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"The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historical and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members."

SOUTHEASTERN ORGAN FESTIVAL

JUNE 17-20

ATLANTA

These events are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

*An offering will be received
at each of the Worship Services.
Concert Admission is \$10 at the door.*

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CONVENTION

WORSHIP

Join the AGO Region IV

*Conventioneers in uplifting worship
held at three churches in the
downtown Atlanta area.*

Hymn Festival

- ◆ Sunday, June 17, 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ David Arcus, *organist*
- ◆ Barbara Brown Taylor, *liturgist*
- ◆ First Presbyterian Church
1328 Peachtree St. NE at 16th St.
404.892.8461

Service of Matins

- ◆ Tuesday, June 19, 11:15 a.m.
- ◆ Albert Ahlstrom, Bruce Neswick,
Scott Atchison, David Fishburn,
Michael Stewart, Choirs of St. Philip
& Peachtree Road UMC
- ◆ Dr. William Porter, *liturgist*
- ◆ Cathedral of St. Philip
2744 Peachtree Road NW
404.365.1051

Service of Evening Prayer

- ◆ Wednesday, June 20, 3:45 p.m.
- ◆ Festival Singers,
Dr. William Baker, director
Sue Goddard, *organist*
- ◆ Dr. Don Sillers, *liturgist*
- ◆ Dr. John Byers, *liturgist*
- ◆ Grace United Methodist Church
458 Ponce deLeon Avenue NE
404.876.2678

CONCERT

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Elizabeth & Raymond Chenault

- ◆ Monday, June 18, 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ All Saints' Episcopal Church
634 W. Peachtree St. NW
404.881.0835

Roberta Gary

- ◆ Tuesday, June 19, 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ St. Bartholomews Episcopal Church
1790 LaVista Road NE
404.634.3336

Mary Preston

- ◆ Wednesday, June 20, 8:15 p.m.
- ◆ Peachtree Road United Methodist
3180 Peachtree Road NW
404.240.8212

Visit our Convention website at
<http://www.agoatlanta2007.org>
Contact us for general information at
Convention2007@agoatlanta.org

PETER SYKES,*organist*

Friday, June 1, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

1790 LaVista Road NE

Atlanta, GA 30329

404.634.3336

Admission: \$10

In Memoriam

Dear AGO Friends,

It is with sadness that I write to inform you of the death this morning of *Edith Hooten*, who so faithfully served the AGO. For the past six years, she served as District Convener for the state of Florida. She was a Past Dean of the Tampa Chapter and had also served on the Regional Nominating Committee.

Edith's service is scheduled for June 4th, 2007 with family visitation at 10 AM, service at 11:00. The service will be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 4120 North MacDill Ave., Tampa, Florida

Condolences may go to her son, Thomas Hooten and Family at 1414 West Alicia, Tampa, FL 33604.

At this time the family is undecided about flowers and/or memorial contributions. Those of you who knew Edith and wish to know more about arrangements may contact me personally. The AGO, and Tampa in particular, has lost a talented, energetic, and dedicated leader.

Sarah Hawbecker
Regional Councillor, Region IV
American Guild of Organists

May 22, 2007

**Daily Lectures and Recitals:****In Bach's Footsteps***An Educational Tour of J.S. Bach Sites***Dr. Timothy Albrecht****Emory University Organist****May 15-28, 2008**www.BachTour2008.com**MUSIC AT
THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PHILIP**

Sunday Afternoon Recital Series - September thru May. All recitals begin in the Cathedral at 3:15 p.m. as a prelude to the 4 p.m. Evensong which is sung by the Cathedral Schola or Choir. Evensong on Third Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. is sung by the Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults.

SUNDAY, 17 JUNE

4:00 PM / EVENSONG

to welcome the 2007

Regional Convention of

The American Guild of Organists

*The Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults***TUESDAY, 19 JUNE**

11:00 AM

Liturgy for the AGO Regional Convention

*A premiere of a three-movement choral work
by California composer David Conte*

WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE

7:30 PM

Atlanta Summer Organ FestivalDouglas Cleveland, *organ*

Followed by a coffee and desert reception

\$10 suggested donation

SUNDAY, 15 JULY

4:00 PM

Bon Voyage Evensong

Prior to the trip to Europe

The Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults

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Bruce Neswick, *Canon for Music*David Fishburn, *Associate Organist-Choirmaster*Brent Runnels, *Cathedral Concerts Manager*Timothy Gunter, *Coordinator for Music*

A Message from DEAN

At our monthly Chapter Board meeting a couple of weeks ago, Charles Redmon, the more-devoted-than-you-know editor of our newsletter, *The Organizer*, made the generous offer to publish a “bonus” issue for the month of June – something we don’t usually do, but with the upcoming Region IV Convention in mind, it was a very timely and generous offer.

