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July Pipings

2014 - The Year of the Organ

A note from the Dean:

I hope that you are all enjoying the early part of the summer. Whether you are taking advantage of the large number of workshops and summer courses available, still involved in day-to-day work, planning for the fall, or just relaxing with some down time, summer is a great time for all of these things. I think most of my spare time this summer will be spent on my little boat, and a few days in August up in the Sierras where, at 8,000 feet, it will be a lot cooler!

The last meeting of the Executive Board for 2013-2014 was held recently, and lots of good work was accomplished. I'd like to thank the board members for their time and efforts on behalf of all of us.

I'd especially like to thank **Randy Wallace** and **Pat Gould**, both of whom are cycling off the board, for their service to the Low Country Chapter. It was indeed a pleasure working with them and I encourage all of you to share your thanks with them as well.

The newly constituted Executive Board will be meeting in July to, among other things, approve a 2014-2015 budget. A sub-committee is meeting earlier in the month to allocate funds for the various programs coming up in the new chapter year so the July board meeting will be an important one.

I'd like also to welcome new board members, Tom Fierro and Beth Corry. Tom is fulfilling the last year of Nina Rodman's position as member-at-large and Beth is starting a 3-year term as member-at-large. Nina has been elected to the job of Sub-Dean and will also have oversight of the program year.

After the July board meeting, we will be getting out to all of you the schedule of programs planned by our Program Committee; starting, of course, with a get-together in September where we will eat, drink, visit, fellowship and perhaps even sing.

I continue to encourage you all, when you are in the vicinity on a second Friday, to join us at Saint Luke's, Hilton Head for our monthly Second Friday Concert. Also, now that Gary has oversight of our website (lccago.org) our programs and other happenings are being updated more frequently so, please check in from time to time and see what is happening. Also, feel free to upload your favorite pictures/stories – if you have difficulty doing that, get hold of Gary and he can talk you through the steps.

Thanks, finally, to all of you that belong to our chapter; that attend our programs- concerts and meetings. It is for you, after all, that we exist! That being said, always feel free to share thoughts and ideas with anyone on the board. We want to be a chapter that reflects the needs and wants of the membership!

Enjoy the season! I look forward to seeing all of you in September!

Jonathan Davis, Dean
Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

A note from the Secretary, Gil Campbell:

During the past month the Executive Board of the Low Country Chapter has been busy planning events and activities, and discussing options for future events during the next program year. We will be creating a budget for each event, and will appoint a host and a shepherd to lead each activity.

- Executive Board Officers for the coming year were installed at the Chapter Annual Meeting on May 5, 2014. Nina Rodman, formerly a Member-at-large, was elected Sub-Dean. Tom Fierro and Beth Corry were elected as new Members-at-large. Other officers continuing to serve are: Jonathan Davis, Dean; Gary Rakestraw, Treasurer; Gil Campbell, Secretary; Greg Hollinger, Registrar; and JooSoo Son, Member-at large.
- Because our Bach Anniversary Concert this past March was a tremendous success, we are discussing an expansion of events around Bach's birthday in 2015. Mary Green, former Music Director of the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, and now Director of the Mary Green Chorale, has expressed an interest in combining efforts with us to host/sponsor several concerts and events, possibly in Hilton Head and Beaufort.
- Our Chapter has had its tax-exempt status reinstated by the IRS.
- Our Chapter Web Site (www.lccago.org) now lists individuals living in the area of our Chapter who are available to teach piano, organ, voice and instrumental music.
- Commander William Holliman has been appointed Chaplain for our Chapter.
- We are looking for performers for the 2nd Friday recitals at St. Luke's Church for September, October and November 2014. We will also need several chapter members to share performance duties for the Chapter Christmas Concert on the 2nd Friday recital in December, 2014. Please volunteer!
- We have discussed continuing selling advertisements for our programs and publications. So far our success has been limited, but we believe it will take awhile for the concept of advertising to become broadly accepted. Please encourage businesses located near Chapter members to consider purchasing an advertisement. Prices range from \$100 for a full page to \$25 for a quarter page.



