



The Organizer

American Guild of Organists

Atlanta Chapter

Season Opener To Feature Installation, Clergy Recognition, and Guild Service

The first Atlanta AGO chapter meeting of the 2003-2004 season will feature a delicious dinner at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer on September 9. It will be Clergy Recognition night, and new officers will be installed. The annual Guild Service will use elements of the Lutheran service of Evening Prayer, and will

feature choral music by Bach, Mendelssohn and Stanford, sung by the Redeemer Choir under the direction of David Hansen. Sarah Hawbecker, organist, will play works by Duruflé and Bach. The instrument used in the service is the church's 59-stop, 73-rank Létourneau organ, dedicated in December 2002.

On the map at the right, one-way streets are marked with arrows, and parking lots with the letter "P." The parking lot off Third Street is frequently used for Fox Theatre parking. Usually there is no charge for events at the church. Please tell the attendant when you enter.

Please review the dinner reservation policy on page 7 of this issue. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**September 9
Guild Service**

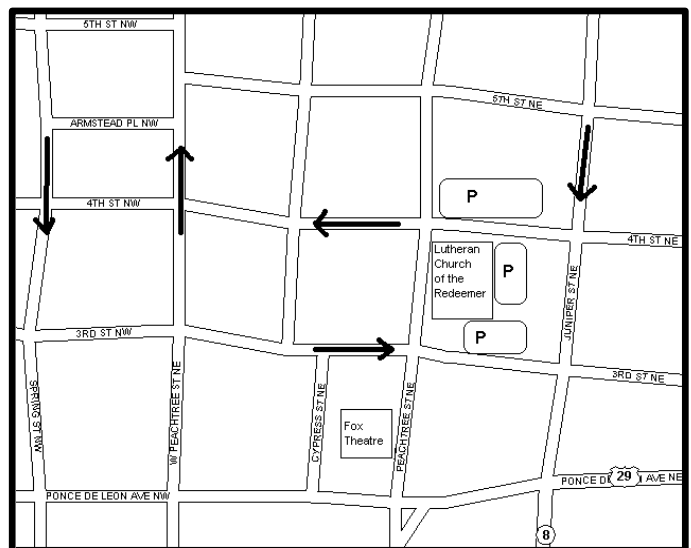
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
731 Peachtree Street, NE
(404) 874-8664
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Sarah Hawbecker, host

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Reservation Deadline
Thursday, September 4
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Telephone coordinator (770) 496-0719

Tuesday, September 9
6:00 PM Punch Bowl
6:30 PM Dinner/Meeting
8:00 PM Guild Service

For driving directions, see
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Jean Robinson Scaglion

Jean Scaglion died July 11, 2003, in St. Petersburg, Florida. She was a graduate of Salem College, and did graduate work in piano at the Juilliard School of Music. She had taught at the North Carolina School for the Blind and at Westminster Schools in Atlanta, in addition to private piano students. She had received the AAGO degree and had been assistant organist at her church, St. Luke's Episcopal, in Atlanta. She had served as dean of the Atlanta Chapter of AGO from 1968 until 1970. A memorial service was held at St. Luke's on July 25, 2003.

Arch M. Ozburn

Arch M. (Mack) Ozburn died on June 1, 2003. A lifelong resident of Riverdale, GA, he had been a principal of several elementary schools in the Atlanta Public School System. After his retirement, he had a new career as a model and actor in television commercials. He was active in the Lion's Club and had served as president of the local Retired Teachers' organization. He studied organ with William Weaver and had served as organist in several churches in the area. He was a member of Central Presbyterian Church. He and his wife Ida had frequently helped assemble and process *The Organizer* for mailing. A memorial service was held at Central Presbyterian.

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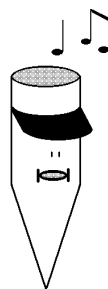
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From the Editor



Thanks to Keith Hufstetter and Michael Morgan for their help in assembling last month's issue of *The Organizer*. If you would like to help copy or assemble *The Organizer*, please contact me.

Betty Williford, Editor

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Chapter Web site <www.agoatlanta.org>
National Web site <www.AGOHQ.org>

Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, September 30, 9:30 AM
First Baptist Church of Decatur
308 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur

From the Dean



Greetings to all! I trust this column finds you well, rested and refreshed from your summer break! I know several of you took the opportunity to attend workshops and AGO Regional Conventions. Please take the opportunity to share the experiences with our newsletter editor or the least with your colleagues at our first meeting.