Over the past week there have been a few e-mails promoting the convention and encouraging your registrations – David Barber, along with the Steering Committee, has been working overtime to help make the event the success it deserves to be. I wish that each of you could have sat in on one of those planning sessions when the room was buzzing with enthusiastic conversation around the packed table, and every detail was being scrutinized by your colleagues, under the leadership of Bruce Neswick and John Brandt, with unusual, but not unexpected, dedication.

But this is all in the future.

What I’d like to do in this final newsletter is to reflect on what has been a most successful year, and to thank all of you who have been so supportive of our Chapter.

The season began with a gala event hosted by Sue Goddard at Grace United Methodist Church. Frederick Hohman’s program of transcriptions on the huge Schantz was memorable – especially for those of us who were sitting under the *en Chamade!* We also were blessed with the \$300,000 gift for our scholarship endowment from the estate of Elizabeth Taylor.

October found us at St. Anne’s Episcopal, with Joyce Schemanske as our gracious hostess, and Stephen Hamilton as our recitalist, through the generosity of Bill Weaver and Doug Johnson.

Our Saturday workshop in Cumming, hosted by John Hutchinson at First United Methodist Church, was a spectacular event – bountiful refreshments, an informative choral reading session, some great organ playing, and a concert by members of the choir.

Christmas found us at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany where David Houston gave us the opportunity to hear and play the organ and sing some carols together.

For the second year, we joined in the MLK, Jr. celebration with a recital of African-American organ music, played brilliantly by Trey Clegg on the Holtkamp organ in Sisters Chapel at Spelman College. Dr. Joyce Johnson warmly welcomed us to this historic chapel.

The annual Guild Service was a celebration of music in worship and congregational song at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, with J. Franklin Clark and his choir giving us the opportunity to worship away from our own consoles and choir lofts.

New or Renewal MEMBERSHIP Deadline June 30, 2007

In March, Dr. Kay McAfee took us on an organ tour of Paris with her recital of French music on the organ I know best in the world, at Central Presbyterian Church.

The tradition of not having a meeting during the month of Easter was broken this year when Alice Walker Griffin and Becky Griffin Ramsey invited us to spend the day in historic Covington, hearing and playing the organs at the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, enjoying lunch in one of several venues, and touring a couple of the wonderful homes. The Cub Scouts even turned out to show us our way around the town square!

And Ray and Beth Chenault, with their congregation at All Saints’ Episcopal Church, literally “blew us away” with a grand dinner and the virtuoso playing of Paul Jacobs. Election of officers was held, and Joyce Johnson and Tim Young were added to the Board.

Add to this the Chapter Young Artist competition and our scholarship auditions and you can see what a rich year this has been.

What has made this year so special is that so many of you worked so hard to help it happen. Without the combined support of your officers, it would never have happened.

I won’t take the time to list every name, because I don’t know where to stop.

If you want to see close-up someone who makes our Chapter special, just look in the mirror! Your attendance at meetings, programs, recitals, concerts, and worship services is the fuel that keeps our Chapter, and our profession as church musicians, glowing.

Thank you deeply for being yourselves!

Michael Morgan,
Dean



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The Treasurer's Report

We collect the major portion of our dues in June for use during the next year. This explains why the dues number is so low in the current report. We should net about \$14,000.00 in dues between now and the end of June, 2007.

Advertising revenue has covered all the costs of the Yearbook and *Organizer* during the past year. Dinner expenses are only \$125.00 in excess of dinner revenues; this is due to an extra charge being added to a couple of catering invoices and complimentary dinners for several visitors and guests.

We gave out scholarships this year based on increased growth in the Morgan Stanley account for both regional and chapter competitions this year. The account grew from \$128,370.61 at June 30, 2006 to \$148,753.13 as of April 30, 2007. As in the previous year, we were able to pay out the funds for the scholarships from current operating expenses and not take a distribution from the investment account so these funds would be allowed to grow for future use.