Please submit your news, events, comments, experiences, summer conference reports, updates, anything of interest to your fellow chapter members to:

WEBMASTER Gary Rakestraw grakestraw@hotmail.com Our chapter website is lccago.org.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR Linda Hamilton liturgicallinda@hotmail.com

Notes from the Treasurer, Gary Rakestraw:

I was contacted early last week (June 23) by national AGO headquarters saying that our Low Country Chapter members and friends would receive our emailed ONCARD invoices by the end of the week. It is now Monday, June 30, and so far, our invoices have not been sent out. Please be patient. I'm sure national needs extra time in completing the monumental task of converting to the ONCARD system. Our invoices should arrive soon, and we will send out a special email to let you know to look for them.

ADVERTISE WITH LCC-AGO!!!

The Executive Board has voted to continue accepting ads for publication in our newsletters, our programs, and on our website. The prices have not changed from last year.

Therefore, LCC is now accepting ads to be placed in our media for the July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 fiscal year.

A Full-page ad is \$200.

A Half-page ad is \$100.

A quarter-page ad is \$50.

(Actual page sizes will vary, depending on the size of the media.)

LCC members and friends are eligible for a 25% discount if the ad is for your OWN business (*not* to include the church where you are employed).

Ads will run in all LCC programs throughout the year including our membership directory, monthly Second Friday Noon Concert programs, and our website.

In addition, please note: Ads CAN be updated throughout the year as necessary, so, for example, if your church purchases an ad for a concert series, supplying us with an updated pdf file will ensure that the most current version of the ad is used in all our venues. If you own a business or service and specials happen or other changes need to be made, the same applies! So, take advantage of this service and we'll keep your ads current!

Members and friends are encouraged to assist us by contacting friends with businesses to ask if they might consider advertising with us.

Copy-ready ads and remittance may be sent to our treasurer:

Gary Rakestraw
5 Spring Knob Circle
Beaufort, SC 29907

Visit our Website:

LCCAGO.ORG

UPCOMING SECOND FRIDAY AT NOON CONCERTS

LOW COUNTRY CHAPTER AGO

2014 Organ Recital Series

St. Luke's Church
50 Pope Avenue
Hilton Head Island, SC

Nina L. Rodman, Series Coordinator

July 11, 2014 – 2nd Friday at Noon

Syd Small

Interim Organist at All Saints Episcopal Church, HHI

FUTURE CONCERTS IN 2014:

August 8 Jacob Reed, Yale University School of Music (and student of Thomas Murray)

September 12 – TBA

October 10 – TBA

November 14 – TBA

December 12 - Members of Low Country Chapter, AGO



UPCOMING MEMBER RECITAL

Richard Gray in Concert

Friday, August 29, 2014 at 7pm

The Parish Church of St. Helena
505 Church Street
Beaufort, SC

CALLING ALL MUSIC TEACHERS!!

Our Low Country Chapter website (lccago.org) has a new button: FIND A MUSIC INSTRUCTOR. Under the dropdown menu, there are sub-categories for PIANO, ORGAN, VOCAL, and INSTRUMENTAL teachers. Please take a look at it.

As an educational organization seeking to support all area musicians, our chapter is providing this service to teachers at no charge to help prospective students to locate a teacher.

All LCC members and friends are asked to invite teachers you know to visit our site and to consider listing their contact information by sending their request to website manager, Gary Rakestraw, at grakestraw@hotmail.com.

You will see that teachers are also invited to become a friend member of our chapter. Since July 1 is the beginning of our fiscal year, this would be a great time for them to join.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Lowcountry Presbyterian Church (Bluffton, SC) is looking for a permanent **organist/pianist/accompanist** starting in October. You would play at two services each Sunday morning and would require midweek rehearsals lasting from one to one and half hours. Additionally, there are two major programs – an Easter and Christmas cantata. Two instruments are available – a three manual Allen organ and a Steinway Baby Grand. For questions about the music program please call Kiah O'Brien at 843-816-5356. If you would like to apply for the job call Richard Robertson at 843-645-6364.

