



Lorain County Chapter American Guild of Organists

www.lcago.org

Newsletter for March 2012

Vol. 57, No. 7

LCAGO Survey Results

The results of the 2012 LCAGO Survey are in, and they are summarized below. Thank you to all who took the time to fill out the survey.

The benefits of your AGO memberships are in general quite important to you. The most important (in order) are:

- *The American Organist* magazine;
- chapter programming;
- socializing with other organists; and
- professional networking.

Not very important are: certification and education; and national and regional conventions.

You also rate most LCAGO activities as quite important. Most important are:

- putting on programs, concerts, and workshops;
- recruiting more organists to LCAGO membership; and
- promoting the organ to churches.

Less important are: encouraging young organists; and holding social events for members.

The kinds of programs you are most likely to attend in the future are:

- organ recitals;
- workshops;
- lectures or presentations; and
- organ crawls.

You are less likely to attend: social events; and discussions of church music issues.

As might be expected, those who filled out the survey are some of our most active members: they attend most programs, and most have been AGO members for over 20 years. Do you have other input? Didn't get a chance to fill out the survey? We always like to hear from you!



From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

It was a pleasure seeing many of you at the “Marty” Gras event in February. Marty Bruner outdid herself in planning this entertaining event! More details of this event and a note from Marty are below in “Chapter News.”

I would also like to extend my personal thanks for the card and gift you presented to me. I am truly touched, and I will think of you all every time I wear that AGO sweatshirt! Thank you.

Brian

Chapter News

“Marty” Gras on February 19

LCAGO members gathered on Sunday afternoon, February 19, at Lorain Lighthouse UMC along with members of the church and other friends. Co Sub-Dean Marty Bruner, organist at the church, was our host. We enjoyed a delicious potluck of appetizers and desserts in the Heritage Room before and after the program, which was in the sanctuary.

The program consisted of a welcome by the church’s pastor, a mini recital by Brian Wentzel, a name-that-hymn contest (played with style by chapter members and friends), and a sharing of new hymns. A pleasant time was had by all, and the paczkis were put to good use!

Out thanks go out to Marty for her planning of this event. She writes:

Thanks to all who contributed to the fun and fellowship at the “Marty” Gras party. You were all terrific sports playing our hymn game, but don't let your award certificate go to your heads. Of course we know you are all winners!

Brian, our fearless leader, played two selections which we greatly enjoyed. He was recognized for his great accomplishment in achieving the FAGO designation. He will proudly wear his new AGO sweatshirt while learning yet another very difficult piece.

Thank you to all who brought food or helped to make this event possible. And especially thank you for coming!!! That's what made it fun.

Marty

P.S. I have a beautiful dish at church which was brought by the person who contributed the delicious deviled eggs. The eggs were eaten but the dish remains. Could you please send me an email (hurst@bright.net) so I can get the dish back to you?

Chapter News continued on page 4

Oberlin Events

March 1, 6:00, Allen Art Museum
Minimalism in Sound and Sculpture

A performance of Steve Reich's *Different Trains*, 1988, by the student Conservatory quartet 'Chartreuse.' Sarah Hamill, Assistant Professor of Modern and Contemporary Art, will briefly introduce the work and situate its minimalism in dialogue with sculptures in the Ellen Johnson Gallery.

March 3, 4:30, Kulas
Jacob Street, Harpsichord

A Master's Recital in Historical Performance by Jacob Street, harpsichord, baritone, violin, viola, and cello.

March 14, 8:00, Warner
Jessica Park, Organ
Oberlin Junior plays a recital.

March 16, 6:30, Warner
Oberlin Baroque Orchestra
Webb Wiggins, conductor.

March 20, 8:00, Fairchild & Finney
Dexter Kennedy, Organ
Oberlin Senior plays a recital.

Organ Dedication

March 18, 3:00, Christ the Redeemer Lutheran, Brecksville

All are cordially invited to Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church's Organ Dedication and recital on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 3:00 PM.

James Clouser CAGO, ChM, Director of Music and Organist at First Lutheran Church in Strongsville will be the recitalist.

The organ is a 1973, 21-rank Schlicker which was changed from tracker to electric action by Holtkamp Organ Company, who also added other features. The organ was moved to Brecksville, OH from Sinking Spring, PA. A free-will offering will be taken with a reception to follow the concert.

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran is located at 9201 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141 on Rt. 21 just south of the intersection of Rts. 21 & 82. Please direct questions to Joanna Pretz-Anderson, CAGO at 440-526-2303.

Other Area Events

March 16, 8:00, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Akron
Isabelle Demers, Organ
Akron AGO event.



Chapter News (continued)

Next LCAGO event—Oberlin recital on May 2

In a break with recent tradition, we will not be having our habitual Oberlin student recital and dinner this year. Instead, we will meet at Oberlin on Wednesday, May 2 at 8:00 to hear a recital by senior organ major Wesley Hall. Mr. Hall's playing has been hailed as "superb" by Oberlin professor James David Christie.

The recital will be in Finney Chapel. If you are interested in having dinner with colleagues before the recital, please [email the dean](#).

LCAGO picnic on June 17

Save the date! Our last LCAGO event of the season will be a picnic at the Sechkars' house on June 17. There will be food, fun, and our annual business meeting and election of officers.

New Members

We have had a few new members join the chapter since the Membership Directory was printed. Please add the following to your directory, and make sure to give them a big welcome when you see them!

James Akoury

35777 Center Ridge Road
North Ridgeville, OH 44039
akoury@stpeternr.org
(440) 212-5952

Music Director, St. Peter Catholic Church, North Ridgeville

James P. Leek

14477 State Route 58
Oberlin, OH 44074
jpleek@att.net
(440) 775-4111

President and Organ Builder, Leek Pipe Organ Co., Oberlin

William Zurkey, MMus

32161 Teasel Ct.
Avon Lake, OH 44012
wzurkey@aol.com
(440) 933-4972

*Organist, Bay United Methodist Church, Bay Villiage
Director of Choral Activities, Avon Lake, HS*

AGO Mission Statement

The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is:

- to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles;
- to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music; and
- to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

Job Opening

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Elyria, seeks a talented musician to fill the part-time position of **Organist/Minister of Music**. Lead worship on a great instrument in a multi-generational faith community that appreciates the creative blending of styles from many Christian traditions. The [full job description](#) is on the church's website.

Substitute Organists

Ronald D. Gibson

gibsonronald@hotmail.com
(440) 420-7627

Lois I. McCormick, BS (mus. ed.)

(440) 871-1867

Robert R. Ebert, PhD

rebert@bw.edu
(440) 353-3362

Contact Us

Lorain County Chapter, American Guild of Organists

www.lcago.org
info@lcago.org

Brian Wentzel, FAGO, Dean • brian@firstlutheranlorain.org • (440) 244-6286
Marty Bruner, SPC, Co Sub-Dean • hurst@bright.net • (440) 322-9749
Janet Campbell-Kuhl, Co Sub-Dean • jcampbellkuhl@windstream.net • (440) 324-6742
Carol Sharrock, SPC, Treasurer • csdoremi@aol.com • (440) 366-5860
Robert Ebert, Secretary • rebert@bw.edu • (440) 353-3362

Please email any newsletter information to the Dean by the 20th of the month.