Submitted by, Charlene Ponder

Income and Expenses July to May 15

Bank balances at July 1, 2007		\$13,449.31
Revenues		
Dues, Net of National Portion	\$	287.08
Advertising		3,915.00
Label sales		375.00
Net Donations		661.40
Scholarship Fund		175.00
Interest Income		3,682.00
Competition Entry Fees		150.00
Dinner		7,595.00
Used Music Sales		148.00
Total Revenues	\$	<u>16,988.48</u>
Expenses		
Bank Fees	\$	6.00
Artist Expense		2,104.00
Dinner Expense - monthly meetings		7,720.00
Newsletter		1,098.21
Membership Renewal Mailing Expense		422.40
Office Supplies		76.49
Postage - other		77.87
Yearbook		2,687.03
Website		107.40
Competition Expenses		525.00
Scholarships		6,171.00
Testing Expenses		29.67
2007 Regional Convention Expenses		6,500.00
Total Expenses	\$	<u>27,525.07</u>
Bank balances at May 15, 2007		<u><u>\$ 2,912.72</u></u>

A Glance Toward Next Year

Your officers have been hard at work planning programs for the 2007-2008 chapter meetings. We appreciate the suggestions we have received and have tried to use many of those in putting together the series. I am happy to report that the season is almost completely worked out!

Here is the plan to date for the **2007/2008** season - with the caveat that some things may be adapted as the final schedule is put into place later this summer:

September 11 - Marilyn Keiser in recital at Living Grace Lutheran Church/Tucker

October 9 - Nigel Potts in recital at the Cathedral of St. Philip
- *Elgar Sesquicentennial Program*

November 13 (Saturday noon) - Young Organists Recital - *Location TBA*

December XX - Chapter Holiday Party

January 8 - *Program TBA*

February 12 - Hymn Festival with Dr. Albert Travis at Northside Drive Baptist Church
with brass & other instruments

April 8, - Choral Concert - *Location TBA*

May 13 - Guild Service with Sue Goddard & The Baker Festival Singers
and Dr. John Byers at Grace United Methodist Church

*Please place these dates on your calendars now.
We hope to see all of you at the monthly programs next year.
Remember - be there, or be square!*

James F. Mellichamp,
Sub-dean

About the Yearbook

If you have not received your 2006-07 yearbook, please contact the registrar, Michael Morris.

Every effort has been made to insure accuracy and completeness of the information contained within the 2006-2007 Yearbook which was taken directly from your new or renewal application. If there are errors, additions or changes, please notify the Registrar at your earliest convenience. Updates will be presented in the monthly issue of *The Organizer*.

DEADLINE for membership renewal and to be included in the new 2007-2008 issue is June 30, 2007.

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

June 2007 Calendar of Area Events

Weekday	Date	Time	Event	Location	\$
Friday	1	7:30 pm	Organ concert featuring Peter Sykes	St Bartholomew's Episcopal	\$
	1	7:30 pm	Organ recital featuring James F. Mellichamp	Piedmont College Chapel	
Sunday	3	11:00 am	Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers, Jerry Black, director of music and organist	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Marietta	
	3	5:00 pm	Organ concert featuring Trey Clegg	St. Paul's Episcopal Church	
Saturday	16	12:15 pm	RCYO Competition	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	
		7:30 pm	"Two Organs...Two Organists" featuring Diane Bish and Nicholas Bowden	Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Buckhead	\$
Sunday	17	3:00 pm	AGO Convention (see convention schedule)	Residence Inn Midtown	\$
	17	4:00 pm	Evensong to welcome the 2007 Region IV Convention of the AGO, featuring The Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Monday	18	8:00 am	AGO Convention (see convention schedule)	Residence Inn Midtown	\$
Tuesday	19	8:00 am	AGO Convention (see convention schedule)	Residence Inn Midtown	\$
		11:00 am	Liturgy for the AGO Regional Convention featuring a premier of a 3-movement choral work by California composer David Conte	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Wednesday	20	8:00 am	AGO Convention (see convention schedule)	Residence Inn Midtown	\$
		8:00 pm	AGO Convention concert featuring Mary Preston	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	
Friday	22	8:00 pm	Post-convention organ concert featuring Ahreum Han	Northside Drive Baptist Church	
Sunday	24	2:30 pm	"I Hear America Singing" choral and organ concert featuring Dr. William Baker, conductor, and Sue Goddard, organist	Grace United Methodist Church, Midtown	
Wednesday	27	7:30 pm	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival concert featuring Douglas Cleveland followed by desert reception	Cathedral of St. Philip	

July 2007 Calendar of Area Events

Weekday	Date	Time	Event	Location	\$
Sunday	15	4:00 pm	Evensong featuring The Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults	Cathedral of St. Philip, Buckhead	\$
Wednesday	18	7:30 pm	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival concert featuring Shelly Moorman-Stahlman	Cathedral of Christ the King, Buckhead	\$
Wednesday	25	7:30 pm	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival concert featuring Scott Montgomery	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	\$



Positions Available

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

Bascomb United Methodist Church 2295 Bascomb Carmel Rd., Woodstock, GA, is seeking a pianist/organist to begin immediately. Please email resume Paul Johns at [pvjohns@alltel.net](mailto:pjohns@alltel.net).

