel Pyle playing Bach, Reincken, Persichetti, & Schumann	Spivey Hall	
Thursday	12/2	7:30 PM	Symphony orchestra concert of Christmas music	First Baptist, Marietta	
Friday	12/3	8:00 PM	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols: Emory Concert Choir, Emory University Chorus, director Eric Nelson.	Glenn Memorial Aud., Emory University	\$
Saturday	12/4	4 & 8 PM	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols	Emory University	\$
		7:00 PM	<i>Amahl & the Night Visitors</i> : Christmas opera	First Presbyterian, Atlanta	\$
		7:15 PM	Advent Concert: Choirs & Handbells.	Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Cumming	
Sunday	12/5	2:00 PM	<i>Amahl & the Night Visitors</i> : Christmas opera	First Presbyterian, Atlanta	\$
		5:00 PM	Advent Lessons and Carols: works of Bach, Palestrina, Gibbs, Barnard, Bonnet, Willcocks, & Schulz-Widmar	St. James' Episcopal Church, Marietta	
		5:00 PM	<i>Messiah</i> Sing-along with orchestra and soloists	St. Luke's Episcopal, Atlanta	
		6:00 PM	Service of Advent Lessons & Carols: Music by Palestrina, Morley, Archer, Phillips, Higginson, & Fedak	Episcopal Church of St. Mary & St. Martha of Bethany, Buford	
		6:00 PM	Lessons & Carols using the Great "O" Antiphons of Advent. St. Bartholomew's Choir	St. Bartholomew Episcopal	
Thursday	12/9	7:30 PM	Glory of Christmas concert	Roswell Presbyterian	\$
Friday	12/10	7:30 PM	Glory of Christmas concert	Roswell Presbyterian	\$
		8:30 PM	The Play of Herod	St. Bartholomew Episcopal	\$
Saturday	12/11	4:00 PM	Christmas at Johns Creek: 160 voice choir, orchestra, and drama. Free tickets www.jcbc.org	Johns Creek Baptist Church, Alpharetta	
		8:30 PM	The Play of Herod	St. Bartholomew Episcopal	\$
Sunday	12/12	9:45 AM	Festival Service of Christmas Music: Choirs of First Presbyterian with harp	First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville	
		4:00 PM	Christmas at Johns Creek: 160 voice choir, orchestra, and drama. Free tickets at www.jcbc.org	Johns Creek Baptist Church, Alpharetta	
		5:00 PM	Baroque Organ & Harpsichord Recital: Works by Couperin, Buxtehude, Scarlatti, & Bruhns: Christian Schoen, Organist & Harpsichordist	St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Alpharetta	
		5:00 PM	Advent Lessons & Carols: Music by Palestrina, Ord, Handel, Sirett, McKie, Willcocks	St. Luke's Episcopal, Atlanta	
		5:30 PM	Many Moods of Christmas: Chancel Choir, Scott Atcheson, Conductor	Peachtree Road UMC, Sanctuary	
		8:00 PM	Compline, sung by the St. Bartholomew Schola	St. Bartholomew Episcopal	
		7:00 PM	Georgia Boy Choir: David White, conductor	Peachtree Road UMC, Sanctuary	\$

Monday	12/13	7:30 PM	Christmas Concert by the Atlanta Opera Chorus	All Saints Episcopal	\$
Tuesday	12/14	7:30 PM	Christmas Concert by the Atlanta Opera Chorus	All Saints Episcopal	\$
Friday	12/17	7:00 PM	Georgia Boy Choir: David White, conductor	Peachtree Road UMC	\$
Saturday	12/18	8:00 PM	Atlanta Schola Cantorum. John Whitt, director	St. Bartholomew Episcopal	\$
Sunday	12/19	5:30 PM	Service of Lessons and Carols: Parish Choir, Nicole Marane, conductor	Peachtree Road UMC, Sanctuary	
		8:00 PM	New Trinity Baroque Candlelight Christmas Concert (\$9-29); Vivaldi, Gloria & Handel Organ Concerto in F (Brad Hughley, organist; Predrag Gosta, director)	St. Bartholomew Episcopal	\$
Friday	12/24	12, 4, 6, 8, 10:30 PM	Christmas Eve services: 8:00 pm Festival of Lessons and Carols, 10:30 pm Festival Choral Eucharist, PRUMC Combined Choirs with Brass Works by Biebl, Nelson, & Caccini	Peachtree Road UMC, Sanctuary	

The Atlanta Chapter of the AGO is pleased to announce a **Pedals, Pipes and Pizza** event at First Presbyterian Church, 800 South Enota Street, Gainesville Georgia. The event will from 9:30am to 2:00pm with a midday pizza lunch. The event is scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2011 and is open to students age 11-16. An interest in the pipe organ is the only skill required. Demonstrations, videos and opportunities to play will be provided. For further information, contact Phil Parkey of Parkey Organbuilders email philparkey@parkeyorgans.com or Mike Henry, Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church, MHenry@fpcga.org. Dr. James Mellichamp of Piedmont College will be part of our faculty.

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A new website makes it easier to search the the ever-growing library of organ music, which currently holds over 10,000 tracks from more than 850 albums of music recorded by organists all over the world. Listeners can log in to rate tracks and albums as well as leave comments on the same. Organlive plays albums recorded on pipe, digital, and combination organs played by the world's best concert organists, as well as tracks recorded and submitted by less renowned organists. Included are pairings of organ and orchestra, solo instruments, choir, or vocal solos. The listener is presented with the work title, composer, album title, a link to purchase the album or MP3 online, the organ, it's builder, size, and location, and a link to the specification of the organ being heard, and often a link to public domain copy of the sheet music of the work.

