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September 2013

FROM THE DEAN..

Dear Friends:

I am honored and privileged to take over the tiller after Ed Larson's skippering of our ship. Thanks to Ed Larson for his fabulous service as our Dean, and I will look to him for guidance in my new role.

What's new? Argentina! (Got your attention?) The executive board meets the first Thursday of the month at 4:00 P.M., as a standing date. All members of the Portland Chapter are cordially invited to attend in person, or by telephone. We expect to generate some collegiality and camaraderie at these meetings, and the directors would be thrilled to have members join in our planning and fellowship.

Education and Certification! Several members are interested in studying for AGO exams, and we have formed a little sub-committee to get organized in this wonderful pursuit. Make yourself known prior to the September 5th board meeting, or attend if you can, to learn about how our Chapter can support member certification efforts.

And, finally, I look forward to seeing you at convocation on September 21, 2013, with refreshments starting at 9:00 A.M. at the First Parish Church, Brunswick, Maine. Thanks so much to Ann Hartzler, Sub-Dean, for putting together a great program. Please come-

and join in the convocation service!

Lastly, please do not wait to be asked to serve in some sort of a volunteer or leadership position. I spoke with at least one person who said that he/she was waiting to be asked. Please do not wait to be asked! Tell me or one of the board members of your interest in serving on a sub-committee or in some fashion to benefit our terrific chapter.

See you in September!

First Chapter Meeting Convocation

September 21, 2013 – Gather at 9:00 am, Service at 9:30 am.
First Parish Church, Brunswick

The Convocation is a very old academic practice. The word is derived from the Latin: a beginning, a time when people are called (vocare) together (con), usually at the beginning of the school year, to rededicate themselves to the pursuit of learning. As an educational association, it is really appropriate that we do this. It reinforces our commonality, our shared purpose and mission, our passion for music and especially for the organ. And, it can also be a lot of fun. The program will include John Sullivan's reflections on the POE. In addition, we invite you to share some of the musical concerts and events that you experienced this summer. We will sing a few hymns, learn a round and listen to our colleagues play on the outstanding First

Parish organ.

So, come and bring a friend; bring your clergy person, your choir, your family.

Directions: From the South, take I-295 north to Exit 22. Take Pleasant Street into downtown Brunswick. Follow the signs for Maine Street. At the T-intersection of Pleasant Street and Maine Street, turn right onto Maine Street. First Parish Church is on the left at the end of the village green. Go around the church (bearing left) to find street parking.

Portland Chapter Programs 2013-2014

The Program Committee is working on the following chapter meetings. Please mark your calendars!!

**September 21, 2013
Convocation, First Parish
Church, Brunswick, Maine.
Gather at 9 A.M., Service at
9:30**

FMI, contact Ray Cornils or Ann Hartzler

COMING SOON

October 18, 2013 8 P.M.

Hector Olivera in Concert
at Methuen Music Hall. We
plan to meet in Portland and
Scarborough to form carpools.
More details to follow.

November 9, 2013

How to Plan Worship Services and Repertoire Ideas
First Parish Church, Saco
A panel of our members will
lead a discussion. Bring your
favorite
worship repertoire pieces.

February 2014

Music Biz - Choosing an Entity for your Music Business and Tax Q & A
Location TBD

March 2014

Joint Meeting with Bangor Chapter
Location TBD

April 5, 2014

Organ Crawl in Portland
Locations TBD

May 4, 2014

Concert and Annual Meeting
First Parish Church, Saco

Newsletter Deadline

Sept 15, 2013

**Please send photos, articles, news
of upcoming events to**

Clarissa Brown

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Calendar Events From Mark Thallander

Morning Worship: Glenda Winkle-Morrow, pianist; Kathleen Haley, pianist; Mark Thallander, organist, Ogunquit Baptist Church, 157 Shore Road, Ogunquit, Sunday, September 1, 9:30am (207) 646-2160

Annual Labor Day Weekend Keyboard Benefit Concert:
"Triumphant Tunes and Toccatas" (Glenda Winkle-Morrow, pianist; Kathleen Haley, pianist; Mary Carol Kennedy, flutist; Mark Thallander, organist; Jeff and Richard Patnaude, vocalists), Ogunquit Baptist Church, 157 Shore Road, Ogunquit, Sunday, September 1, 7pm
(207) 646-2160

Trinity Summer Concert Series: Terrie Harman, Mark Thallander, organists, Trinity Episcopal Church, 546 York Street, York Harbor, Sunday, September 8, 7:30pm (207) 363-5095

Choral Eucharist: Albert Melton and Mark Thallander, organists, Cathedral Church of St. Luke, 143 State Street, Portland,
Sunday, September 22, 10am
(207) 772-5434

Champions...Plus: A play by Jesse James based on the book by Gary DeVaul and Mark Thallander, North Saco Congregational Christian Church, 191 Heath Road, Saco, Sunday, September 29, 10am, (207) 332-6174

**CHOIR SYMPOSIUM
SEPTEMBER 14, 2013**

9 - 4

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH,
SACO!!
FOR INFORMATION,
CONTACT PETER
STICKNEY**

**ALL CHOIRS WELCOME
AND.....**

**LUNCH IS PROVIDED!!
BRING MUSIC YOU NO
LONGER NEED FOR A
FREE MUSIC SWAP.**

=DISCUSSION=

=SINGING=

**LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL
COME TO BEAUTIFUL
DOWNTOWN SACO AND
SPEND SOME OF YOUR
SATURDAY MAKING
MUSIC!**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PORTLAND AGO MEMBERS:

On February 14, 2011 an AGO Member filed a formal complaint against the Unitarian Universalist Church of Portsmouth, aka "South Church," for wrongful termination of employment. Below is the notice of the outcome of this case:

South Church UU, Portsmouth, NH, wrongfully terminated a member of the American Guild of Organists on January 19, 2011, for which no resolution has been reached." Until a resolution is reached, no AGO member may serve this institution as an employee or independent contractor or in an interim, substitute, regular or permanent capacity beyond September 5, 2011

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Northfield, Vermont seeks permanent organist. Small loving congregation with a rich liturgical tradition seeks musician to play our beautiful circa 1830 Hook Tracker Organ to lead and support our worship. For more information, contact: The Rev. Emphy Schneider, Rector- 802-485-8221, revempy@cox.net or Mr. Brett Murphy, Worship Committee- 802-223-2486, brettwmurphy@hotmail.com.

Organist/Choir Director, First Congregational Church of Wiscasset. Please respond with resume to PO Box 350, Wiscasset, ME 04578
207-882-7544 fccw@myfairpoint.net

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Anyone who can read all the instrument notes at the same time gets to be the conductor.

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Probably the most marvelous fugue was the one between the Hatfields and the McCoy's

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--from student essays on music



The AGO Portland Chapter recommends the following fees for Substitute Organists:

One service (Organist or Organist/Choir Director) \$150.00 - \$300.00

A second service essentially the same as the first service 50% of first service fee

Rehearsal (1 ½ hours maximum) \$60.00 - \$100.00

Additional rehearsals with soloists, choir or instrumentalists \$30.00 - \$100.00/hour, depending on the difficulty of music

Mileage- 55 cents/mile if visits to church for practice, rehearsal, service exceed 25 miles/round trip.

Looking for a Substitute Organist?

The organists listed below are members of the Portland Chapter of the AGO and have indicated a desire to do substitute work. We have provided their contact information, but we encourage you to speak to them directly regarding the suitability of their qualifications for your particular need.

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Newsletter Deadline

September 15

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