Commerce Presbyterian Church is looking for an organist/pianist; Wednesday rehearsal, one Sunday service which maintains a traditional approach to worship. Contact us at kepphd2be@bellsouth.org or cal 706.335.3282.

Epiphany Lutheran Church 1350 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suwanee, GA 30024; 770-831-1966; 770-831-1962 (fax); website: www.epiphanysuwanee.org Growing & dynamic congregation is seeking a Music Director with a passion for serving God through the musical talents of His people: Children's Choir (2yr-K, member Directed), Bell Choir, Miscellaneous Instrumental Ensembles. This position is ¾ to full time. Please send an email with cover letter and resume to: Robin at georgiapeach3@charter.net

First United Methodist Church 327 North Lumpkin St., Athens, GA 30601 - 706-543-1442. ORGANIST needed for 3,000 member church in Athens Georgia to commence in May 2007. Send resume and references to Stephen Mitchell at smitchell@athensfirstumc.org or to the address above. Also visit www.athensfirstumc.org.

Hamilton Mill Presbyterian Church - 5235 Braselton Hwy., Auburn, GA 30011. Director of Music Ministries (Part-time). A new church with a passion to connect and reconnect people to God; blended in worship style, with a relaxed and casual atmosphere, singing both hymns and contemporary worship songs. Send resume to or request information from Dr. Tom Bagley, Pastor; 404-906-6348; e-mail: tombagley@hamiltonmillpc.com

Harmony Grove United Methodist Church 50 Harmony Grove Road, SW, Lilburn, Georgia 30047 has an opening for a music director. We are seeking a proficient leader of choral music. Applicants should send a resume to: Dr. Richard C. Long, Senior Pastor

St. Thomas Aquinas 535 Rucker Road, Alpharetta, GA 30004 Choral Director position is available for a vibrant Catholic Duties include one weekly rehearsal and performance and additional combined parish-wide special events, for a total of 7-10 hours a week. Start date is August, 2007. Send cover letter/resume to: kkuczka@sta.org or Kathy Kuczka at the Church address. For more information, call Kathy Kuczka 770-475-4501.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church (ELCA) Forest Park, GA, is looking for a part-time Director of Music Ministries. Send resume via Word document. Contact Arolue Flemmen (Arolue@aol.com)

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Per issue: \$60 half page; \$30 quarter page; \$15 business card size

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National Web site www.AGOHQ.org
Chapter Listserve AGOAtlanta-L@listserve.uga.edu

Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, June 3, 2007 • 3:30 p.m.

at the home of Michael Morgan

Dinner Notes

Dinner Reservations David Barber, *Chair*
by email: d_barber@bellsouth.net

Karen Bunn, *Chair*
by phone: (h) 770.446.2084
(cell) 404.502.6292

Reservations for monthly meeting dinners 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 dinner 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.*

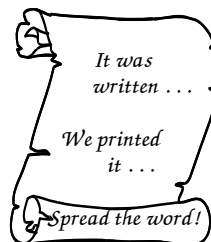
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To pay for a reservation that you didn't keep, mail a check to Charlene Ponder, *Treasurer*. (see Yearbook Page ML-35)

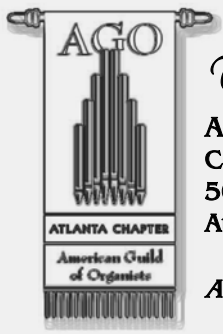


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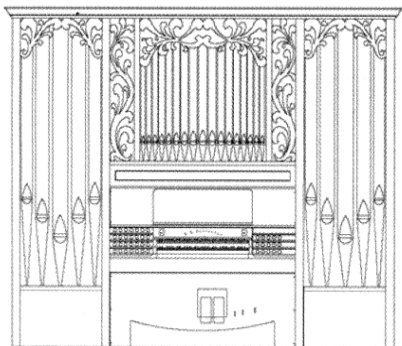
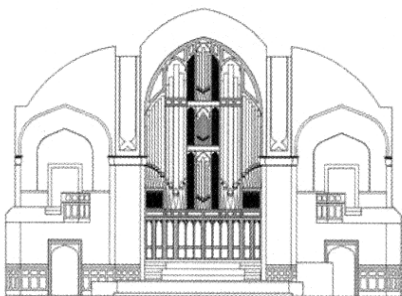
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