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LCAGO Events Past and Future

LCAGO members and friends gathered on November 16 at Washington Avenue Christian Church in Elyria to see and hear the recent Kegg pipe organ. Charles Kegg, the owner and chief builder of Kegg Pipe Organ Builders, located in Hartville, OH, was present and started the program with some words about the organ. The instrument was installed in 2006 and features 18 ranks on two manuals and pedal. It is located in two chambers behind and above the chancel area and speaks out of two rather small tone openings.

After Mr. Kegg's introduction, members and friends took turns trying out the instrument and demonstrating its various voices. At the conclusion of this segment some of those present went with Mr. Kegg into the organ chambers to see the pipes and other mechanisms.

Following the program at the church, participants gathered again at Blue Sky Restaurant for good food and conversation.

Thanks are due to Sub-Dean Marty Bruner for organizing the event and providing refreshments, and to Washington Avenue Christian Church and their pastor Janet Long for their hospitality.

Our next LCAGO event will be on April 19 at 3:00pm. James Kibbie, professor of organ at the University of Michigan, will play a recital at Peace Community Church in Oberlin. This concert is jointly sponsored by First Lutheran, Lorain. This concert is free and open to the public.

Our annual meeting will take place in May, with place and time yet to be determined.



From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I apologize once again for the lateness of this newsletter! I have seen many of you at LCAGO and other events, and I very much appreciate your support and well wishes.

Best wishes,

Brian

Bob Ebert Honored

LCAGO secretary Bob Ebert was recently honored with the 2014 Community Service Award from Fairview Hospital. Congratulations Bob! From the [news story](#) written by Carol Kovach for Sun News:

As a young boy, Bob Ebert and his family lived on West 178th Street in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood., across the street was property upon which the new hospital was built. It moved from its previous Ohio City location to West Park in 1955. Ebert's parents, Ray and Ellen, were part of the fundraising campaign for the hospital. Also, his father was a real estate broker who helped acquire property for the hospital.

Based on his economics background and recognition of his family's early role with Fairview Hospital, Ebert was asked to serve on the board of Fairview Enterprises, the hospital's for-profit subsidiary, in the 1980s. He and his wife, Marcia, also serve on what became known as the Community West Foundation. Marcia Ebert is a registered nurse who once was a pediatric nurse at Fairview Hospital. She later worked in the child care center at Rockport United Methodist Church. In 1991, Ebert was elected to the Fairview Hospital Board of Trustees.

"This has been one of my major community service experiences," Ebert said. "I am committed to excellence in health care, as I believe it is vital to the well-being of the community." He serves on the board's strategic planning committee, medical staff quality improvement committee and the Cleveland Clinic Quality, Safety and Patient Experience Committee.

Ebert also is a volunteer and secretary of the board of the Lorain County Historical Society and secretary of the Society of Automotive Historians. In addition, he is a member of the St. Paul United Church of Christ (Elyria) church council, where he directs the handbell choir and is a substitute church organist.

Job Openings

Hudson United Methodist Church—Organist / Accompanist

Hudson UMC is has an opening for an organist. Two Sunday morning (traditional) worship services; practice with children's and adult choirs; occasional special events. Rodgers organ. More details are at www.hudsonumc.com at the "help wanted" link. Contact sprc@hudsonumc.com for questions and/or inquiries.

North Ridgeville First Congregational UCC—Choir Director / Organist

North Ridgeville First Congregational UCC is looking for a part-time Choir Director/Organist to lead our church with song and music during our worship service each Sunday and special services. The ideal candidate will have a background as a Choir or Music Director in an educational or spiritual environment with a varied repertoire. Responsibilities include working with the pastor and choir in the selection of music for the worship service, ordering music for the choir, directing the choir during rehearsal once a week, lifting up the congregation each Sunday morning during the worship service and submitting an annual music budget to the Stewardship Committee for approval. The choir performs 9 months out of the year (usually September through May). Salary is negotiable based on experience and qualifications. For consideration, please email your resume and cover letter to the church at (secretary@fccalive.org). The church is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All responses will remain confidential.

Organs Available

Baldwin Deluxe organ

Free. Late 80's model. Call Valerie at 309-7247 if interested.

Kimball home organ

Very nice condition, though in need of repair to the top keys. Pictures available upon request. Contact Lynn Schmitz: (440) 329-6381 or lschmitz@invacare.com.



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The Indianapolis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to host the AGO 2015 Great Lakes Convention. We have planned a fantastic regional convention that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars for July 12-15, 2015 and *RACE TO INDY* for Friends, Music and Inspiration.

With twelve world-class organists performing on world-class organs of different styles, twelve workshop opportunities and a keynote address at the convention's opening convocation by the Reverend Canon Victoria Sirota of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, NYC; it is a regional convention you won't want to miss.

The regional convention will be headquartered in the luxurious Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites in beautiful downtown Indianapolis offering reasonable rates, spacious accommodations, impeccable service and minutes away from major attractions in the city. Convention attendees can enjoy dining at the two restaurants within the hotel, 120 West Bar and Grill and McCormick & Schmick's, or enjoy a wide selection of restaurants to fit any taste and budget all within a few blocks of the hotel.

It is the mission of the Convention Steering Committee and the Indianapolis Chapter, AGO to host a regional convention that is fulfilling, inspirational, educational and provides convention attendees fellowship and networking opportunities. We hope you will join us July 12-15, 2015.

Visit our website at www.ago-racetoindy-2015.org

Todd A. Saul

Convention Coordinator
Convention Steering Committee, Chair

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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