The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist has an opening for an **Associate Organist** to serve as organist for Cathedral Liturgies including the Solemn High Mass with the Cathedral Choir, accompanying all rehearsals and concerts, and all Diocesan Liturgies which take place at the Cathedral. Responsibilities also include maintaining the choral library, assist in caring for the Cathedral Pipe Organs, and various additional clerical duties to support the Director of Music and Liturgy. Additional remuneration is offered for some weddings and funerals. Applicants should be familiar with Roman Catholic Liturgies. A Bachelor of Music degree is required, however a Master of Music degree is desired. Competitive salary offered. Please contact Mr. Daniel J. Sansone, Director of Music and Liturgy at (843) 724-8395 ex. 225 or email at: dsansone59@gmail.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS:

Hand Bell Workshop

Date/ Time: September 26 (Friday): 5:30 pm – 8 pm

September 27 (Saturday): 9 am- 4pm

Location: Providence Presbyterian Church Fellowship hall

171 Cordillo Parkway, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

843842-5673

Clinician: Lynne Marks

Area 4 Past Chair, Handbell Musicians of America

For more information about the clinician, check the below website

(<http://area4handbells.weebly.com/area-4-board.html>)

Registration fee: \$50 per ringer

(including Saturday Lunch. Music should be purchased by participants)

Repertoire: TBA

(Participants are expected to learn this music before the workshop)

Please contact JooSoo Son (Music Director at Providence Presbyterian Church)

if you or your choir is interested in this seminar.

Church Office: 843-842-5673

Email: mlmhs@hotmai.com



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS:

Region 2 ALCM Conference/Augsburg Fortress Music Clinic

Many Voices—One Choir

June 30 - July 2, 2014

Charlotte, NC

The Charlotte, NC, Augsburg Fortress Music Clinic has a special opportunity to join with the ALCM Region II Conference on June 30, July 1, 2; featuring Robert Hobby, Jeremy Bankson and the faculty of ALCM. You must register for this event through the ALCM webpage. You may see the full schedule and other presenters at the [ALCM webpage](#) .

Daily registration available.

For more information and to register, see <http://www.alcm.org/about/regions/region-2/>

LUTHERIDGE MUSIC WEEK 2014

July 6-12, 2014

Theme: **Kindle a Flame**. JOIN US! Music Camp for First Graders - Adults! Adult Choral-Chris Aspaas, Organ Clinician-John Paradowski, Chaplain-Rev'd Tim Smith, Handbell Clinician- Michael Glasgow, H.S. Choral-Phil Suggs, M.S. Choral-Ellen Brown, Elem Choral-Jeff Reeves, Primary Choral-Karol Kimmell . FIVE choral readings sessions (including Contemporary Worship), TWO handbell reading sessions. Opportunities to perform in ...Handbells, Hymn Fest Choir, Drumming, Flute Choir, Guitar Class, Orcha-Band, Readers Theatre, Recorder Consort. Classes on Orff in choir & worship, keyboard & organ, choral methods, and a Bible Study. Creative morning and evening worship each day w/ the week's chaplain. Children/Youth stay in cabins w/ counselors in lower camp. Adults live together in upper camp. Air-conditioned! REGISTER & INFO: www.novusway.com or

<http://www.novusway.com/our-programs/adult/lutheridge/>



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS:

THE ASSOCIATION OF LUTHERAN MUSICIANS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Fall Workshop

Saturday, October 18, 2014

More information to follow.

Please share this information with your friends (any denomination.)

The Association of Lutheran Musicians of South Carolina is a SC based organization.

Contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com for more information.

We are often confused with **The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM)** which is a national organization.

More information can be found about this organization at www.alcm.org.

