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Fall Kickoff Event

September 22, 4:00 pm

Bob and Marcia's Magic Mechanical Music Marvels

At the home of Bob and Marcia Ebert
4958 Somerset Court
North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039

Bob and Marcia are avid collectors of mechanical musical instruments including a player piano, a nickelodeon, many antique disc and cylinder music boxes, a small carousel organ, several organ grinder organs, plus a 12 rank pipe organ. By the way, they have added several major instruments since our last visit a number of years ago. Here's a teaser – Marcia (who is not an organist) promises to play Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor in a way you have never heard it before!

Guests are welcome—bring a friend or invite an organist!

Pot Luck Scheme

Bob and Marcia will furnish beverages and soup. You bring a dish to share (salad, casserole, or dessert). **Please RSVP** to Bob and Marcia by September 18 with your pot luck item (phone: 440-353-3362; e-mail: rebert@bw.edu).

Parking

Somerset Court is a narrow street. There is room for two cars in the driveway. Park in the driveway or on the south side of the street (opposite side from the fire hydrants). If possible, car-pool with someone.



From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Our chapter is experiencing a period of change and redefinition. Some of the changes are outlined below in “chapter news.” Other changes are yet to be decided. If you are interested in being part of this discussion, please join us on September 22 for our annual meeting—and a tour of the Ebert’s Magic Mechanical Music Marvels!

Happy fall!

Brian

Chapter News

Annual Meeting to take place on September 22

Because the June picnic had to be cancelled, our annual membership meeting will take place during our fall kickoff event on September 22 at the Eberts’ house. Business items to discuss include election of officers, decisions about programming, and discussion about the future of our chapter. Please join us!

New Schedule for Newsletter

As part of the discussion at the April 15 Executive Committee meeting, it was decided that the frequency of the newsletter would be decreased. Instead of publishing a newsletter every month, we will try publishing quarterly. This decision comes out of the Executive Committee’s ongoing conversation about the future of our chapter, and how we might best use our resources. We hope to expand this dialogue with all members at the annual meeting on September 22.

Because of this change, concerts and events of interest (with the exception of LCAGO programs) will no longer be published in the newsletter, but instead will be found only on our website (www.lcago.org/events.html), which will be updated regularly.

The newsletter may be supplemented with periodic emails to the membership, so if we do not yet have your email address, please [let us know](#) what it is.

Lois Ingram McCormick

LCAGO member Lois McCormick passed away of salivary gland cancer at her daughter's home on August 10, 2013, with her "Albany Family" at her side. She was wife of the late J. Lee McCormick, daughter of the late Charles and Ruth Ingram, mother of Scott (Jackie), Randy (Therese), and LuAnn (Karen), grandmother of Elizabeth (Seth), Christopher, Kelly (Jordan), Keegan, Spencer, and Abby, great-grandmother to Miriam, sister of Robert (Joanna) and the late Franklyn (Louise), and dear friend of Leon Hart of Poughkeepsie.

Lois spent most of her adult life in the Cleveland area, raising her family and actively participating in many community organizations, political campaigns, and advocacy movements. Lois was a proud alumna of SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music and was a long-time member of the American Guild of Organists as well as the Women's Committee of the Cleveland Orchestra. She was a popular substitute liturgical organist and played at numerous churches in the Cleveland area until Fall 2012. Lois was an avid birder and loved to take her grandchildren to the nature center near her house. Lois was a skilled knitter, producing many beautiful pieces still worn and cherished by her family. Special thanks go to the volunteers at Trumpet Hill Knit Shop for helping complete Lois' final project - a hoodie for her great-grandchild. This, and the shawl she knit for her own mother, lay in her hands and comforted her through her passing.

A very special thanks also goes to Bonnie, Deann, Beth, Connie, and Holly, our hospice "Dream Team," as well as the caring staff of The Beverwyck. The family suggests donations be made in Lois' memory to The Community Hospice, 295 Valley View Blvd, Rensselaer, NY 12144; The Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, 28728 Wolf Road, Bay Village, Ohio 44140; or The Crane Annual Fund, Office of Advancement Services, SUNY Potsdam, Potsdam, NY 13676. A reception was held at Lois' home in Ohio.

Job Opening

Bay United Methodist Church is seeking an organist. LCAGO Member Bill Zurkey currently holds this position but has taken a new job.

The organ is a 2/33 Bedient tracker with a detached console. The organ is in a case at the front of the room. LCAGO member James Leek is the tuner and overall caretaker of the instrument.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. All interested can call the church at 440-871-2082, or contact Bill Zurkey at wzurkey@aol.com.

AGO Mission Statement

**The mission of the American Guild of Organists is
to enrich lives through organ and choral music.**

To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

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