The opening meeting will be hosted by our past Dean, Sarah Hawbecker, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. This meeting will also serve as our Clergy Recognition Night. This is always a good opportunity to enlighten clergy with good musical experiences that you may have mentioned in your church staff meetings. We will have the installation of officers for the 2003-2004 year. I hope to see you there.

In the past year, the Executive Board has been working on a number of issues to help us reach several of the goals that we contemplated during a past board retreat. I spoke last year of our chapter setting examples as a "model" chapter. While we have accomplished a great deal, we took a look at several items of immediate attention, and it seems that "our foundation and roof needed a bit of work," so to speak.

Last year we passed a balanced budget for the first time in nearly 3 years. Ham Smith has carefully guided our Investment Committee that oversees the guild's long term financial resources. The results have been effective management of the guild's funds in a volatile market. This year, Warren William's joins our Investment Committee as we prepare to start rolling over the membership of this committee annually.

The dinner reservation system has had some changes and is still going through a bit of fine tuning. It seems that we often ignore the things that work well and create little drama in our lives - things that we find difficult to do without. Irma Collins has graciously taken on the role of Dinner Reservations Coordinator, including the task of coordinating the telephone callers. David Barber has agreed to assist and provide the monthly e-mail reminders. This will allow John Sabine some badly needed time to focus on his career and students. (Thanks for all of your assistance, John!) As the callers contact you this year, be sure to let them know if you wish to have a phone call or not and if you have established a permanent reservation.

With the changes in the board, Jim Wingate moves to position as our Webmaster, so look forward to coming changes with the chapter webpage. This past spring we added online registration. We made a good start, in spite of some glitches. (Alas, glitches are to be

expected with computers and *Windows*.) As I currently know though, we are the first to venture out into that area. Revisions and refinements in the coming months will make that a smoother system.

I had the opportunity to represent our guild at the Dean's Breakfast at the AGO Region IV Convention this summer. Surprisingly, I answered many questions from other Deans about the size of our chapter and the issues of our programming. We still maintain to date one of *the* most active monthly programs in Region IV, a fine example of the efforts of all of our past Sub-Deans. This year, Joanne Brown, our Sub-Dean, has completed the task of the programming the present season. She now moves ahead into planning programs for the 2004-2005 Season, so we can get our future Sub-Deans back on track for the yearly programs. Yes, we actually hope to have our programs planned a full year ahead of time.

One area where Atlanta is lagging behind other chapters is in the issue of monthly newsletter delivery. This has been an issue of keeping up with the times as well as a cost to our budget. Due to the change in numbers, bulk mailing is no longer in our best interest, hence the reason the newsletter has been delivered first class for the last two years. While this resolved some issues with timely delivery, it still presents problems for the newsletter Editors, present and future. While most area chapters have 40-80 members, we support a newsletter system for over 300 members. As you can imagine, that's quite a task to fold, lick and stamp each month. After some careful review, we will be following in the steps of our smaller chapters and moving most of our newsletter deliveries over to e-mail. This will be a major benefit to our budget and increase the speed of delivery. Therefore, as of this writing, you should receive the September and October newsletters in two formats, both a printed version as well as an Adobe PDF by e-mail. Starting with the November newsletter, members who have an e-mail address on file will receive only the e-mail version of the newsletter, unless you specify otherwise. The benefits will be quicker delivery for you the members, less consumption of our natural resources (trees) and less work for our newsletter volunteers.

Working with the Atlanta chapter has made me fully aware of the hours that our volunteers contribute to the operation of a sizable chapter. Thanks to the members who have agreed to accept new duties as well as those who have volunteered in the past. See you in September, and don't forget to pick up the new yearbook!

PHIL PARKEY, Dean

2003-2004 Program Summary

Here is a summary of the chapter's plans for the year. We have many members who cannot attend Tuesday events, so some events are being planned for other days as well. It should be an exciting year.

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

AGO Guild Service
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Hymn Festival led by Paul Oakley
on the 1928 E. M. Skinner organ
Sandy Springs United Methodist Church

Saturday, November 15, 2003

9:30 AM Breakfast and chapter meeting
11 AM Master Class with Alan Morrison
First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta
(Alan will be playing a concert at 2 PM Sunday as a part of the concert series at First Presbyterian Church.)

