



<u>Low Country</u> Chapter Officers

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May 2020 Pipings



A NOTE FROM YOUR DEAN

These have been trying times with lots of time for creativity and perfecting our organ skills, or learning new music.

I have pulled out music that I worked on in my junior year of college while I was studying in Antwerp, Belgium. It has been interesting.

I have also realized that playing for the congregation (without the congregation present) is challenging. It is the people who attend Sunday Services that inspire me to play at my best.

Our second Friday noon concert for May has been canceled and the Annual meeting has also been canceled.

Beth Corry has put together a slate of officers for 2020-2021. Shortly, we will be sending out a ballot for your consideration and wish for you to send your vote by email to the person designated in your email. Please watch for your email ballot!

Please stay safe and healthy.

It has been a pleasure being your Dean.

Debby Graves

CALL FOR CANDIDATES for Officers of our Chapter:

You have just a few more days to nominate candidates for the following positions: Dean, Sub-Dean, Treasurer.

Please send your nominations to Beth Corry, corrymusic@yahoo.com.

Your candidate must be an active LCCAGO member.

We will vote electronically about the time of our originally scheduled Annual Meeting in May. You will receive your ballot by email shortly. Vote your ballot and return it as instructed.

BYLINE: Wondering how you may qualify for financial assistance under the CARES Act?

From NBC News - I'm self-employed and didn't previously qualify for unemployment. Am I eligible now?

Yes. This bill creates a new program, called Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, that extends benefits to gig workers, contractors and other who wouldn't otherwise qualify for unemployment compensation but cannot work due to the coronavirus emergency. You'll get \$600/week, plus half the average unemployment benefit in your state.

A Note from your Secretary:

If any Chapter member has information or news needing publicity, please contact Gil Campbell gilonhhi@gmail.com

New organists have moved to our area, and some members from previous years have not renewed memberships for this year. Please contact Greg Hollinger greglhollinger@yahoo.com

When you meet new musical friends please tell them about our chapter and encourage them to join with us at our concerts, programs and activities.

New Website Launched

We have launched our new website. The website was designed by Nick Ruden, partner of member Dr. Jason A. Wright. Jason will now oversee the new website and will take over our Facebook account in the coming month.

Jason is looking to collect pictures from 2019 and 2020 to include on certain pages of the website. He is also interested in pictures from the founding year for the history page. If you have pictures, please e-mail them to him at lowcountryago@gmail.com.

The new website has a member's area. To access click the area, hover your mouse over the Membership tab and select "Member Login." The new password for 2020 is 20AGO20.

Facebook

Check out our Chapter **FACEBOOK group page** and "Like" us

Search The American Guild of Organists Low County Chapter #461 and join our group!

Chapter Web Site www.lccago.org

National AGO Web Site www.agohq.org

Concert Events in our Area:

As noted in the message from our Dean all future concerts and events sponsored by our Chapter in our area have been cancelled or postponed.

This applies also to concerts scheduled at St. Helena's Church in Beaufort SC.

We will advise you if and when clearance is given to resume events and concerts.

Also cancelled are all National and Regional Events, including the AGO National Convention and Pipe Organ Encounters.

A Note from your Editor, Gil Campbell

As noted by Dean Debby Graves, during the Covid19 imposed quarantine we have had a lot of time to pause and give thought to how we can adjust our lifestyles to include more time for truly important things.

We all <u>LOVE</u> music, especially organ music. As I have reflected on what is most important to me, I have recognized that we have many things for which we should express gratitude to our Heavenly Father. God has given us many blessings. These include our beautiful world with absolutely gorgeous expressions of the magnificence of God's creation: flowers, shrubs, trees, rivers, lakes, ocean-front beaches and mountains. Each of these things reflect an amazing variety of beautiful colors.

Another great gift from God is the varied expressions of music and art we all love and experience over and over in our lives. We may not be able to play for Sabbath services, but we can always play our beloved instruments alone or with close family and friends in small groups. We can listen to amazing performances on TV and via the Internet or CD discs. Good headphones almost bring the church or concert hall into our homes or our car.

Treasured also are our family and friends who love and support us unconditionally and eternally.

We are surrounded by evidence of God's love! As I think about this, I am reminded that we can know God, become like God and be at unity with God and Jesus Christ. In the Bible we are told and promised that these are blessings that will bring us joy and peace in this life and lead us on a path to return to our Heavenly Parents in the life to come.

I hope you will find these thoughts inspiring. These blessings have caused me to feel stronger and more faithful as the days in quarantine have continued.

God bless all of you, my AGO friends. Gil Campbell

May 2020 Job Placement

Local Part Time Jobs

Our Chaplain, Richard McDonnell, has told us there is a church in our area looking for someone to play the piano for worship services, one service a week. Pay is negotiable. Contact Editor Gil Campbell for further information.

May 2020 Job Placement

(Local Jobs/ Substitute Organist and Directors)

Currently, the national AGO website is posting 3 jobs in Georgia and 1 job in South Carolina. Please check the national website for more information.

Currently, there is no local job openings.