

THE WINDCHEST

OMAHA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS



MAY 2022

A BIG, BIG
THANK YOU!

The chapter thanks Jeff Hoffman for many years of service editing the Windchest, updating the Chapter Directory, managing the email and the website, and many other things quietly and well done for a very long time. Jeff is moving on to other ventures, but will still be heading up the chapter POE in June. Again, thanks for a job well done..

The Board of Directors of the Omaha Chapter of
The American Guild of Organists
Cordially invite you to attend a dinner and installation of officers

Monday, May 23, 2022

6:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue
1220 Bellevue Boulevard South

The catered dinner will be followed by the installation of officers by
honored guest
Dr. Karen Black, North Central Regional Councillor of the AGO
Waverly College, Waverly, Iowa
Dirk Lindner will play a short program on the organ

Cost for the dinner is \$15.00 payable at the door (cash or check)

Please text Jean Johnson at 402-670-8177 or email at

jean.johnson.8@cox.net

To let her know of your intent to attend by May 15

Masks optional

Donations will be accepted for the chapter Scholarship Fund

From the Dean

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

On an interim basis our Sub-Dean, Stephen Bartelt will be editing the *Windchest*.

The chapter is in need of individuals with interest in helping with our online presence. Not only do we need an editor for the *Windchest*, but website skills, as well as expanding our online presence to other forms of social media will be important as we move forward.

We are told that the “under 30” generation primarily uses social media. We have no presence now on these platforms.

Your AGO Board would love to explore the possibilities with any of our members, especially our young organist members, as to how we can improve our communications with all of our members.

In Isaiah the prophet tells that the light will come from dark and the rough places will be made plain. Some day.... I think we all hope that we are emerging from a dark time with increased opportunities to be together as an organization. Our chapter will be better with everyone’s participation. We can support each other, learn from others, enjoy being around fellow organists. I would like to thank the Board and all who presented the interesting programs we had this year. Stephen Bouma, Mark Kurtz, Tom Trenney, Peggy Wolverton, Mary Norton, and Marques Garrett gave us the best of themselves and we appreciate it.

Steve Bartelt and his committee Ann Spangler, Reginald Pifer and Colleen Jeffrey have put together programs for next year that you won’t want to miss! Dates will be available soon. Thank you for your excellent work!

Please consider joining us for our May 23 dinner, installation and program. Remember to let me know if you plan to attend.

Jean Johnson

Omaha Pipe Organ Encounter

The Omaha POE is quickly approaching! (June 19-25) POE's across the country are experiencing slower early registration. In consultation with the national leadership, we have extended our early registration deadline to May 15. The brochure is on the chapter website. Please download it.

You will all be included in the emailing that will soon go out across the country. You may want to add omahapipeorganencounter@gmail.com to your address book. This way emails regarding the POE will not go to your SPAM folder. This POE address will be how we communicate.

What can you do NOW to support POE? Go through your music files and select music you no longer need. We will have a free music store for the attendees. I know that I have many volumes I will never use again that will be donated.

Then, look for emails coming frequently on how you might support these great kids in other ways!

Jeff Hoffman

Upcoming Concert at Countryside May 14 . . .

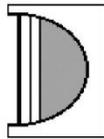
Nebraska Wesleyan's choir is coming to Countryside Community Church on May 14th to perform a concert at 7 p.m.. Tom Trenney is directing and organist Anne Wilson is accompanying! The tour program is entitled "Hold Fast to Dreams," inspired by a resiliently hopeful poem by the great American poet Langston Hughes. The 40-voice Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir will sing colorful, eclectic repertoire by a variety of diverse composers.

Nationally celebrated concert pianist, organist, and composer Anne Wilson will serve as accompanist for the tour performances, and NWU student Vinh Le will accompany the ensemble on guitar, hang drum, and cajón.

"In the past 24 months, we have experienced so much; many people's lives have been turned upside down and inside out. Even during times of discord and division, music can remind us how much we need each other," said NWU's Conductor of Choirs, Tom Trenney. "We hope that the spiritual power of the music and message we bring might encourage a resilient hope in our students and in our audiences – inspiring us all to hold fast to our dreams for a more compassionate, empathetic, courageous, and loving world."

The concert is free, and no reservation is required. A free-will donation may be collected to support the choir's outreach efforts.

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