Tuesday, December 9, 2003

Christmas Party
Home of Lamar Savage

Tuesday, January 13, 2004

The Emory University Aquinas Center presents
Atlanta AGO member Kelly Whittier
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Atlanta

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Members' Recital
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Atlanta

Saturday, March 20, 2004

Choral Workshop with Eric Nelson
Emory University

April 2004

Simultaneous premiere of a commissioned organ work

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Paul Jacobs, organ
Spivey Hall

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

David Briggs, organ
All Saints Episcopal Church

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Sunday, 7 September

4:00 PM First Evensong of the season
5:15 PM Bruce Neswick, organ
(Bruce Neswick is Canon for Music,
Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta.)

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Sunday, 14 September

4:00 PM Evensong
5:15 PM Mark Walker, organ
(Mark Walker is from Rocky Mount, NC.)

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Thursday, 18 September

5:45 PM Evensong with Choir of Girls,
Boys and Adults

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Sunday, 21 September

4:00 PM Evensong
5:15 PM John Bohl, organ
(John Bohl is from Indiana University.)

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Sunday, 28 September

4:00 PM Evensong
5:15 PM Keith Weber, organ
(Keith Weber is from Atlanta.)

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September Performance Calendar



Sun., Sept. 7, 2:00 PM	Trey Clegg, organ	St. Edward's Episcopal Church, Lawrenceville
Sun., Sept. 7, 4:00 PM	Timothy Albrecht, organ	Glenn Memorial Aud., Emory Univ., Atlanta
Fri., Sept. 12, 8:00 PM	ASO/Spano	Schwartz Center, Emory University, Atlanta
Sat., Sept. 13, 8:00 PM	ASO/Spano; Pinchas Zukerman, violin	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Fri., Sept. 19, 12 noon	Vega String Quartet	Carlos Museum, Emory University, Atlanta
Fri., Sept. 19, 8:00 PM	Vega String Quartet	Emerson Concert Hall, Emory University, Atlanta
T/F/S, Sept. 18/19/20, 8:00 PM	ASO/Spano; Gil Shaham, violin	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
T/F/S, Sept. 25/26/27, 8:00 PM	ASO/Spano; Richard Goode, piano	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Sun., Sept. 28, 6:00 PM	Bruce Greer, piano	Roswell United Methodist Church, Roswell



Employment Referral

For more complete listings, check the chapter Web site, <www.agoatlanta.org>.

Music Associate/Organist: **Heritage Baptist Church**, 1070 Douthit Ferry Road, Cartersville, GA 30120. (770) 382-6072.

Organist: **Epiphany Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 2375 GA Highway 29 SE, Conyers, GA 30013. (770) 483-6222.

Assistant Director of Music/Organist: **First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta**, 1328 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309. (404) 228-7732.

Organist/Director: **Presbyterian Church of the Resurrection**, 3676 Highway 20 NW, Conyers, GA 30012. (770) 922-5553.

Organist: **Norcross First United Methodist Church**, 2500 Beaver Ruin Road, Norcross, GA 30071. (770) 448-4142.

Director of Children's Music/Assistant Organist: **Peachtree Road United Methodist Church**, 3180 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30305. (404) 240-8231.

Director of Music/Organist: **Druid Hill Presbyterian Church**, 1026 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30306. (404) 875-7591.

Organist/Director: **The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation**, 2407 Cascade Road, SW, Atlanta, GA 30311. (404) 755-0703.

Organist/Pianist: **Brookhaven Christian Church**, 4500 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30319. (404) 237-3030.

These positions have been listed for several months, and may or may not be open:

Director of Music Ministry: **First Presbyterian Church**, 183 W. Main Street, Cartersville, GA 30120.

Organist: **Briarlake Baptist Church**, 3715 LaVista Road, Decatur, GA 30030.

Twins Win A.A.G.O., New Member Earns Service Playing Certificate

Congratulations to two Atlanta Chapter members who have won the coveted Associate Certificate in the American Guild of Organists June 2003 examinations. Alice Griffin and Becky Griffin Ramsey (the twins) have studied hard to achieve this rating. They passed the playing exam in 2001, and this year finished the 6-hour written exam.