Listeners may browse the entire library searching by work, composer, organist, album, or organ and request tracks to be played. On Sundays the station features hymns, choral anthems, and music of the church. Monday's playlist consists of music from the 19th and 20th centuries. Wednesdays are all-baroque music, and Fridays feature the best music from our library, as rated by the listeners.

The station has been continually funded by the listeners, and an annual budget covering all operating expenses is raised every spring. Organlive is always accepting submissions for new music from organists, composers, and publishers. To listen to Organlive, or for more information on submitting your music, visit www.organlive.com. CONTACT: Brent Johnson, Organlive.com 314-496-1278 comments@organlive.com <http://www.organlive.com>

ATLANTA CHAPTER - AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS 2010-2011 PROGRAMS

Unless listed otherwise, programs are at 8:00 PM, preceded by 6:00 punchbowl & 6:30 dinner.

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

Christmas Party
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Whitney Residence
3463 Valley Road - Atlanta, GA 30305
Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. John Whitney

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Organ Recital - Douglas Cleveland
Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
3180 Peachtree Road, NW - Atlanta, GA 30305
Hosts: Scott Atchison and Nicole Marane

Saturday, February 12, 2011

Annual Student Organ Recital
Recital - 11:00 am followed by lunch
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
731 Peachtree Road, NE - Atlanta, GA 30308
Host: Sarah Hawbecker

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Handbell Program
Central Presbyterian Church
201 Washington Street, SW - Atlanta, GA 30303
Hosts: David VanderMeer and Michael Morgan

April 2011

No program - Lent/Easter

Sunday, May 15, 2011

Annual Guild Service
Punchbowl: 6pm - Dinner: 6:30pm - Service: 7:30pm
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
1790 LaVista Road, NE - Atlanta, GA, 30329
Host: Brad Hughley



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Other events as noted.

Sunday, December 5

Recital, Clayton State Chorale

William Byrd, Selections from *Mass for Four Voices*

Edwin Fissinger, *By the Waters of Babylon*

Anonymous 13th century rondellus, *Flos Regalis*

Patrick Hadley, *I Sing of a Maiden*

Henry Purcell, *Oh I am Sick of Life*

Henry Purcell, *Since God So Tender a Regard*

Harold Darke, Gloria from *Service in A Minor*

Evensong, Schola

Orlando Gibbons, *Short Service*

Johann Wanning, *Vox clamantis in deserto*

Orlando Gibbons, *O Thou the Central Orb*

Thomas Morley, *Preces & Responses*

Sunday, December 19

4:00 p.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols, Schola

Craig Phillips, *The Creator, the Wisdom of God*

Cornish carol, arr. John Rutter, *Sans Day Carol*

John Rutter, *There is a flower*

Claude Goudimel, *Comfort, comfort ye, my people*

Stephen Cleobury, *Joys Seven*

Arr. Reginald Jacques, *Away in a manger*

Herbert Howells, *Sing lullaby*

French carol, arr. Stephen Jackson, *Noël nouvelet*

German carol, arr. R.L. Pearsall, *In dulci jubilo*

Eric Whitacre, *Lux Arumque*

Sunday, January 2, 2011

4:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist, Schola

George Malcolm, *Missa ad Praesepe (Mass at the Crib)*

Eric Whitacre, *Lux Arumque*

Sunday, January 9

Recital, Sam Polk, *organ*

(Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Athens, GA)

Louis Vierne, *Symphonie III in F-Sharp Minor, Op. 28*

Evensong, Schola

Thomas Weelkes, *Sixth Service*

Thomas Weelkes, *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

David Hurd, *Father in Heaven*

Thomas Morley, *Preces & Responses*

In Memoriam . . .

NANCY JANE BLAIR

b. December 18, 1937

d. November 6, 2010



“Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.”

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Executive Board Meeting: January 8, 2011
1:30 p.m. at Northside Drive Baptist Church

Dinner Notes

Dinner Reservations David Barber, *Chair*
by email: AGOAtlanta_reservations@chater.net

Karen Bunn, *Chair*
by phone: (h) 770.446.2084
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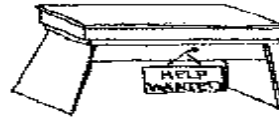
The cost for dinners this season will be **\$14**. Reservations for monthly meeting dinners/luncheons are a **MUST** and should be made no later than the Thursday before the next weeks meeting. CHECKS are to be made payable to AGO Atlanta at the meeting check-in desk. If you pay by CASH, please bring exact change. If you make a reservation and are unable to keep it, you are responsible for canceling the reservation in advance on the Thursday prior to the dinner or luncheon date -OR- you will be expected to pay for it regardless of your attendance. *Thank you in advance for honoring these requests.*

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Complete details on these and other positions may be found at the Chapter's web-site: www.agoatlanta.org then click on "employment."

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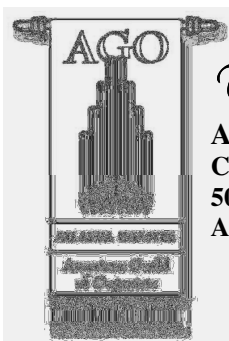
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Christmas



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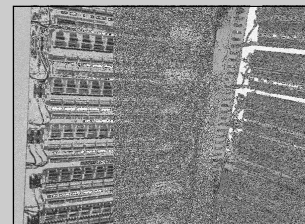
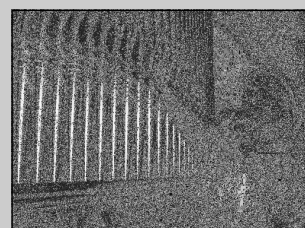
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