Becky and Alice studied piano with Miss Ethel Beyer, a charter member of the Atlanta Chapter, until they entered Agnes Scott College as organ majors under longtime chapter member, Dr. Raymond J. Martin. Both have been active church organists since their graduation. Becky serves First United Methodist Church in Covington, where she lives with her husband Sam, Mayor of Covington. She also serves as organist for Oxford College and Salem Campground meetings, for which her husband's family has long been involved. Alice often joins Becky in playing for these meetings. She will soon become Mrs. Ken Walker, and move to Covington as organist of First Presbyterian Church there. She recently served as organist of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Conyers. These longtime chapter members will be honored at the September meeting.

A new member of the chapter, Mary Beth Stickney, will be honored for earning the Service Playing Certificate in April of 2003. She is organist at Mary, Our Queen, Roman Catholic Church in Norcross. She has also earned certification in the Catholic NPM Association.

Congratulations to all these folks!

Pipe Organ Encounter

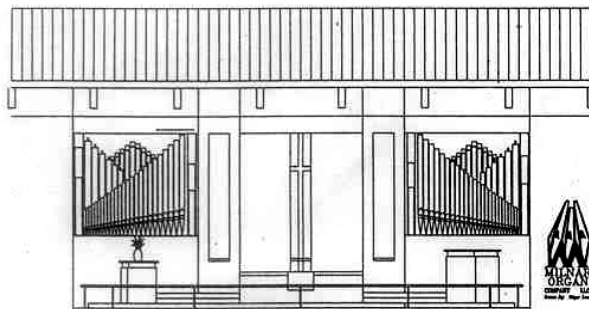
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NYACOP 2003-2004

Names of some of the NYACOP competitors are familiar to many AGO regulars. Four of them participated in the North American Selection Rounds of the Royal Bank Calgary International Organ Festival & Competition held at Spivey Hall in 1998 and 2002. They are Jeremy Bruns, Sangwha Lee, Michelle Martin, and Jonathan Oldengarm.

Expansion at One of the South's Largest Pipe Organ Building Facilities



Construction has just been completed on a 5000 sq. ft. expansion at A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company in Lithonia, Georgia. The company celebrates thirty years of business with the addition, which completes 18000 sq. ft. of dedicated organ building space.

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Come visit the new facility at A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Co., either in person or via their comprehensive web site:

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For more information contact A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company, 2843 S. Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road, Lithonia, Georgia 30058.

To arrange a tour call (770) 482-4845.

Dinner Reservation Policy Review

For several years the chapter lost money on meals at monthly chapter meetings. The new procedure inaugurated in 2001 has helped greatly. Please review the procedure below.

We encourage you to make a standing reservation. If you have a standing reservation and do not plan to attend the meeting, you must cancel by the deadline or pay for your meal.

If you do not have a standing reservation, you will be called by a member of the calling committee who will take your reservation only if they speak directly to you. If your caller has to leave a message, you must make your own reservation by the deadline to (404) 659-2462.

If you cancel your reservation after the deadline, you are expected to pay for your meal. If you make a reservation and do not show up, you are expected to pay for your meal. NO extra reservations will be made! If you arrive at a meal without a reservation, you will be on standby until 6:25 PM.



When You Make Your Reservation

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Sub-Dean's Corner

Welcome to a new year for our wonderful AGO Chapter! I invite you to look ahead to the 3rd weekend in November, when our monthly event will be an organ masterclass at First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, from 11am to 1pm on Saturday, November 15th. 'Our own' Alan Morrison - now beginning his second year as Professor of Organ at Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music - will select 6 of our chapter members who apply to play, based upon their choice and length of repertoire. Please FIND & FILL OUT the application (enclosed in this newsletter) if you are interested in playing for Alan and the rest of us! Send promptly to ME so I can forward the information to Mr. Morrison, and we can confirm in a timely fashion who will participate on Nov. 15th. Plan to come at 9:30 that Saturday, and treat yourself (by reservation of course) to a 'full English breakfast', during which we'll have our monthly chapter meeting. I hope you will mark your calendar NOW (do you have 2004 yet?) with this year's AGO events, concluding with Paul Jacobs at Spivey Hall on Tuesday, May 11th. Also begin to SPREAD the WORD to teenage piano students and piano instructors you know, about our June 20-25 National Pipe Organ Encounter at Agnes Scott College. Please note that our October event is on Tuesday the 7th, rather than 2nd Tuesday - and don't miss the creative flair of Paul Oakley on an historic instrument! Last, but not least, I urge you to invite the clergy of your church to join us for dinner and worship on September 9th. I'm looking forward to seeing you!

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